# — LEAPS & BOUNDS — PRESCHOOL



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# Family owned, independent preschools with extended hours

We believe small community focused preschools are where young children learn best and have the opportunity to thrive. We aim to promote the development of the whole child through focusing on practical skills, collaborative play, independence, uniqueness, cultural awareness, compassion and health.





## Parent Involvement

Leaps & Bounds Preschool values the importance of effective communication with/between families. We do this in a number of different ways:

- Face to face
- **Email**

- Letters
- - interviews
- Newsletters

Phone calls

## StoryPark

StoryPark is the online, convenient medium we use to communicate with a family regarding your child's day, educational goals, progress and learning.

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#### **Policies & Procedures**

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#### The Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)

The QIP is a document that highlights the dedication the service has to continually improving. This document is located in the reception area and may be viewed at any time by parents and families.



## **Learning Areas**

We believe children are unique individuals who develop at their own rate, and by providing meaningful and realistic learning opportunities, children will explore, create, discover, and imagine.

#### **Practical Skills**

Children participate in activities that allow them to develop practical skills including cooking, sewing, sweeping, washing up, gardening, fixing problems, tying shoes, dressing themselves and helping others. These activities aim create a sense of self-worth and achievement, confidence, muscular control and hand-eye coordination.

#### Story Learning

Sensory learning is essential in our program as children learn more by touching, seeing, smelling, tasting and exploration. The interior and exterior of the classroom is full of activities that stimulate the senses. From herb gardens, sand and water play to materials of different length, weight, texture, colour and sound, sensory learning is essential for the child to start to understand how everything them works.

#### **Mathematics**

We introduce children to the meaning of numbers using materials. Children will be indirectly exposed to the concepts of addition and subtraction. Music and movement is used to facilitate an introduction to numeracy.

#### Reading & Writing

Our program incorporates story time and music with movement where children indirectly learn rhyming and phonics. The materials we use encourage the child to enhance their vocabulary, learn the shapes and sounds of letters and increase muscular control for writing. We cannot highlight enough the importance for children to be exposed to great books and stories and our literacy program aims to instil a love of reading.

#### **Social Skills**

Children are taught through role playing and modelling, the skills required to build awareness, respect, responsiveness and compassion to others. We emphasise the use of manners and respect for all things living. In each of our 2, 3, 4 and 5 year old programs there is 'Reggio Emilia' project exploration. This is where children are grouped based on their interests and are given the opportunity to choose what they would like to do and then are encouraged to work cooperatively on a project. This project encourages exploration, creativity, cooperation, listening and language skills.

#### **Cultural Exploration**

Children are given the opportunity to learn about different cultures and countries around the world. The materials we provide the children include maps, globes, puzzles and experiments that promote exploration. We give children the opportunity to learn the sounds and words of other languages including German, French and Mandarin. We encourage families of all cultural backgrounds to share their traditions and experience with the preschool community.

#### Health & Physical Wellbeing

It is vital for children to understand at an early age how the body works and why it is so important to look after it. We explore the makeup of the human body through play based activities and assist them in understanding about how healthy food choices and physical activity contribute to being a healthy person. The equipment we use promotes all the fundamental movement skills a toddler & preschooler should develop such as balance, hand eye coordination, gross motor skills and body awareness.



Our aim is to inspire and ignite a passion for learning in your child, so we encourage your child to ask questions, explore, imagine and investigate. Since children learn best by doing, they paint, make, create, sing, dance, dig, plant, water, imagine, tell stories, investigate, explore and get messy!

Our program reflects spontaneous and planned experiences designed to support your child's development. We see your child as a unique and capable individual, who comes to our preschool with their own interests, talents, skills and ideas. Our educators are very passionate and will truly value respect and appreciate your child's uniqueness.

Leaps & Bounds Preschool believes that your child has the right to be an active participant in their own learning journey and must be empowered to express their thoughts and ideas. We will endeavour to protect and cherish the innocence of your child and provide a learning environment for them the grow and blossom.

#### **Family**

Leaps & Bounds Preschool acknowledges that family is the most important and influential aspect in the life of your child. We embrace, encourage and reinforce the relationship between us, your child, your family and the broader community. We strive to develop a positive, mutually respectful relationship with each of your family members, as we work in partnership to achieve the best possible outcome for your child and your family is key to ensuring continuity and progression in your child's learning, development and future success. We invite families to participate in our program at any time by sharing a talent, cooking, storytelling or just spending time playing and interacting.

#### Diversity

We embrace diversity within Leaps & Bounds Preschool and the wider community so that your child has a sense of appreciation and wonder. Through respect, acknowledgement, appreciation and acceptance of diversity within our community, Leaps & Bounds Preschool embraces, celebrates and shares traditions and cultures throughout our program. We invite and encourage families and our educators to share their culture heritage and traditions with our community. We incorporate a foreign language component into each preschool day through songs and games. Children gain a great deal of enjoyment, satisfaction and increased confidence as their foreign vocabulary expands. The language explored may vary between, Mandarin, Spanish, French and German, depending on educators working.

