



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 implement ratios of 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 is 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 is 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. Yarralea encourages parents to prepare 'package free' lunches and snacks wherever possible.

How to enrol?

Yarralea is part of the City of Yarra Central Registration System for kindergarten places and children can be registered from birth. To enrol, please complete the City of Yarra Application Form and submit to info@yarracity.vic.gov.au, along with the supporting documentation requested on the form. You are also required to pay a \$15 processing fee to the City of Yarra (exemptions apply). Applications can also be lodged by post or in person. All details are included on the form.



Once offered a kindergarten place, families have the option to add Long Day Kindergarten hours if they wish. Once enrolled at Yarralea families are guaranteed a place in the following year(s) and are dealt with directly through Yarralea

Enrolments for our Multi-age program are taken directly through the Centre. Please complete an application form from our website www.yarralea.com.au and return it to the centre.