



WELCOME!

BABIES INFORMATION



Welcome, we are very excited to have you with us!

The educators in this room are

We are always available to discuss any questions, matters or concerns with you.

"PLAY, LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER"

About our room...

Leaving your child in a new environment for the first time can be an exciting but also daunting experience. We understand that all babies settle at different rates. When you first bring your child into our education and care setting we encourage you to spend as much time as you need to settle in.

Routines

We cater for all children's differing routines and needs. We follow any routines that you may have or use in your home environment to keep consistency and familiarity in your child's day. This allows children to transition from the home environment to our environment feeling safe and secure.

Communication

Communication between families and educators is vital in providing high quality care for your child. We use communication books for your child to ensure the communication between families and educators is consistent.

Meals

We provide full cream cow's milk. If your child drinks formula you will need to bring this from home. New Food Laws suggest that powdered formula needs to be bought in dry, so we can make the bottles fresh as required. The formula needs to be given in a sealed container and left at the centre until expiry which is 4 weeks after opening. We provide food suitable for your child to eat at different ages this includes puree vegetables or fruit, a pureed version of the lunch provided for the day or the meal provided on the menu.

Bedding

Please provide a sheet set (including a fitted sheet) to stay at the centre. This will need to be clearly labelled. Your child will have a regular cot to sleep in while in our centre. Cots are shared by other children, however they are cleaned and disinfected thoroughly between uses.

Medication and illness

If you think your child is ill, please speak to one of the educators so we can discuss the policies around illnesses and exclusions for certain illnesses. If your child requires medication during the day, please fill in a medication form and let a staff member know. Please remember that if your child is on medication, they need to stay at home for at least 24hrs from first administration. This gives the medication time to sink in.

If your child requires Panadol and/or Nurofen during the day you are required to provide this. We cannot administer Panadol for more than 2 days in a row without a doctor's certificate.

Sun safety

We endeavour to allow children to play outside every day. Sunscreen will be applied 20 minutes before going outside. It is extremely important that you pack a hat every day in your child's bag. We recommend that all children have t-shirts with sleeves. If your child has sensitive skin you may wish to provide your own sunscreen.

What to bring

We ask all families to bring with their child;

- At least 5 nappies
- A water bottle
- A hat
- Bottles for milk / formula
- Any comforters
- Communication book filled in
- A change of clothes, plus a top in case of weather change

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Safe sleeping

As per our services' 'Sleep, Rest, Relaxation and Clothing' policy, Babies will be placed on their back to rest. If a medical condition exists that prevents a child from being placed on their back, the alternative resting practice must be directed in writing by the child's registered medical practitioner. This guidance comes from Red Nose Australia.

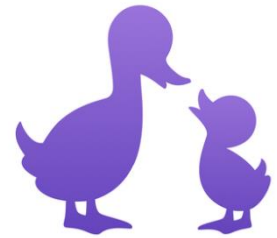
Educational Program

Our Curriculum is based on the Early Years Learning Framework and involves careful planning and critical reflection which increases the value of children's time in our care. We ensure our educational program and practice responds to children's interests and scaffolds their learning. You as a family are children's first teacher and know your child best, it is important that you share information with us which we could use and include into our program and your child's individual learning. We believe having parents involved in our service enriches the educational program for our children. If you have any special talents or skills that you would like to come in and share with the children and educators please let us know!

Throughout the year, your child will explore and investigate through a range of activities and experiences whilst with us in the babies' room. We create a portfolio keepsake for you to take home at the end of the year where all these memories and experiences are kept.

Storypark

During your child's time with us, we use a range of different methods of documenting your child's learning journey. This includes Storypark, an online observation website and app for educators and families to interact with and document children's learning and experiences. Here you can watch your child's learning journey at our service, keep up-to-date with notifications, events, important information from the office and even share your own journey with your child with us!



The Storypark 'Families' app can be found in the app store of your mobile.

Be more involved in your child's learning

Storypark creates a secure online network of the people that matter most for your child. It helps working parents, far-away family, educators and specialists ensure children receive the best opportunities possible.

How does Storypark help my child?

- Deeper insights into your child's unique interests, needs and abilities allows better support and [improved outcomes](#).
- [Improves communication](#) between educators and families.
- Enables educators to spend their time with your child more effectively.
- Helps your child define 'what's next' in their learning.
- Share movement, song, and creative expression through [audio](#) and [video](#).
- Actively involves [grandparents, family and close friends](#).

NEXT STEPS

1 Sign up and log In

Once you accept the [email invitation](#) from your child's teacher you'll be taken to a [sign-up](#) page where you can enter your name and [choose a password](#). Storypark is an online service, so you can [log in](#) without installing software on your computer.

2 Invite family

Share your children's stories by [inviting family members](#) and close friends. Create a private network of people to share and support your child's learning journey.

3 Comment and create

Parents, teachers and family can write [stories](#) and [comments](#), add [pictures and videos](#), and [select the children](#) who feature. Published stories will show up in your [child's profile](#). Family members you have invited will get an email to say a new story has been added.



Safe and private

- You [own all content](#) and control your child's digital footprint
- You [manage who's invited](#) to your child's storypark community
- In line with international online security [best practices](#).



Free access for families

[Access is free](#), for as long as you wish. Storypark [travels with your child](#) throughout their learning journey.



Need help?

Explore our [help centre](#) to find the answer for *almost* everything.



Got feedback?

Storypark is being developed with the support and feedback of teachers and families. [Email us](#) with how you think we could do better.

Storypark



Find us at storypark.com



“ It keeps me in touch with my children and family. I can spend long hours in the office, so it brightens my day to click and see my children's smiles and day-to-day activities. ” – Storypark Dad

Excursions

At Coolamon School of Early Learning, we believe children learn through a range of different experiences. We have secure prams that we take our children out for an 'excursion' for a walk around our local area or park. If the educators will be taking the children out for the day, they will notify families before doing so. If you would like your child to be apart of this great initiative, please sign and return this form. You are welcome to view the stroller and speak to educators if you have any concerns.

I _____ (guardian name) give permission for my child
_____ (child's name) to participate in pram excursions at Coolamon
School of Early Learning.

Parent Sign _____ **Date** _____

Water play

We would like to give children the opportunity to explore and play with water on occasions, during the warmer months. If you are happy for your child to participate in these activities, please fill out the form below.

I _____ (parents name) give permission for my child
_____ (child's name) to participate in water play at Coolamon School
of Early Learning.

Parent Sign _____ **Date** _____

If you are providing formula in a plastic container to the service please read
and sign below.

I _____ have read and followed the recommendations on the
packaging of the formula I have provided for my child in a transportable
container.

Parent Sign _____ **Date** _____

All about me!

Name _____

D.O.B. _____

I Drink...

Formula / Cows / Breast Milk

From a.... Sipper cup / bottle

I go to sleep...

At... _____

With... _____

My favourite things to do are...

But I don't like...

At home I love...

Is there any thing you would like to contribute to our educational program for your child's learning and development?
