

Our kindergarten

Summerhill Park has been part of the local community since 1958 and we were assessed most recently in 2022 as '**Exceeding**' the National Quality Standards.

We provide the children with a safe environment and many different opportunities to learn through play. Our committed staff offer enjoyable educational programs which enhance each child's learning and development.

Our tranquil parkland setting, including a big playground and close proximity to local schools, offers families opportunities to meet and interact.

We work hard to provide a range of fundraising events and social gatherings throughout the year, allowing the whole family to become part of the kinder community.

Our program

Active learning, where children learn through play, is at the heart of our developmentally-based program. This is guided by our beliefs and supported by the National Quality Framework principle. Our qualified kindergarten teachers plan a program based on the individual needs of each child.

The kindergarten environment allows children the opportunity and freedom to:

- make choices
- develop new skills and abilities
- become more independent
- learn a basic routine, and
- develop an awareness and acceptance of others.

The children can progress to a number of nearby schools including Ashburton, Camberwell South, Glen Iris, Hartwell, St Cecilia's and St Michael's Primary Schools – many of which are within walking distance from the kindergarten.

Session times & fees*

- SPK will opt-in to free kinder for 2024
- Our 3 yo group will run for 2 days (length of sessions still TBD)
- Our 4 yo group/s will run for 2/3 days

As we prepare for the 2024 kindergarten year, we would like to get your input on the schedule for our kindergarten classes.

Please direct feedback for your 2024 kindergarten group indicating preferred

- number of sessions,
- length of sessions,
- days of week

to admin@summerhillparkkinder.org.au



Our teachers

Director

Megan Bennett (BA of Early Childhood Studies)

Teachers

Karen Newton (Diploma of Teaching, Early Childhood Education)

Christine Pritenang (Diploma of Teaching, Early Childhood)

3 year old group 2023

Red group

Teacher Christine Pritenang

Assistant Maddy Burke

4 year old groups 2023

Blue group

Teacher Megan Bennett

Assistant Denise Taylor
Michelle Gilchrist

Yellow group

Teacher Karen Newton

Assistant Mary Martinez
Leanne Boucher

Enrolment

Summerhill Park Kindergarten is part of the Boroondara Kindergarten Central Enrolment Scheme (BKCES). Applications for our kinder can be made by completing the application form online via the BKCES website.

It is strongly advised that parents submit their enrolment application form with the application fee, on, or as close as possible to their child's second birthday.

Further information on the enrolment process can be found on the Boroondara Kindergartens website.

Our facilities

Our kindergarten's flexible and spacious classroom is continually adapted to include interesting new play and learning spaces as children develop over the year.

Our large outdoor and all-weather environment encourages interaction and play in active and creative spaces including fixed structures and adaptable play spaces and turf area for creative and group play.

Fixed structures include a cubby house, slide, bridge and sandpit, while monkey bars, swings and other adaptable play spaces are changed to suit the needs and interests of the children.



We also have a rain garden and natural play space! Our rain garden is a self-watering, low maintenance garden designed to capture and clean storm-water run-off. This has created a fantastic space for our kids to engage with the natural environment while having lots of fun!

The Committee of Management

The kindergarten is managed by a committee of volunteer parents and is financed by Government grants, parent fees and fundraising activities.

Parent involvement

There are many opportunities for parents to be involved in the kindergarten: parent duty during sessions, joining the Committee of Management, participating in social activities, working bees, or maybe sharing a special talent or interest you have with the kindergarten children such as playing a musical instrument or cooking.

For enquiries and enrolment please contact:

*City of Boroondara
Kindergarten Central Enrolment Scheme
(BKCES) on 9278 4444*

OR

*Summerhill Park Kindergarten
Enrolment Officer on 9889 1543
enrolment@summerhillparkkinder.org.au*


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* Fees, session dates and times are all subject to change. Details are correct as of Feb 2023.

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