



Lady Gowrie^{QLD}
Community
Kindergartens



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Waiting List Application

Birralee Kindergarten is a Community Kindergarten which has been operating in Gladstone since 1967. Our service is affiliated with the governing body of Lady Gowrie Qld, who have been in operation since 1940. Birralee Kindergarten is licensed under the Education and Care Services National Law (Queensland) Act 2011 and follows the Educational and Care Services National Regulations 2017.

We provide a place where children in their pre-prep years can learn, explore and develop in a fun safe, caring and friendly environment.

Each day at kindergarten is a new adventure, a new story to tell. Our qualified and professional teaching staff are dedicated to the education of children. We utilise the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline (Kindy Tick Program) curriculum to encourage independence, intellectual development, social values (sharing) and development of good communication skills through a play-based program.

Families of the Birralee Kindergarten Community are the foundation of the Kindergarten. We ask families to volunteer their time and skills to assist in the running of our centre. This involvement is essential to maintaining and developing the kindergarten environment. Funding from the government equates to approximately 50% of our total operating costs, with the remaining costs being covered through term fees and fundraising.

How do I enrol? You will need to complete the Waiting List Application form attached. Once completed, you can return your application form via:

Email admin@birraleekindy.net.au Or **Post** Enrolment Co-Ordinator
Birralee Kindergarten
25 Higgins Street
Gladstone Q 4680

What happens next: After we have accepted your enrolment application, you will receive an acknowledgement receipt. This receipt will confirm you have been added to the waiting list.

Enrolment offers generally start in June each year, for the following years enrolment. Initially our enrolment officer will attempt to contact you via email, so please ensure that your contact details are always kept up to date. It is your responsibility to ensure the Kindergarten has your latest contact details. Should you not respond to the offer within 7 days, your position will be offered to the next family on the waiting list. Unsuccessful applications will remain on the waiting list to fill any future vacancies.



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About us - Birralee Kindergarten has been operating in the Gladstone Community for over 50 years.

This means: -

- We have a strong community base.
- We offer an approved pre-prep program, with developmentally appropriate, children's interest based and a play-based education program.
- We have qualified early childhood staff who have specialist training in interacting with and planning educational programs for children 0-8 years old.
- We are a non-profit organisation.
- We have close parent/teacher co-operation and encourage strong parental participation.
- We offer group and staff stability. Your child will be with the same friends and teachers each week.

Hours of Operation

Koalas (3 day group), Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - 9.00am to 2.00pm
Kangaroos (2 day group), Thursday and Friday – 8.30am to 4.00pm

The Centre operates as a single unit, catering for 2 classes of 22 Pre-Prep children aged 3 ½ - 5 years.

Our Program - A flexible, child-centred program is implemented for each group. Each consists of free selection periods of work and play in both the indoor and outdoor learning environments. Group sessions occur at varying intervals during the day, emphasising language development and experience with stories, music and movements. Individualised learning experiences are incorporated into each child's play in an atmosphere of warmth and acceptance of the individual's worth. Children will learn by exploration, discovery and play through activities such as: -

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| * Painting | * Books | * Threading | * Collage |
| * Building | * Climbing | * Sand & Water Play | * Music and Movement |
| * Play dough | * Cooking | * Block building | * Puzzles |
| * Dramatic/Pretend Play | | | |

At no other stage of your child's education will he/she receive so much personal attention. Challenges are created so your child is able to achieve his/her full potential.

What to look for in a kindergarten - First impressions are important! Drop into Birralee Kindergarten at any time and have a look around, then ask yourself: -

- Was I welcome and free to walk through the Centre to have a look around?
- Were the children and adults interacting warmly (e.g. Did I hear chatter and laughter)?
- Were the children receiving individual attention?
- Were my questions answered openly?
- Was the kindergarten attractive (e.g. Was the children's artwork displayed)?
- Did I feel assured that my child would be in a safe and hygienic environment?
- Did the Centre have quality play equipment, child-sized furniture and toilets?

If you can answer "YES" to all of these questions and feel comfortable about the Centre, then Birralee Kindergarten is the place for your child.



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Year of Enrolment (Please tick eligible year only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 (children born 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 (children born 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 (children born 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2024 (children born 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2022 (children born 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2025 (children born 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021) |

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/20___

Gender: Male/Female

Address: _____

Mothers Name: _____

Hm Phone: _____

Wrk Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Fathers Name: _____

Hm Phone: _____

Wrk Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

Has a sibling previously attended? Y/N

Siblings Name: _____

Year Attended: _____

Health Care Card/Concession Card: Y/N

Is your child Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent? Y/N

Are there any additional needs? (If, for any reason, your child may need special assistance e.g. special facilities, special facilities, special equipment or additional support staff, notify the centre as soon as possible so that the centre can plan for facilities/apply for funding to best meet the needs of your child).

Note: Acceptance of this form means that the child's name has been placed on the waiting list for the year specified.

Office Use Only: Date Received: ___/___/20___

Received by: _____

