



Welcome to the Wombat Kindergarten Program – 2021

We welcome you and your Kindergarten child to our centre family and into the Wombat Kindergarten program. We hope that this letter outlines everything you need to know for a seamless settling in period. The Kindy room is a place where a high level of independence is fostered, and the children will have much more responsibility in managing their own care, needs and educational journey. It is preferred that your child has arrived at the centre by 8:30am to ensure they have access to the full Kindergarten program we offer.

Your Child's Bag – A small bag containing weather appropriate spare clothes & undies, a wide brimmed hat and a water bottle are needed every day. Your child's water bottle needs to be taken home for correct cleaning after every day. Everything you bring into the centre must be named please. Remember, our busy kindy is a messy place at times so dress your child in clothes that can get dirty!

Sunscreen– We supply sunscreen but do require parents to apply sunscreen to their child in the morning before entering our playground. We will support the children to reapply before outdoor play sessions later in the day.

Toileting – The Wombat children are completely independent in using the toilet. In the beginning of the year, our staff are on hand to support them in further developing their self-help skills.

Rest and Relaxation – Rest time in our Kindy group looks different to the other rooms. It may be offering a bed to the children who want/need to sleep, it might be relaxing by listening to stories or music or it might be a yoga or meditation session. If your child still needs a regular sleep at Tugulawa, start the year off by sending in one set of cot sized sheets on the first day of attendance each week. These sheets need to be stored in a drawstring bag or a pillowcase in their own kindy bag. At the end of your child's week, please launder these sheets and return them the following week. We will keep you up to date on the need for sleep lessons as the year progresses.

Your Child's Learning Journey – Every day we collect lots of information about your child that you can access. We have many ways in which we document your child's learning journey including project work, floorbooks and room displays. We use photography a lot - a picture really does paint a thousand words! Our online documentation and communication tool, Storypark, allows families to access their child's learning journey in real time.

Toys From Home – We have many and varied toys and resources here at the centre and toys from home cause friction amongst the children and are stressful for the staff to keep track of. Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home – a book is always welcome though!

Shared Outdoor Space – Children from the Platypus, Kookaburra, Possums and Wombats share our lovely outdoor space. This provides a rich opportunity to make friends across all of the age groups and it allows siblings to spend time together.