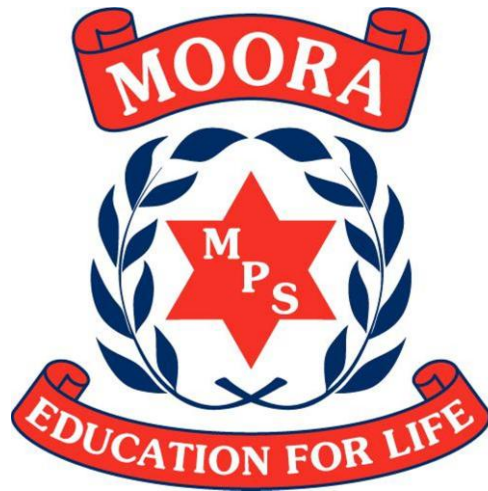


Little Learners



Moora Primary School

Kindergarten Transition Program

for 3 Year Olds

2026

Information Booklet



Welcome to the Moora Primary School Pre-Kindergarten Program

Moora Primary School's *Little Learners* is an educational program designed especially for 3-year-old children (or those turning 3 prior to the end of June) who will be attending a Kindergarten program next year. We aim to provide an environment and experiences that:

- Are developmentally appropriate;
- Maximise opportunity for socialisation with peers and adults;
- Provide opportunity for creative expression, experimentation and sensory exploration;
- Develop skills (social, emotional, language, intellectual, creative and physical);
- Introduce pre-literacy and pre-numeracy skills through play and exploration; and, above all
- Are FUN and ENGAGING

Little Learners is not formal schooling, nor is it day-care. It is a carefully planned program that supports your child to develop social/emotional, cognitive and motor skills that will facilitate a smooth transition to formal schooling.



ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Who Can Enrol?

Children who are 3 years old or will turn 3 years old before 30th June 2026. Official enrolment for the program is not necessary, however, we do ask that you fill in a simple enrolment form to inform us of any medical conditions that your child has and contact details in case we need to call you for any reason. You do need to be enrolling at Moora PS in 2027 to attend.

How much does it cost?

All sessions are provided free of charge.

How big are the group sizes?

The maximum number of places available in our program is capped at 15.

What is the enrolment policy?

All 3-year-old children as defined in the “*Who can enrol?*” section are invited to join our Little Learners Program for those students who are siblings of current Moora Primary School students, and families who have enrolled, or intend to enrol their child for Moora Primary School’s Kindergarten.



PROGRAM DETAILS

Session Time/Venue

Little Learners will be held every Thursday morning in the Moora Primary School Blue Room building.

Sessions will run for two hours each Thursday morning 8.30am – 10.30am, commencing Week 1, 15th October 2026.

Phone

All phone calls are handled at the Moora Primary School Office. Feel free to phone through on 9653 9300.

Staff

Teacher: Mrs Angela Gardiner

EA: TBC

A TYPICAL SESSION

Arrival – This is the time prior to the session. While waiting for all children to arrive, it is an opportunity for you to complete some puzzles with your child

Introduction / Mat Time – Play name game/recognition activity, sharing news

Music and Movement – Music, songs, rhymes, finger-plays, movement

Fruit Break – Children wash hands and enjoy their fruit/vegetable snack

Shared Book – Share a book together with discussion, questioning and interaction

Activity Tables – A set of activities will be set up to help your child to discover, experiment, play and explore (e.g. craft, fine motor activities, games – related to the book/focus)

Outdoor Play – A mixture of free play and planned experiences such as obstacle courses, sand play, water play, bubble blowing etc

Conclusion – Finish with a game / song

Parent Help

Depending on your child, you are welcome to stay for the sessions in the first couple of weeks if they are unsure or hesitant to stay without you. We then suggest you start to leave them for the sessions so they become more independent and try new things without you. We may set up a parent roster as required.

Arrival

Please help your child to place their fruit in the basket, and their hat on the bench. You are then free to spend time doing some puzzles or read a book with your child.

Distressed Children

If you are leaving, please make sure you say goodbye to your child and reassure them that you will be back to pick them up. This can be a little tricky and emotional for the first few times, but, eventually your child will come to rely on the routine and will settle easily.

We will make all efforts to comfort, support and reassure children who are upset or distressed. If they do not settle, we will give you a call.

Departure

All children must be collected by a nominated adult. Generally, this will be one of the people listed on the child's enrolment form. Please advise the teacher or phone the office if there is a change to your pick-up arrangements.

