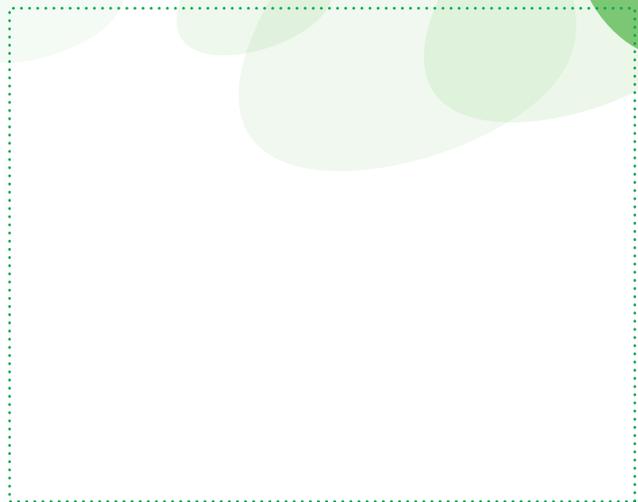




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**How can I find out more about
C&K Building waterfalls?**

Speak to your director. Copies of *C&K Building waterfalls* are available in every C&K service.
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For families

Learning through play

A C&K educational program will honour your child's right to play and to a happy and fulfilling childhood. It is a place where they will belong, learn and contribute to a community of learners.

Through *C&K Building waterfalls*, children's learning will be full of wonder and possibility.

Your child will experience many opportunities to explore, solve problems, develop friendships, imagine, use their creativity and extend their capabilities in language, literacy and numeracy. Dedicated teaching teams use *C&K Building waterfalls* to create a living and learning community that values your child as a competent and capable learner and welcomes you as a partner in their learning. Culturally sensitive and inclusive practices will ensure your child's talents and abilities are developed to the fullest.

You will see:

- respectful relationships and responsive interactions
- connection with the natural world
- ongoing projects and investigations
- relaxed, quiet and peaceful times as well as active and energetic times
- abundant resources and learning opportunities
- spontaneous singing, laughter and joy.



What will my child experience?

Play is a child's natural learning strategy.

Research evidence suggests when children learn through play they end up better at reading and other intellectual skills, and they are more likely to become well-adjusted healthy people.

Through play children are developing the attributes of a learner – they apply curiosity, problem-solve, consider alternatives, listen to the ideas of others, investigate and demonstrate interest and involvement in learning.

In a C&K program, your child will make friends and interact with others, explore and express their creativity, build a confident self identity, take increasing responsibility for their health and physical wellbeing and learn what it is to be a part of a community.

They will engage with science, the arts, technology and the natural world with increasing complexity as they grow in confidence, independence and resilience.

C&K Building waterfalls will immerse your child in opportunities for literacy and numeracy learning. Our educators will purposefully point out letters, numbers and symbols in the environment, play with sounds, introduce new words, count, sing and play games at every opportunity.

There will be many opportunities to construct, manipulate and build as children learn about space, height, weight, number and patterns.

The environment will be rich with opportunities to explore and enjoy a range of written, spoken and digital texts and the visual arts. Children will be sharing books and telling and listening to stories.

In this way children and educators together create learning in ways that are meaningful to them, and the community to live in.



Parent involvement

Connection with your child's experiences in the home and community are important to your child's wellbeing and to their success in learning.

This is why at C&K you are valued and welcomed as a partner in your child's learning.

Our unique guidelines support educators to create living, learning and teaching communities to which children, educators, families and communities contribute.

Your child's portfolio will invite you to share information about your child's learning experiences in the home and community. Educators will contribute your child's learning experiences within the early childhood program.

C&K Building waterfalls: a guideline for children's learning and for teaching in kindergarten is Queensland's first independent kindergarten educational program recognised by the Queensland Studies Authority and therefore meets the learning requirements of the national Early Years Learning Framework.

