

**Growing Minds
Play School**

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Where Great Minds Grow
Play ♥ **Love** ♥ **Nurture**

Our Mission

Growing Minds Play School work together to provide the highest possible quality and care for each child, recognising that they are all individuals. We create a safe and caring environment where all children feel valued and respected. It is our role to meet them where they are at and make adjustments to our approach to encourage participation and inclusion. We seek to develop each child's independence by setting individual goals that we will strive to help them achieve. We engage with children in positive and meaningful ways, proactively fostering play and inquiry. We are a team of dedicated and passionate staff who work together to deliver an appropriately balanced range of teaching and learning strategies. Growing Minds Play School is focused on providing a fun, nurturing and curiosity-driven environment where children develop a love for learning.

Our Vision

It is always our intention to reflect and improve. We are aware that we need to plan to progress and be intentional in our goal. We seek to empower our families to partner with us to achieve the greatest outcomes for their children. We are actively seeking to promote children's confidence, self-awareness and empathy skills. We know that if we can assist our children in 'thinking bigger' they will unlock possibilities and unleash potential. We envision developing a future generation of leaders who have developed integrity and exceptional core values.

Growing Minds Play School opened in February 2013. Our caring Educators work collaboratively together to provide a holistic early learning journey for our children in a safe, fun, respectful and educational environment. The staff at Growing Minds are committed to high quality, developmentally appropriate care and education for young children. We cater for the individual child and their needs in a supportive and affectionate environment.



Growing Minds Play School is a place where the emphasis is on caring and sharing, where every learner is encouraged to 'be the best he/she can be' and to develop a sound knowledge of right and wrong. The main focus is to offer a secure, safe, loving, happy and nurturing environment for all children.

Children are guided to developing independence, self-discipline, self-respect and respect for others. Growing Minds is a place where your child will experience safe play, endless fun and laughter and be taught the love of learning through play.

At Growing Minds Play School we focus on;

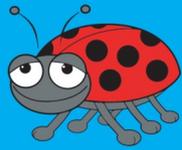
- Helping children handle change effectively
- Facilitating children's imaginative play
- Giving children the opportunity of uninterrupted play-based learning
- Using positive guidance techniques
- Meeting children's individual needs
- Giving children a variety of experiences appropriate for their particular stage of development
- Creating challenging situations to promote growth for each child
- The curriculum encourages children to become involved, enabling them to pursue interests and at the same time build on needs and challenge their strengths.
- We have a deep commitment to complementing the parent child relationship and maintaining a caring and responsible value system.
- In a safe, clean and interesting environment, we encourage children's curiosity, creativity, confidence, independence, discovery and co-operation.
- Genuine love and interest in the children and their individual journeys

Our Core Values

Our core values guide our everyday actions, decisions and behaviour - they are lived values and are interwoven and breathe life into everything we do.

Our Children are our Priority

- Your child comes first, always. Our children's voices lead the work we do and the daily decisions we make.
- Every child is a unique individual. Every child has the right to unconditional love and respect and to be immersed in safe and nurturing environments where they are valued and heard. We know that childhood is a special time, where discovery, play and exploring their world grows confidence, capability and forms the foundations of a lifelong love of learning.



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Our Team

- At Growing Minds Play School we work together as a strong, respectful and happy team. Individually, we take responsibility for our role and duties. Together we support and respect each other, sharing our ideas and knowledge and work to achieve common goals.
- We are proud of our work, our service and our school and we communicate both achievements and concerns to continuously improve what we do. We embrace change and are always looking to better ourselves and our team.

Our Families and Community

- At Growing Minds Play School, we know our families and community are our most important asset. Families are children's first teachers and hold the greatest wealth of information about their child. We partner with our families to create high quality learning and development outcomes for our children. We embrace, invite and involve our parents and families into all we do and every aspect of our service.