



**KINDAIMANNA COMMUNITY
KINDERGARTEN**

Parent Info Pack

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO
MAKE THE DECISION TO CHOOSE US
FOR YOUR CHILD NEXT YEAR**





KINDAIMANNA MEANS 'COME AND PLAY'

As Fred Rogers elaborated on Jean Piaget's quote that "play is the work of childhood," he insisted that "play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning."

At Kindaimanna, we prioritise play with songs, stories, fun themes, obstacle courses, free-play, planned activities involving nature, imaginative and loose-parts play whilst meeting our obligations to the Western Australian Curriculum and Early Years Learning Framework.

Kindaimanna is strongly influenced by the Reggio Emilia Approach.

Through play, children experience hands-on, active learning that develops language, social and emotional maturity, physical capabilities, pre-literacy and numeracy skills.

They explore, experiment, discover, solve problems and engage through imaginative play.

The outside play area is extensive, surrounded by large shaded trees, numerous sand pits, climbing frames, a cubby house, flying fox, slides, swings and even a boat. The equipment is intentionally 'old school' and allows the children hours of open play. The children also have access to a wide range of outdoor play equipment such as bikes, balls, hoops and trucks. As a stand-alone kindergarten, the children are free to be outside all year round to play, explore and experience the environment around them. The children get to spend at least two hours outside each day for optimal development.



A TYPICAL DAY AT KINDAIMANNA

8:50 - Children arrive - Shared Morning Activities with Parents/Carers

9:15 - Bells ring - Shared Songs and Story on the Mat, Today's Day and Weather

9:40 - Obstacle Course and Outdoor Play - Fundamental Movement Skills

10:00 - Mat Session - Focus Story (activities linked)

10:15 - Morning Activities - Combination of Teacher-lead activities and Independent/Free play

11:00 - Shared Fruit and Outdoor Play

12:00 - Mat Session - Numeracy focus, Shared songs

12:10 - Afternoon Activities - Combination of Teacher-lead Activities and Independent/Free play

1:00 - Lunch Time and Outdoor Play

2:00 - 'Quiet Time' - Rest and Read

2:10 - Mat Session - Oral Language focus (News sharing, group language games)

2:30 - Getting Ready for Home - shoes on, bags packed, Revisit our day, Goodbye song

2:50 - Home Time



THE SCHOOL TERM

We run on a 5 day fortnight. Every Thursday, Friday and every second Wednesday during school terms.

The day starts at 8.50am and ends at 2.50pm

Children spend AT LEAST two hours outside every day, and even more in the warmer, dryer months. We value outdoor play!

Every term, a new theme is introduced to the classroom. Our home corner is decked out with equipment to encourage imaginary play and the books in our library corner are rotated to match the theme. All activities throughout the term such as story time on the mat, projects, and the loose parts play focusing on various skills on the activity tables around the room all tie in together.

Incursions such as special story times by parents, Noongar culture, wildlife visits, and community members are arranged as well as parent run incursions every term.

Teacher run events include activities such as an Easter Hat Parade, Mother's Day Pamper Session, Father's Day evening, Santa visit and Christmas Concert.

Parents are encouraged but not required to assist in the classroom on a rostered basis, helping prepare morning tea and participating in activities with the children. Just like when you and I went to kindy.



HOW DO COMMUNITY KINDERGARTENS WORK?

Kindaimanna is a Government-Funded Kindergarten but community-run.

What this means is, that it has the same fee structure as public schools but parents and the community have a far greater impact in the day-to-day learning experiences and community spirit of the school.

You have the option of joining the Parent Management Committee, whom are required to meet at least once a term to make the necessary decisions relating to all business matters of the kindergarten and collaborate with the teaching staff to deliver a rewarding and wholesome kindergarten experience.

All parents of children enrolled into Kindaimanna automatically become general members of the committee. The election of positions in the committee takes place at the Annual General Meeting held in February each year. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Official roles include:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Parents have the option to take on or share duties in the committee such as: social media, marketing, obtaining quotes, or even event planning.



ACCESS

We have our very own carpark and stand alone facility. There is no need to rush and there is plenty of parking, so drop off and pick up is a breeze.

Kindaimanna is flexible for families that are running between two schools. As we are a stand-alone kindy, we have the freedom and flexibility to do things at our own pace. It also works better for the children at this early stage of schooling to have a routine that best suits them and not a bigger school timetable. You can organise with the teachers to drop your child off slightly later than 8:50am or pick up your child earlier than 2:50pm.

There is a Transperth bus service 245 that stops on Westfield Rd near Clenham Way (Stop No:13047 and No:13036) and travels between Kelmscott and Armadale stations. The bus stop is in front of Bernice Hargrave Reserve which means it is only a short walk across the park to the Kindergarten.

Uniforms are not compulsory. Short-sleeved shirts, hats and jumpers with our Kindaimanna logo are available for purchase for those preferring a uniform for their child.

Contributions are set by the Government. The yearly voluntary contribution is \$50.00 per child, which will go towards classroom resources and equipment (paper, paint, textas, craft supplies, etc). The contribution can be paid at the beginning of the year in one lump sum or in 4 smaller payments of \$12.50 each term. Children who participate in incursions and/or excursions may incur additional costs. This will depend on fundraising events that are planned through the Parent Managed Committee.



HOW DO I ENROL MY CHILD?

Kindaimanna accepts enrolments irrespective of location. If we reach over maximum capacity, enrolments in the catchment area will take first preference.

You are welcome to make an appointment for a visit with your child to experience our kindy first-hand before making a decision.

You will need to complete PART A of the Enrolment Form by end of Week 1 in Term 3. You can print out the form through the link on our website or contact us so we can mail you out an enrolment pack.

Once you complete the Application for Enrolment form, you can return it to the school or by email at kindaimanna@iinet.net.au.

As there are limited spots available, we highly recommend submitting PART A as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

If your application is successful, you will then be asked to complete PART B of the Enrolment Form at the school (if not already completed) and return by the end of Week 4 in Term 3. The following documents are required in addition to the Application for Enrolment and Enrolment forms:

Birth certificate

Immunisation certificate/records

Proof of address (such as driver's license, utility bill or lease agreement of at least three months)

Information relating to disabilities or special needs

Court orders (if applicable) Visa details (if applicable)



CONTACT US

Our Office Hours are during school terms.

Tuesday 8:30am – 2.30pm

Every second Wednesday 8.30am – 3.30pm

Thursday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm

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