

Kindergarten groups/sessions/fees

From 2016

Kindy Group

Monday & Tuesday - 8.15am to 3.30pm

Pre Kindy Group

Wednesday & Thursday - 8.45am to 12pm (midday)

FEES

Kindergarten Membership Fee \$35 per year

Building Fund \$50.00 per term, tax deductible

Rest Time Blanket Hire (Kindy Group only)

\$35 per year

\$30 is refunded on the condition that the blanket and sheet bag are returned in a clean and well kept manner.

Session Fees

* **Kindy Group** \$74 per week

* **Pre Kindy Group** \$54 per week

(Fees, session times etc. are subject to change each year)

Multiple birth enrolments - session fees and Rest Time Blanket Hire will be charged per child, but membership and building fund will only be charged once.

The charging of fees assists in ensuring the financial viability of the kindy. Fees are payable for all sessions whether attended or not, however the kindergarten does not charge fees for public holidays, school holidays or pupil free days. Our kindergarten is a registered care provider as defined by the Family Assistance Office. Some families may be able to claim against the cost of their fees. Parents must register their child to our kindy with the FAO.

Families of children in the **Kindy Group (only)** may be eligible for QKFS Plus Kindy Support subsidy if you meet any of the following criteria.

1. Your family or your child must hold a current Australian Government Health Care Card (HCC), Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession card with automatic HCC entitlements or formal communication, such as a letter, from the relevant agency stating the intent to issue a HCC. Foster families with a HCC may also claim the subsidy, OR
2. Your child is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and your family chooses to identify on their enrolment form, OR
3. Your family has three or more children of the same age, enrolled in the same year. QKFS Plus Kindy Support is available for each child enrolled in a program.

Children born.....	Attend Kindy in.....
1 July 2013 to 3 June 2014	2018
1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015	2019
1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016	2020
1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017	2021

Children born.....	Attend Pre Kindy in.....
1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015	2018
1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016	2019
1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017	2020
1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018	2021



Teaching Staff

Michelle Carsburg - Teacher

(Bachelor of Education - Early Childhood) - who started at the kindy in 2002, has 20 years experience working with young children and is a registered teacher with the Queensland College of Teachers.

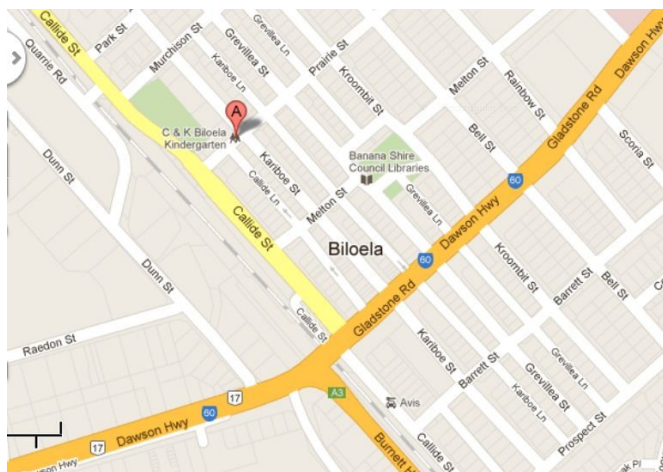
Amanda Cusack - Assistant

(Studying Certificate III in Community Services - Children's Services) - who started at the kindy in 2014

All staff hold current First Aid/CPR certificates as well as a Blue Card (Working with Children Check issued by the Department of Communities). They also attend professional development courses to keep up to date with current trends/issues in early childhood education.



Keep informed of what is happening at our kindy



Contact us

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Biloela Kindy has been helping young children grow since its inception in 1956. Biloela Kindy has held long associations with the general community and many of today's parents enjoyed their kindergarten years with us.

Biloela Kindy is run by an elected volunteer management committee comprising of parents from the current years parent group. As a non-profit kindy (with all funds being invested back in to the kindy), the kindy relies on this management committee (in conjunction with the teaching staff and C&K) to ensure the successful operation of the kindy from year to year.



Biloela Kindy was assessed and rated under the National Quality Standards for Early Childhood Education and Care in June 2013. The kindergarten received an overall rating of Exceeding National Quality Standard.

Quality Area rating		
QA 1	Educational program and practice	Exceeding National Quality Standard
QA 2	Children's health and safety	Exceeding National Quality Standard
QA 3	Physical environment	Exceeding National Quality Standard
QA 4	Staffing arrangements	Exceeding National Quality Standard
QA 5	Relationships with children	Exceeding National Quality Standard
QA 6	Collaborative partnerships with families and communities	Meeting National Quality Standard
QA 7	Leadership and service management	Meeting National Quality Standard
Overall rating		Exceeding National Quality Standard

Waiting List Information

An application form must be completed before any child can be entered on to the waiting list. A separate waiting list is maintained for the Kindy and Pre Kindy groups.

To be eligible to attend the **Kindy Group** children need to turn or be 4 years of age by the 30th June.

To be eligible to attend the **Pre Kindy Group** children need to turn or be 3 years of age by the 30th June. However we cannot enrol any child who has not yet reached 3 years of age (this is a requirement on our licensing conditions). Therefore those children born Jan – June can be enrolled to attend once they have their 3rd birthday. Enrolments for these children will take place in the following term after their birthday.

Kindy Group children are only eligible to attend one approved Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QKFS) kindergarten to be eligible for any government subsidy's. There are no government subsidies available for the Pre Kindy Group.

The groups/sessions/days are strictly adhered to and changes to these can not be made. These principles ensure that the maximum number of children are able to participate in a kindy program.

Please fill out the enclosed waiting list application and return it to Biloela Kindy



What is kindy?

Kindy is an early childhood education program that is:

- * play based
- * teacher delivered
- * part-time
- * non-compulsory.

A quality kindy program is the foundation of early childhood education and prepares children for school.

What is an Approved Kindergarten program?

Approved Kindergarten programs, identified by the 'kindy tick' logo, are taught by qualified early childhood teachers and run for 15 hours a week for 40 weeks, or 1 school year. They are assessed and certified by the Queensland Government to ensure children across the state receive a consistent, quality education.

Why is a Kindy/Pre Kindy program important?

The play-based learning of an Approved Kindergarten program helps prepare children for school and develop skills that are useful for life. Kindy programs:

- * enhance and support social and communication skills
- * build self-confidence
- * encourage physical abilities
- * develop reading, writing and numeracy skills
- * cultivate a lifelong love of learning.

What will my child learn?

Approved Kindergarten programs develop your child's physical, social, intellectual, language and emotional abilities. They will have opportunities to learn how to:

- * use language to communicate ideas, feelings and needs
- * make friends and cooperate with other children
- * become more independent and confident in their abilities
- * develop self-discipline
- * creatively express ideas and feelings through art, dance and dramatic play
- * identify, explore and solve problems
- * develop reading, writing and numeracy skills.

Your child will take part in individual and group activities such as block play, painting, games, puzzles, storytelling, dress-ups, dancing and singing.

Children take part in outdoor physical activities and interact with the natural environment

What is the learning program based on?

All Approved Kindergarten programs are based on the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline. The Pre Kindy program is based on the Early Years Learning Framework. These guideline gives teachers advice on how to deliver a kindy program that meets national and state quality standards and regulations.

