



Lucy Morice Kindergarten

...Learning together in Friendship

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Lucy Morice Kindergarten is nestled in the leafy, historical suburb of North Adelaide, adjacent to Melbourne Street, the parklands and city.

Lucy Morice Kindergarten has a long-standing and proud history stemming from 1935. The kindergarten grew from a desire by the founder Lucy Spencer Morice, to provide a garden of wonder in which children could explore and learn; as well as improving the health and wellbeing of children in the community.

We are committed to providing quality play based learning, in a natural and creative environment, where children can investigate, imagine, and explore.

We believe that all children are competent and capable learners and we work to support the development of a positive attitude to learning, strong social relationships, independence, emotional resilience and dispositions for life-long learning.

We value strong relationships with our families and community.



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Preschool Sessions

Children are eligible for one year of kindergarten when they turn 4 by the 30th April.

	Green Group		Yellow Group		Combined
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday (fortnightly)
Start Time	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am
Finish Time	3:15 pm	3:15 pm	3:15 pm	3:15 pm	11:30 am

Kindergarten Fees

2 Full days a week
Plus alternate Friday morning sessions

\$215.00 per Term

Fundraising levy* [optional]

\$20.00 per Term



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Occasional Care

Occasional Care at Lucy Morice Kindergarten is short term child care for children under school age, and where the children are over the age of 2 years.

It is funded by the State and Federal Governments, and is administered by DECD.

Lucy Morice Kindergarten conducts 6 sessions of Occasional Care per week which are a week by week booking arrangement.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning Session	Start	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am
	Finish	11:30 am	11:30 am	11:30 am	11:30 am
Afternoon Session	Start	12:15 pm		12:15 pm	
	Finish	3:15 pm		3:15 pm	

Occasional Care Fees

\$5.00 per session

\$1.50 per session with healthcare card

Fees will be paid at the start of each session and receipts will be issued.

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Children's Curriculum



Our educators are guided by the theories, principles and practices that underpin the Early Years Learning Framework



We provide a quality play based environment where children are able to challenge themselves, take measured risks, be independent, self-motivated and respectful of themselves, others and their environment.



We focus on developing relationships with each child in order to scaffold learning in a sensitive and relevant way; responding to each child's interests and strengths.



We support children to develop independence by providing an active learning environment that focuses on their involvement, wellbeing and relationships. Early literacy and numeracy concepts are incorporated in play activities.



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Key Principles

- Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships
- Partnerships with families
- Belief that children are capable and competent learners
- Respect for diversity

Practice

- Holistic approaches
- Responsiveness to children
- Learning through play
- Intentional teaching

Learning Outcomes



- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- Children are confident & involved learners
- Children are effective communicators

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How We Communicate With You

- Formal and informal chats
- Children's learning folders
- Curriculum notice board
- Photographs
- Newsletters
- Facebook

What Children Need to Bring

- A kindy bag; clearly named
- A morning and an afternoon snack in separate named containers. These remain in their bag until snack time
- Lunch in a named container. This is to be put in the lunch trolley upon arrival. Staff will store trolleys in the kitchen. We recommend you place cool packs in your child's box in the warm weather.
- A named drink bottle, containing water only. This is to be put in the tub inside upon arrival.
- A hat, preferably broad brimmed in terms 1, 3 & 4. During term 2 hats are optional. Spare clothes including underwear.



Please name all belongings

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Allergies

The number of children with allergies and the severity of those allergies is increasing.

It is for this reason we that we have a TOTAL BAN of nuts or any nut products e.g. Nutella, Peanut Butter.

Medication

Medication can only be administered if a "Permission to administer medication" form has been completed and signed by both Doctor and parent.

If your child has a medical condition, a health care plan will be developed.

If your child is unwell and not going to be attending kindergarten please telephone the kindergarten.

Birthdays

Birthdays are celebrated with a play dough cake, singing happy birthday, blowing out candles and receiving a certificate.



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Excursions

Throughout the year, there may be some special events planned for the children that would include excursions. The children always enjoy these experiences and it supports and extends our teaching program. At times we may go on short walks in the local neighbourhood. You will receive details of each excursion or walk, prior to the event and children will be closely supervised by members of Lucy Morice Kindergarten Staff.

Fundraising

There are 3 main sources of funding for our kindergarten programs.

- Government grants
- Fees levy
- Fundraising



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Governing Council

The Governing Council is one way for parents and staff to work together in the overall running of the kindergarten.

Lucy Morice Kindergarten's Governing Council meets to manage financial strategies, share curriculum overviews, develop and maintain buildings and grounds and adopt forward planning policies.

If you are considering joining our Governing Council please contact staff for more information. It can be a rewarding and beneficial way to support the LMK community.

Parent Involvement

Other ways you can assist and help out:

- Sharing your interests and skills
- Transporting items/animals to and from the Nature Education Centre
- Contributing to our collage materials e.g. collecting boxes for construction
- Gardening
- Attending working bees
- Occasional assistance with cleaning and maintenance



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