

# Welcome to Katoomba Leura Preschool!

Our preschool is on Darug and Gundungurra land.

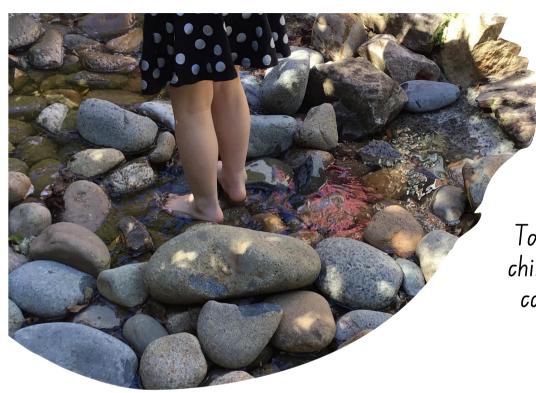
Each day we say our
Acknowledgement of Country to pay
our respects to the traditional people
of the land. We are always on
Country, and Country is a part of
everything we do.



Here is the land
Here is the sky
Here are my friends
And here am 1

We, at Katoomba Leura Preschool
Would like to say thank you
To the Gundungurra and Darug people
For caring for Country,
We promise to look after it,
The animals and the people too.





To help us in making this book, we asked the children to tell us all about their experience of coming to preschool. These are their words.

First, we asked the children:

"what do you think new children starting at our preschool should know?"











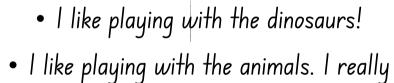
- We have pencils and Textas.
- The best thing about preschool is that we get to do painting.
- I love drawing because it makes me feel so happy and it's a nice and calming thing to do.
  - I like playing with the clay!
  - I like when we do dancing! Sometimes I pretend I'm a butterfly.
    - I like the weaving space and music.

- You can build with magnets and train tracks and blocks.
- I like the magnetic space, that's the space I can build. I also like the painting space.
  - Lego is my favourite.
  - I like ALL the puzzles.
    - I like to play cars!
  - I like building with my friends with the Mobilo.
  - We have really big blocks and ramps!









- I like playing with the animals. I really like crocodiles.
  - I like reading books.
  - We can do cooking!
- Sometimes in the afternoon we have tea. It's so yummy.













- I want to tell them about outside. We have a sandpit, and we have chickens!
  - It's giant outside!
  - We have a fairy garden.
- I like playing on the playground... going down the slide really fast!
- I like playing on the slide too and just running around. You can run with your friends at preschool.
  - We can play cooking and make potions in the mud kitchen.
  - I like going outside and seeing all the plants and animals.
  - My favourite was when we had marshmallows on the campfire.

I want to tell them we have chickens, and they lay eggs and we make stuff with them.

I like feeding the chickens.

Yeah, and getting the chicken eggs.

We have four friendly chickens at our preschool. Their names are Lolly, Dot, Bear and Rainbow. We like to take them fresh water and food to eat, and when they lay eggs, we can use them in cooking at preschool!



#### **Bush Preschool**

Sometimes we go for walks in the local community including to places like Bunnings, the fire station or cafes. We also spend time in the bushland around Peter Carroll Field with a small group of our teachers and friends. Our grown-ups are always welcome to join too!

There are lots of fun things to do at Bush Preschool!









