



# KU Padstow Preschool

## Frequently asked questions

### What age children does your centre cater for?

KU Padstow provides preschool services for children aged from 3 to 6 years old.

### What hours do you operate?

We operate 9:00am - 3:00pm, Monday to Friday, during school terms.

### Do you offer extended hours?

Yes, we offer short extended hours from 8:30am - 9:00am and 3:00pm - 3:30pm for a small additional fee.

### How many children are at the centre each day?

We have 40 children at the centre divided into two classes of 20, each group with a full time qualified Teacher and a Child Care Worker.

### Do you offer a transition to school program?

Yes, we offer a full preschool program, including assisting children and families with the transition to school.

### Is there public transport/off-street parking nearby?

Yes, the bus stops right at the top of our drive and we're only a short walk from Padstow Railway Station. We also have a great car park set back off Davies Rd in the Salt Pan Creek Reserve.

**Please contact us or visit our website to find out more**

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**"A preschool that is as welcoming, fun, educational and nurturing as KU Padstow just cannot be faulted."**

**Brooke - Parent**



## Welcome to KU Padstow

We believe that a fun and stimulating learning environment encourages curiosity, questioning and friendships, as well as the opportunity to develop a lifelong love of learning.

The children's time is planned to give a variety of experiences and learning opportunities including indoor and outdoor experiences, music, books, crafts and language.

Our educators work closely with families so that your child's development and interests can be encouraged and guided both at home and at preschool. Portfolios and developmental records are compiled for each child, enabling our educators to reflect your child's unique needs and interests in the program they deliver.

We are actively involved in environmental sustainability at the centre and have our own vegetable garden, water tank and large leafy playground set in a quiet parkland setting.

We encourage families to visit the preschool at any time or contact the centre to find out more about enrolling your child or being placed on the waiting list.

### History

KU Padstow Preschool was opened in 1975 with the help of a parent committee and Bankstown City Council. The preschool continues to have strong links with the community and is supported by a committed parent group who assist with fundraising and ensuring the high standard of the centre and its equipment is maintained.

## The KU Difference

Established in 1895, KU is Australia's largest community based, not-for-profit provider of early childhood education and care. This wealth of knowledge and experience allows KU to enrich the lives of more than 11,500 children and families each year through over 150 services and programs.

### Qualified, experienced staff

At KU we recognise our staff as being our most valuable resource. KU staff are highly qualified and well trained. We provide staff with ongoing in-service training and meet within regions on a regular basis to share our experiences and innovations.

### Professional support and expertise

KU has a dedicated team of Area Managers and Special Education Consultants who visit each service on a regular basis. The purpose of these visits includes working with staff on their professional development, the curriculum provided for children and families, providing support for children with additional needs and generally monitoring the operation and management of each service.

## Play-based learning programs

KU strongly values the importance of play-based programs. All of our high quality programs are based on current research and are planned by our experienced and qualified early childhood staff.

Play-based programs provide a wide range of active and meaningful experiences that incorporate choice for children, while enabling them to experience many of the organisational elements that are important at school. These include developing understandings about:

- ▶ What happens in a day - understanding the time frame
- ▶ Patterns of interaction - with adults and with children
- ▶ Expectations - knowing what educators, parents and other children expect
- ▶ Independence - making decisions, using initiative
- ▶ Self regulation - making judgements about their own needs and responses
- ▶ Planning - choosing experiences, planning how to approach tasks.

Please ask our staff about your child's program and for an update on their progress.