



**Aldinga
Payinthe
College.**

**Early Learning Community
Information**



**Together, we seek
to inspire, connect
and belong.**



I have worked in early years education as a preschool teacher and director for many years, and in both regional and central office roles. I am committed to ensuring young children have the highest quality of education and care, and I'm excited to be sharing your child's learning journey with you. Please say hello and stop me for a chat anytime.

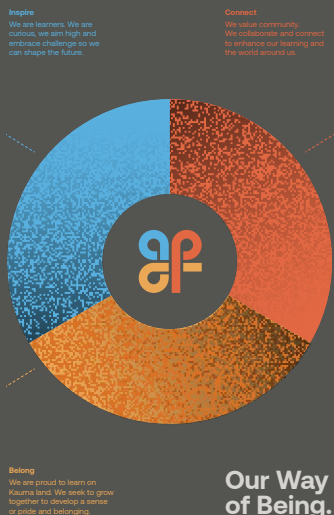
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Seek Beyond.

Preschool Philosophy

Children are engaged and challenged through integrative learning with the nationally approved Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and a curriculum which prioritises relationships focussed on authentic learning around children's interests, strengths, culture and developmental stages. Capabilities are developed within a play-based learning environment, that is intentional and purposeful, connected to families and linked to local and global communities.

Continuity of learning and consistency of practice from birth to year 12 will guide the learning experiences to ensure that all children and young people learn and progress. Our purpose built premises supports our vision for an innovative centre where children will be inspired to learn, connect to each other and the community, and develop a sense of belonging and pride.



Our Way of Being

Inspire: We are learners. We are curious, we aim high and embrace challenge so we can shape the future.

Connect: We value community. We collaborate and connect to enhance our learning and the world around us.

Belong: We are proud to learn on Kaurna land. We seek to grow together to develop a sense of pride and belonging.

Families

We recognise parents and carers as their child's most important influence. We form strong partnerships with families to support the learning, wellbeing and development of every child. Families are encouraged to participate in college life and contribute their knowledge, skills and ideas to make the college a place where everyone feels a sense of belonging and connection.

Learning through Play

We have a strong focus on children learning through play, so they will spend much of the day playing and having fun. The staff work hard to maximise learning for your child as an individual. Regardless of whether your child loves to play outside, to read books, build with blocks, to create or paint, staff will engage them in learning in multiple ways throughout each day.

We will observe, listen and record what your child says and does so we can support progress throughout the year. We collect information on your child from your enrolment form, from what you tell us and from what your child tells us, and will share their progress with you throughout the year.

Assessment and Reporting

We provide a formal report for every child twice per year. In addition, we offer both formal and informal opportunities to meet and talk with you, and encourage you to contact us whenever you need to.

Your child's formal report will also be provided to their college teacher when they move into Reception to ensure their transition and ongoing learning is supported.

Sun Safety

Please note, it is compulsory for your child to wear a sun safe hat. A branded bucket hat is available for purchase from Devon Clothing. This hat can continue to be worn by your child throughout their college years.

Please apply sunscreen to your child before you arrive. Staff will help children to re-apply as the day progresses. If your child has allergies, please supply your own labelled sunscreen and indicate this on the enrolment form in the health and allergy section.

Concerns

If you have any concerns about your child's learning or development, please make a time to speak with one of our educators. Additionally, you are welcome to contact the Preschool on 7505 6142.

Preschool Intake

As per the Department for Education's process, there are two intakes for children enrolling in preschool. Children can start at the beginning of the year in term 1, or in term 3.

Term Dates and Times of Day

Term dates for preschool are the same as the rest of the college and follow the pattern set by the Department for Education.

Preschool children at Aldinga Payinithi College attend for a maximum of 5 days/fortnight.

Details are as follows:

Group A

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Odd Weeks (e.g. 1, 3, 5)	9:10am - 3:10pm	9:10am - 3:10pm	9:10am - 3:10pm		
Even Weeks (e.g. 2, 4, 6)	9:10am - 3:10pm	9:10am - 3:10pm			

Group B

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Odd Weeks (e.g. 1, 3, 5)			9:10am - 3:10pm	9:10am - 3:10pm	9:10am - 3:10pm
Even Weeks (e.g. 2, 4, 6)				9:10am - 3:10pm	9:10am - 3:10pm

YMCA Early Learning and Care / OSHC

YMCA is operating an Early Learning and Care program and OSHC at Aldinga Payinithi College. For enrolment and enquiries please speak to the YMCA Director or refer to the YMCA website.

While the services run by YMCA are managed independently, there is close collaboration between them and the preschool particularly around policy and care and learning for young children. This is especially the case for outdoor play where children from both programs will share an outside play space.

What to Wear and Bring

Comfortable clothing suitable for the weather and for physical and messy activities. There are optional uniform items available for preschool learners.

Please bring

- A backpack
- An extra set of clothing
- Everything clearly labelled
- A water bottle, daily snacks (morning and afternoon) and lunch

Food/drinks

Aldinga Payinthe College, including the Preschool, are allergy aware and will make adjustments to the program based on the health and safety needs of every child. Children will be encouraged to drink water only and fresh water is always available.

All children are encouraged to wash their hands before and after eating. Our Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Policy encourages eating of healthy foods at all times. Please talk to staff if this is an issue for your child.

What not to bring

- Juices/Cordial
- Toys or special things from home

Uniform

The college has non-compulsory uniform items for purchase including a t-shirt and windcheater. These items can be purchased direct from Devon Clothing (devonclothing.com.au).



The design featured on the Preschool windcheater was created by Ngarrindjeri artist Jordan Lovegrove. The college is represented along with the connections we make within our community. The large pathway leading through the artwork symbolises the learning journey we will travel together.

Drop off and Pick up Procedure

All children must be brought inside the preschool at the start of every session to be signed in before the parent/caregiver leaves. Parents/caregivers must come inside to pick them up at the end of the day. It is important to establish regular attendance patterns from an early age.

As per the college's Enrolment Policy, children will not be released into the care of anyone who is not listed on your child's enrolment form.

Additional undercover parking is available for learners enrolled in our Inclusive Preschool Program (IPP).

Fees

Cost of Service

We ask you to contribute towards the cost of your child attending preschool. Payment goes towards the cost of consumables such as paints and paper etc. The Materials and Services Charge is set by Aldinga Payinthe College Governing Council and communicated to families each year.

EFT

Direct payments can be made to the college's bank account:

BSB - **065 188**

Account Number - **1012 2583**

Please use your child's full name as the reference.

Credit Card

The college has credit card facilities available. Please visit the main reception area of the Community Hub if you would like to pay via credit card or contact the college on 7505 6100.

Qkr!

Payment can be made through the Qkr! app. Download the app from your preferred app store.

Enrolment Queries

Information regarding enrolment at Aldinga Payinthe College is available on our website. If you have further queries please get in contact the college's Enrolment Officer.



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