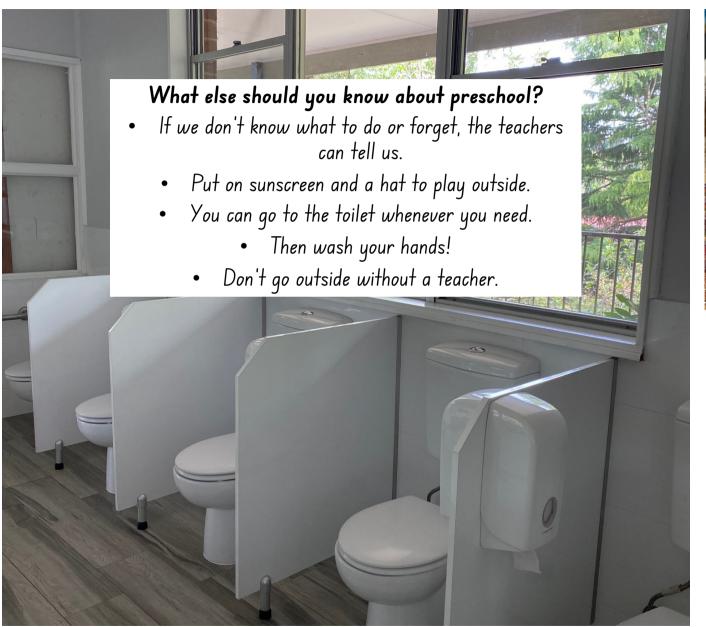








- I like going on bushwalks!
- I like Bush Preschool, I like seeing the animals.
- Sometimes we go to the oval and run down the hill.
- I like bushwalks too. I remember seeing the waterfall on our walk.
  - · And when we see Bowerbird.
- I like climbing the tree when we go on walks.





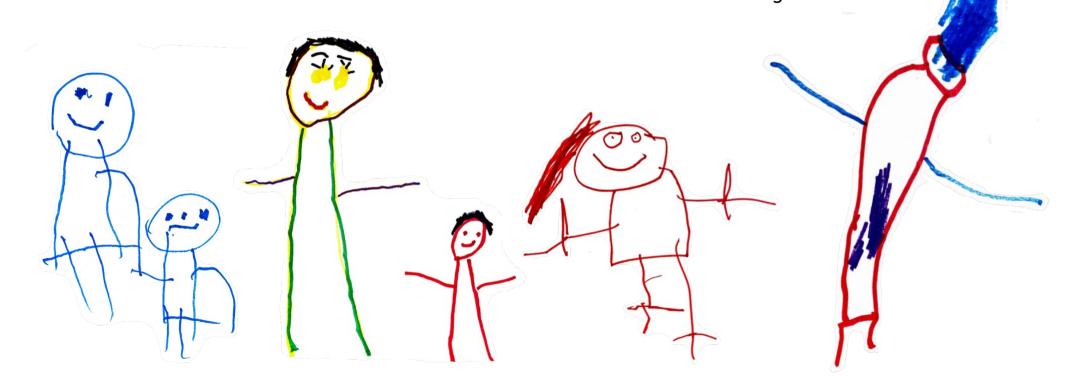
"They might not know about the toilets... maybe we could show them."

We have toilets and sinks next to each classroom for you to use. If you ever need any help with using the toilet, putting on sunscreen or changing your clothes, just ask a teacher and they'll be happy to help you.

# What else do teachers do at preschool?

They help us. Sometimes they play with us. They help us if we're hurt and see if we're upset. And they help us play games.

Sometimes they're silly and funny and make us laugh.









There are a few things which you should bring with you to preschool....

- You need to pack supplies and lunch.
- Bring your water bottle and lunch box.
  - Don't forget your backpack.
- A bag for wet clothes and new clothes to wear.
  - Your hat to wear outside!



## Goodbye Rituals



When your grown-up has helped you put your things away and get settled, it will be time for them to say goodbye. We know it can be very hard to say goodbye to your grown up in the morning; you love them so much!

Remember the teachers are there to help you, and our grown-ups will be back in the afternoon to pick us up.



You and your grown ups can create a ritual to do when you are ready to say goodbye. You might come up with your own special one, but here are a few ideas that some of our children already do when saying goodbye to their grown up:

- Bring a favourite soft toy from home to cuddle (we call our special soft toys 'loved ones').
- Ask your grown up to send or email a family photo for you to look at.
- Read one story together and then say goodbye.
- Race to the window or front door and wave goodbye.
- One kiss and one cuddle and then say goodbye.
- Find a teacher or friend to play something with before saying goodbye.



### Child Complaint Process



If you are unhappy about something that has happened to you at Katoomba Leura Preschool you have the right to be heard. This means that grown ups will listen to you and take you seriously.

The first thing to do is to tell a grown up, this might be one of your teachers, Alison or Cat in the office, or your grown ups at home (who can come and talk to us on your behalf).

Anything you say to us will be taken seriously. Your teachers will then investigate, which means they will ask questions and get more information.

Sometimes you might just want to share your feelings, and other times you might want to make sure change happens.



We can't wait to see you soon at Katoomba Leura Preschool!