#### Community

Leaps & Bounds Preschool provides your child with many opportunities to connect with the broader community. We have partnerships with many community organisations including an Aged Care Group, bringing together children and senior citizens. This program is incredibly important for helping children develop relationships with people of all ages and helping children feel connected to their community. Both the children and resident's experience so much joy from each visit. We utilise community resources to enhance the growth and



development of your child. Each year we invite the police, fire department and environmental officers plus many more into our preschool to share their knowledge and experience with your child. Leaps & Bounds Preschool emphasises the importance of giving back to those less fortunate. We hold fundraising events for various not for profit organisations and volunteer groups. Our main recipient is School for Life who provide education for children in Uganda. We sponsor one teacher and pay for their salary to teach for an entire year, and one child to eat, be clothed and educated for an entire year. Other Organisations that have benefited from our fabulous fundraising team are The Cancer Council, ZimKids, Farmer Drought Relief, Children's Cancers plus many more.

#### **Environment**

Leaps & Bounds Preschool outdoor environment is large and amazing! Children have open space to run, climb, jump, explore and even play soccer! The outdoor space is inviting, full of trees and plants, herb and vegetable gardens, a climbing fort, a sand pit and a mud kitchen. Children have an inherent connection to the natural world and we understand that children often develop their ideas and understanding of the world around them from the significant adults in their lives. As Leaps and Bounds Preschool represent one of these significant adults, we have a responsibility to present a positive approach to the environment. Our learning environments have large and interesting outdoor spaces and inviting areas that reflect and enrich the lives and identities of children and families participating in the setting. The materials we use have a purpose to capture attention and promote productive learning. Our materials are made from natural products and are suitable for all skill levels. Eye catching themed displays of our materials are refreshed frequently and are uniquely developed to be a safe and hands on experience.



Our program includes all of the developmental domains: physical, cognitive, language, social, emotional and spiritual. We value play as a medium for all aspects of development and learning and believe that play should be integrated across all developmental domains and curriculum areas. Since children learn best by doing, they paint, make, sing, dance, dig, plant, and water in a secure and happy home like environment under the guidance of caring and encouraging educators.

We follow the Early Year Learning framework to assist your child to achieve the following outcomes:

Children have a strong sense of identity.

**O** Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.

**O** Children are confident



# Our service aims to ensure where possible, that programs are available for children with additional needs.

As education and consistency is our focus, we endeavour to ensure that your child's class teachers are the same for each day your child attends. This will give your child the opportunity to form lasting bonds and relationships throughout their time at Leaps & Bounds Preschool. We provide three classrooms with a minimum of two educators (plus a floating assistant) in each class, so that your child can engage in an education program that is suitable for their age and development.



Throughout the day your child will have the opportunity to play and engage with children from all classes, giving siblings the chance to connect, role model, lead, learn and play. Your child will participate in a wide variety of activities throughout the day, with no two days being the same. Other programs include science, art, Healthy Harold, Henny Penny Hatching, sustainability, Project Penguin, cooking, Zumba, multi sports, mindfulness, Munch and Move, yoga and Mandarin.



Words cannot thank you enough for the amazing environment you have created and nurtured. Your amazing staff love and respect our children and our family could not be more grateful.

- Bec



I'm so happy with my experience so far at Leaps and Bounds. After trying one other centre and visiting a couple more I knew I had found the right place as soon as I walked in the door. The teachers are wonderful and attentive with my son and the centre has a beautiful home-like feeling with a great focus on outdoor activities and fun learning activities.

- Dewi



We are so grateful for everything the staff have done to help our daughter feel at home from day 1. She has truly loved being at L&B and its going to be difficult to go, she will miss everything. Thank you!

## **Our Locations**

## Manly

## **New South Wales**

- Ages 2 years to 6 years
- 45 Pacific Parade, Manly NSW 2095
- **&** (02) 9977 8937

# Highgate

### Western Australia

- ② Ages 6 weeks to 5 years
- 386 Lord Street, Highgate WA 6003
- **&** (08) 9227 5827

# Serpentine

## Western Australia

- Ages 6 weeks to 5 years
- 58 Lefroy Street, Serpentine WA
- **%** (08) 9525 2383

# Bunbury

## Western Australia

- Ages 6 weeks to 5 years
- 128 Jeffrey Road, Glen Iris WA
- **(**08) 9725 7839

# Capel

## Western Australia

- Ages 6 weeks to 5 years
- 4 Forrest Road, Capel WA 6271
- **(**08) 9727 1120



## **Enrolments**

View the enrolments page on our website for further information to start your enrolment today!

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