



Konomi Kindergarten International is a unique early childhood education and care service with a deserved reputation for its dynamic, innovative, high quality bilingual educational program. We have earned this with a committed management and teaching team who provide first class education and care for young children in our community. “Belonging, Being and Becoming” underpin our practice in assisting all children to make progress in relation to the Early Years Learning Framework outcomes.

Konomi Kindergarten has been assessed and rated as “Exceeding” in all National Quality Standards for Early Childhood Education and Care

Our Philosophy

Our aim is to provide an inclusive, bilingual ‘Japanese & English’, safe stimulating and caring environment for our community by nurturing each individual’s sense of belonging, being and

becoming. We believe children are unique with their own strengths, needs and interests. We aim for all families should feel valued and comfortable in our centre.

Our Program

Konomi Kindergarten is an inclusive environment and welcomes all children and families unconditionally. Children enjoy the opportunity to participate in learning Japanese language and culture. The curriculum is developed by experienced Early Childhood Teachers and supported by qualified educators to ensure the establishment of clear goals for teaching and learning. Children’s interests, needs and culture is taken into account. Konomi Kindergarten values play-based learning as it provides young children with opportunities to explore, learn and understand the world around them. Documentation for each child includes assessments of the child’s developmental needs, interests, experiences and participation in the program and the child’s progress as described in the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia. Our program recognises the importance of learning for children to become ready for school and encourages children to be actively involved in the learning process all program sees children engage in a wide range of experiences that are developmentally appropriate and allow them to pursue their own interests challenges their ability and move out of their

comfort zone through high expectation set in the program. These learning experiences promote awareness and acceptance of individual differences, valuing and welcoming cultural diversity and abilities. Our program incorporates high technology for learning and teaching including IPADs, digital cameras, laptops and Smart-Board.

Licence

Konomi Kindergarten is licenced for 60 children per day. Children are offered 2 days (only Mon & Tue), 3 days (only Wed, Thurs, Fri) or 5 days (Mon-Fri) to provide options for families and allow development of similar skills and teamwork amongst children. This enable them to take part in our famous Festivals “Sport, Art and Music”. Konomi Kindergarten operates under the Federal System and eligible families are able to claim **CCB** and **CCR**.

Location & Operation hours

Konomi Kindergarten operates 50 weeks per year, closing two weeks over Christmas – New Year. Konomi is open from 8 am – 6 pm Mon- Friday,

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Visiting Konomi Kindergarten

Parents who are seeking childcare for their children and are interested in visiting Konomi Kindergarten are welcomed to make an appointment prior to their visit. This enable us to ensure there is a responsible person available to assist the families with their visit and take them for a centre tour and answer any question they may have. Time of visit is usually during morning between 10:30 -11:30 AM. The best way for booking a visit is either via phone: 9967 2207 or email at

konomikindergarten@bigpond.com

Waiting List & Fees

Interested parents can submit a booking application for their child's name to be registered in our waiting list from birth. The form can be downloaded from our website or directly filled out from our homepage and emailed back to Konomi Kindergarten accompanied with a \$50 non-refundable fee. A receipt will be issued and should be kept as your record of registration. Fees are adjusted annually, or when necessary. Fees for the following year will be set by the end of the current year and direct debit is the only accepted payment method. Konomi Kindergarten must be notified of any changes to the details (including address, personal details) provided in the Wait List form in writing.

Our Teaching Team

At Konomi Kindergarten educators are selected for their knowledge, experience, professionalism and love of teaching. In each room, English speaking and Japanese speaking educators work together to deliver a high quality bilingual program for children. Teachers hold professional early childhood qualification and are supported to upgrade their qualification. To ensure continuity of care and education Konomi Kindergarten employs permanent relief teachers when regular teachers are on leave.

Social Events & Parents Involvement

Konomi Kindergarten has 3 major events to celebrate with children and their families every year. These events are Sport festival, Art festival and Music festival. The art festival is held at the centre, and other events are held at a venue outside of the Centre premises within our immediate community. These include a council ground for Sport event and the Chatswood Concourse for our famous Music festival. All families are invited to take part in these events. The festivals are delivered as part of our Japanese Principles of Education. These unique events are exclusive to Konomi Kindergarten.



Enrolment

Mid- year, the Director offers placements for the following year. To be eligible, a child needs to be 2 years of age before attending the service. In determining allocation of places, priority is given to child's position on the waitlist, working parents, and available resources of the service. A letter of offer will be sent to the address or email provided in the waitlist. To secure the position parents need to read, understand and sign the acceptance and authorisation and return it together with security deposit. An orientation will be held where your child can explore the environment in the security of your presence.