PHILOSOPHY
We believe each child is unique and we aim to provide a fun, educational experience that will develop children’s life skills and competencies. We provide a program that develops children in all areas (physical, social, emotional, intellectual) using multi-cultural, non-sexist resources, in a safe, secure environment. Our play-based curriculum focuses on the children’s needs and interests and we are committed to providing high quality education and care.

HISTORY
The Agnes Goode Kindergarten was opened in 1949, and was named after Mrs Agnes Knight Goode, who was a very active member of this community.

WE OFFER
KINDERGARTEN
15 hours week for 12 months before school, in line with the Single Intake process (one intake at the beginning of the year only - children turning 4 up until end of April start at the beginning of the year & children turning 4 after May 1st begin kindergarten at the beginning of the following year.
MONDAY/TUESDAY - 8.45 – 3.30pm and alt. Friday 8.45-11.45
WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY – 8.45 – 3.30pm and alt Friday 8.45-11.45

OCCASIONAL CARE
An ‘occasional ‘care service for children under 2 & over 2 years of age. For more information, please see staff & ask for our booklet.

FUNDRAISING LEVY
A Fundraising levy of $20 per term applies to all fulltime Kindergarten children.

FEES
We are a non profit organisation - and the majority of our funding is through kindy fees & fundraising. Thank you for paying promptly.

KINDERGARTEN: $100 per term and $20 fundraising levy

GENERAL INFORMATION
• CLOTHING - Ensure these are comfortable, not ‘best’, & allow your child to join in all kindy activities (eg painting, climbing, toileting independently) without restrictions or worry about getting messy.
• HATS - For sun protection, please send along a hat (named) for your child to wear when playing outdoors.
• DRINKS - Please bring a named water bottle or a cup.
• SNACK TIME - Please send along 2 healthy snacks for your child (one for morning and one for afternoon) to eat while at kindy (eg fresh or dried fruit, cheese, dry biscuits). These are to be kept in their bag (separate from their lunch).
• LUNCH TIME - Please pack a healthy lunch and place on the trolley at the beginning of the session.
• KINDY BAGS - These are useful for children to store their belongings. Including a spare set of clothes is useful.
• ARRIVAL/ DEPARTURE - Please bring your child inside the building to be greeted by staff on arrival after signing them in. Children are individually dismissed from the large group at the end of the session. For safety reasons, let staff know if you need to collect your child earlier, or if someone else is picking them up.
• **KINDY POCKETS** - Each child has their own named pocket on the outside wall into which we put newsletters, receipts, lost property, etc. Please check these regularly.

• **PARENTS’ LIBRARY** - We have a selection of books available for borrowing on a range of topics.

**CHILD PROTECTION CURRICULUM**
In our program we develop children’s confidence and skills to deal with unsafe or threatening situations. Through games, activities and discussions, we encourage children to become more aware of their feelings and how to manage them. We focus on developing self-esteem, assertiveness, communication and problem solving skills.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT**
We encourage and appreciate the involvement of family members in our kindergarten. You may enjoy participating in planned activities; reading to children; word processing; helping with cooking; preparing materials; gardening; sewing; or sharing a skill or interest you may have with the children. Let staff know if you are interested.

**GOVERNING COUNCIL**
This is made up of interested parents and meetings, twice termly, are friendly and informal. The governing council organise guest speakers for some meetings, on a range of topics. Meetings are a good way to meet others while finding out what is happening in your child’s kindy. The committee also helps to maintain the building, grounds and equipment, as well as planning fundraising and social events.

Feel free to come in, have a look around, have a coffee and a chat, read a book from the parents’ library, help out, be involved...

**DECD POLICIES**

We look forward to spending time with you and your family.