Attendance

Attendance is not compulsory, however, regular attendance is encouraged as:

- It sets a routine for your child and establishes good habits for future learning;
- It provides continuity in the learning program; and
- It maintains the peer relationships that your child will develop in the group.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Clothing

Come dressed to play, paint and explore. Children will get messy! The following are considered essential:

- 'easy fit' play clothes such as t-shirts, shorts, leggings, tracksuit pants etc;
- a hat for outdoor play;
- appropriate footwear for outdoor play
- a 'spare' set of clothing, including underwear should be kept in your child's bag for emergency use;
- sunscreen (applied at home) during summer months

Please label all items with your child's name, particularly jumpers and hats.

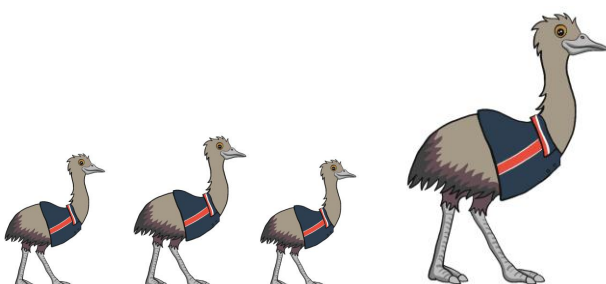
Food and Drink

Each session will have a fruit break as part of their program. Each child is required to bring some fruit or vegetables, cut up (if necessary) in their own labelled container.

Children are encouraged to have their own, clearly labelled water bottle, to be filled with water only.

Toys

These are best left at home, as they may be broken, misplaced or become an object that causes drama in the group. If your child requires a comforter for the session, please let the teacher know and this will be accommodated.



WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN AT LITTLE LEARNERS?

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

How to:

- Listen and respond to adults other than their parents and follow group directions.
- Follow a routine and set of rules and gradually understand that these are necessary for the safety and well-being of everyone.
- Share – equipment, food, attention, time
- Use their words to request things politely – manners, asking for a turn, asking for assistance.
- Start a conversation with a peer or an adult, make friends, include others and take turns.
- Be respectful and show consideration for others.
- Take care of their own belongings and the school's property.
- Care for the school environment by helping to keep it clean and tidy.
- Clear away materials that they are no longer using.
- Become independent and start doing things for themselves.
- Take pride in their efforts and try their hardest.



COGNITIVE

We aim to lay the stepping stones that will help your child to be successful throughout the rest of their life, no matter what they end up doing. We will be experimenting with colours, textures and tastes. We will develop questions and try to find the answers together. Some of us might recognise our names, shapes and colours. We will count, hop, climb, question and explore. We will be doing many things throughout our time at Little Learners.

Our activities and experiences will all be incredibly important for our growth and development into the thoughtful and caring adult we will one day become.

HEALTH MATTERS

Please keep us informed

We request medical and health details regarding your child on the enrolment form. This information is essential in providing a safe environment and the best possible care for your child. Please keep health and contact details up to date.

If your child is ill

We know that they may be keen and excited to come, but please keep them at home until they have made a full recovery. Coming to Little Learners while ill is not only potentially distressing for your child, but puts other children and our staff at risk.

If your child becomes ill during a session

All contacts listed on the enrolment form will be contacted, in order of preference to arrange for the child to be immediately collected.

Head Lice

If we notice a child with active head lice, parents will be contacted to collect the child. All other parents will be informed to treat their children.

Allergies

Some children and adults have severe, life-threatening allergic reactions to items including nuts, eggs and dairy. You will be informed if this is an issue for our group.

Toileting

As some children are still toilet-training, we are able to accommodate and assist your child's independence in this area. Accidents may still occur, so we ask that you please ensure that your child has a full spare set of clothing for this purpose.

We do not have facilities to assist children in nappies (parents will be contacted if they are not present), nor can we assist your child with 'wiping'. Please ensure that your child is capable of doing this on their own. If you have any concerns, please speak to the teacher. Parent helpers are not to assist with toileting, with the exception of their own children.

PARENT CONCERNS AND CHILD BEHAVIOUR

If you are concerned about your child in any way or feel you would like to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to contact us.

We will develop rules and limits for behaviour that the children will learn and endeavour to abide by. If a child's behaviour causes concern for the welfare and safety of others or themselves, they will be assisted to think and talk the situation through. Some children may take time to settle in to Little Learners – some longer than others, especially if it is their first experience away from you. Please give your child time. If we feel after a number of weeks that your child is not settling with us we will discuss this with you and decide upon a course of action together.

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