

Welcome

Spencer Park Primary School is proud to host a deadly early childhood program that offers 0 to 3-year-old and 4-year-old kids a great start to their education.

Specialising in meeting the cultural, social and learning needs of our Coolangarras, the program provides an opportunity to celebrate and explore Aboriginal culture, family and relationships, while providing an exceptional literacy and numeracy program.

Family is an important part of the Coolangarras Barmah program and features daily in all aspects. Parents and elders participate in the learning program, join in celebrations and share culture with the kids. We welcome every opportunity for parent participation at the centre. Fathers, mothers, grandparents, uncles, aunties, friends and neighbours are welcome too.



0 to 3-Year-Old KindiLink Program

KindiLink is a play-and-learn initiative for 0 to 3-year-old Aboriginal kids who attend with a parent/carer and is only available at selected KindiLink schools.

KindiLink provides FREE six hours each week of high quality play-and-learn sessions for kids and their parent/carer, with families supported to be actively involved in the activities with their kids.

4-Year-Old Kindy Program

Coolangarras Barmah has been providing a caring and culturally sensitive introduction to the education system for Aboriginal kids for 55 years. We are the only kindergarten in Albany who caters specifically for Aboriginal students. Our centre is unique in important ways.

- We run culturally-rich programs that introduce the Noongar language and celebrate traditions.
- We have our own Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers (AIEO).
- Focussed engagement and integration of families, outside agencies and external providers.
- We have our own free bus service to collect and return kids. An AIEO supervises kids on the bus ride.

Expression of Interest

Please fill out the form below and return to Coolangarras Barmah or Spencer Park Primary School ASAP.

I am interested in the

- ☐ 0 to 3-year-old KindiLink Program
- ☐ 4-year-old Kindy Program

Parent Name

Child's Name

____ / ____ / ____
Child's Date of Birth

Address

Preferred Contact Number



Please note that there are limited numbers, so get in quick!





"My 4 children were fortunate to attend Coolangarras. There were lots of benefits for them and myself in attending. The 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs enriched their reading and writing skills tremendously. We built life-long friendships through the kindy. I would absolutely recommend Coolangarras Kindy for all your children. It will give them a strong cultural foothold for their future."

Leanne Williams

"For me, as a great-grandmother and my next generations, we need to fight for our children to have early learning so that our children are able to keep up with their peers when starting preschool and further education."

Glenda Williams



A Smart Start

The "Smart Start" program is a wonderful initiative used by other Education Districts and the Local Government. As part of the KindiLink program, Smart Start topics will be provided. There is information on:

- Sleep!
- Making your home safe.
- The importance of fantasy play.
- Storytelling.
- Tantrum Tamers.
- Games not Gadgets.
- Activities to stimulate learning.

We will endeavour to organise speakers to visit as well as community members who will come and speak to us on various topics.

Community and Health Services

A number of Health Professionals will be attending our sessions and are a wonderful source of knowledge and advice.

They will be providing information as well as observing your child to identify needs. Some of these services will include:

- Great Southern Aboriginal Health
- Baljamaar Foundation
- Child and Parent Centre
- School Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Therapist
- Dietician
- School Psychologist

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