

Ashdale Primary PERCS



Useful websites



Department of Education

www.education.wa.edu.au/before-school



www.triplep-parenting.net.au



www.playgroupwa.com.au/



www.raisingchildren.net.au



www.dsf.net.au



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Ashdale Primary School

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Starting School at Ashdale Primary

At Ashdale PS our Early Childhood program provides a rich learning environment to nurture the diversity and individuality of **all** our students.

Our vision and purpose of the kindy program is to develop all four developmental domains (social, emotional, physical and cognitive) and therefore, provide a positive disposition to learning through a successful transition to school.

Our philosophy is based on;

- Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) “Belonging, Being and Becoming”,
- Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines and
- National Quality Standards documents (NQS).



PLAY-BASED LEARNING

Research clearly shows Early Childhood is a critically important phase in children’s learning and development and that a **balanced** learning program is essential. With this in mind, there is a strong focus on **social skills** and the overall health and **well-being** of our students.

We strongly believe in the importance of *‘learning through play’*, providing a multitude of play-based experiences both within the classroom and in the outdoor environment. Play-based learning is crucial for our young students as a means of;

- enhancing and enriching decision making skills,
- developing self-esteem and confidence,
- allowing for choice and differentiation,
- catering to varying learning styles,
- engaging in child-led interests and engaging the senses.

We plan our learning experiences carefully to ensure there is a balance between **child-initiated play**, (exploring a purposeful engaging learning environment through play with the active presence of educators) and **playful instruction** (rich, experiential teacher directed learning, scaffolded, holistic learning) **Miller and Almon (2009) Walker, 2011.**

“There are three teachers of children; Adults, other children and their physical environment.”

Loris Malaguzzi

PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES

We recognise parents as children’s most influential educators and aim to build respectful, trusting relationships with students and families. We build collaborative partnerships through open communication and opportunities for caregiver involvement.

At Ashdale Primary School, we use a variety of communication tools:

- All teachers use Connect, an online platform to communicate with your child’s teacher and receive messages/updates about your child.
- SZapp, is an app that provides links to newsletters, online forms and text messaging facilities.
- The Ashdale Primary School website has detailed information about school procedures and programs.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR KINDY

In the six months prior to your child commencing school, Ashdale Primary offers the following support;



What	When
School-based enrolment interview- to collect information about your child	August-October
Boost Workshop- for parents	September
Parent Information Evening	October
Little Learners Program at Ashdale Primary in Term 4	October-November
Triple P Parent Workshops	August-November
Speech and Language screening	August-December
Kindy Open Days	November-December