

# The National Quality Standard, The Early Years Learning Framework and Building Waterfalls

## Staff

## The Centre and its History

Yorkeys Knob Community Kindergarten is a non-profit community based organisation providing early childhood education for pre-school aged children. A publicly elected committee of parents manages the centre. The committee is solely responsible for all aspects of the centre. A new committee is elected annually and a stringent handover procedure is in place to ensure consistency and accountability. The Directors and Assistant are responsible for teaching only. The Creche and Kindergarten Association (C & K) is the State Government approved Administrative Body responsible for community-controlled early childhood education in Queensland. C & K coordinates Government funding for community centres. A quarterly grant towards staff salaries helps to keep fees down.

Yorkeys Kindy was founded in 1974 in the Old Progress Hall on Varley Street, and in 1977 the Mulgrave Shire Council donated the land in Best Street and building commenced. In 1981, Stage 2 was completed and the playroom was extended and C & K Affiliation was achieved.

On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, the Australian Government implemented the new National Quality Framework (NQF) to improve education and developmental outcomes for children educationally. The National Quality Standard (NQS) is the key aspect of the NQF and sets a national benchmark for Early Childhood Education and Care.

The NQS promotes continuous improvement in quality in the 7 quality areas of:

- Educational Program and Practice
- Children's Health and Safety
- Physical Environment
- Staffing Arrangements
- Relationships with children
- Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities
- Leadership and Service Management

The Yorkeys Knob Community Kindergarten Program features the C & K Listening Together" Curriculum Approach to the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines and the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) "*Belonging, Being and Becoming*".

We have a specific emphasis on "Play Based Learning" whereby we recognise the importance of Communication & Language and Social & Emotional development.

**Director/Teacher:** Lisa Cornish (Bach Ed Primary Teaching, Grad Cert Early Childhood)

**Assistant:** Jody Styles (Cert III Early Childhood)

**Office Administrator:** Sharron Rawlings

## Groups

**Kookaburra Group:** Tues, Wed 8:15-4:00 (15hrs per week)

**Gecko Group** Thurs & Fri 8:15-4:00 (15hrs per week)

Our Kindergarten coincides with the Qld Education Department, operating 40 weeks per year, with the same holidays.

**All children must be 4 years of age by June 30<sup>th</sup> in the year they attend.**

## Fees

**\$70 per week.**

A rebate on fees is available through the Childcare Benefit Scheme. Health Care Card Holders are eligible for subsidy.

A \$75 per term levy for building maintenance, materials and consumables is payable per child.

\$5 fee (included as your initial Levy payment) entitles membership to the Committee Association.

## What to expect at Kindy:

- A play based environment, led by children's initiatives, ideas and creativity. Teacher's serve as facilitators to your child's play and activities.
- Arts and Crafts, Sciences and Technologies, immersion in Literacy and Numeracy.
- Developing skills in problem solving, confidence and independence.
- Friendships to develop.
- Stories shared.
- Songs and music played.
- Construction building (blocks)
- Physical activity, climbing, running, balancing.
- A quiet relaxation period.
- Mat sessions with intentional teaching.
- Messy play (sandpit, digging patch, water-play, other sensory tactile activities)
- Social mealtimes (***where you provide your child's food for the day***)
- An individual Portfolio for your child.
- An opportunity for parents to connect and socialise with each other.
- Parent involvement in the Kindy program, fundraising and the committee.
- Children's Social and Emotional development to flourish

## Websites of interest:

Australian Children's education and Care Quality Authority [www.acecqa.gov.au/families](http://www.acecqa.gov.au/families) for more information about the national Quality Standards and Framework

C & K [www.candk.asn.au](http://www.candk.asn.au) for more information about Building Waterfalls.

[www.yorkeysknobkindergarten.com.au](http://www.yorkeysknobkindergarten.com.au)

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