FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the ratios?
The legal requirement is 1:11 for 3-5 year olds and 1:4 for under 3's. At Yarralea, we have 1:9 for 4 year olds, 1:8 for 3 year olds, and 1:4 for under 3's.

What qualifications do the staff have?
All programs are led by degree qualified kindergarten teachers and are supported by Diploma and Certificate trained staff.

What are the class sizes?
In our 4 yr old program, there are a maximum of 27 children. In our 3 yr old program, there is a maximum of 24 children in the larger room and 16 children in the smaller room.

What is the gender balance?
It varies from year to year, and is beyond our control.

How many families are at the centre?
Yarralea has approximately 100 families in attendance.

How long have the staff been at Yarralea?
Many have been at Yarralea for many years, some over 10 years!

How long has the centre been operating for?
Since 1959.

Who manages Yarralea?
The building and grounds are owned by the City of Yarra council, but Yarralea is managed by a committee of parents in conjunction with the Coordinator. We are a stand-alone not-for-profit community children's centre.

Parent involvement?
Parents are welcome to be involved as much or as little as they are willing and able!

Do you provide food?
Families are required to provide their own food.

How to enrol?
Children can be registered on the waiting list for Yarralea in the year before they are eligible to attend and must have turned 3 or 4 by April 30th of their kinder year. Once offered a kindergarten place, families have the option to incorporate childcare with their kindergarten hours. You can register your child on the Yarralea waiting list via https://www.yarralea.com.au/enrolment

Enrolments are handled directly by Yarralea staff members, and all children are eligible to attend kindergarten at Yarralea, however priority of access is given to City of Yarra and Alphington residents. Enrolments are also prioritised for places by the Commonwealth Priority of Access guidelines and Yarra Council's Priority of Access Policy.