

Room: EMU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wattle 8.30am-4.00pm	Wattle 8.30am-4.00pm	Bottlebrush 8.30am-4.00pm <i>(3-year-olds stay until 12.30pm)</i>	Bottlebrush 8.30am-4.00pm <i>(3-year-olds stay until 12.30pm)</i>	Banksia 8.30am-1.30pm
4-year-old	4-year-old	Mixed Age	Mixed Age	3-year-old

Room: KOOKABURRA

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rosa 8.30am-1.30pm 	Ortensia 8.30am-4.00pm 	Ortensia 8.30am-4.00pm 	Waratah 8.30am-4.00pm	Waratah 8.30am-4.00pm
3-year-old Italian	4-year-old Italian	4-year-old Italian	4-year-old	4-year-old

Standard Program (4-year-old)

Our Standard Program is based on a holistic view of the learning and development of each child in a play-based learning environment. The curriculum is embedded within the National Quality Framework and the children are supported to co-construct the program along with the teacher, educators and families, to ensure that it reflects the interests, strengths and developmental needs of each child.

The children explore and extend their learning through intentional teaching, play-based learning and social interactions. NWBK creates ample opportunities for social and emotional support and development, building relationships, developing learning dispositions, emergent literacy and numeracy support, science and technology experiences, the creative arts and music, physical development, environmental responsiveness and Indigenous cultural awareness and perspectives

Mixed Age Program

NWBK is introducing a Mixed Age Program in 2022. This program will cater to both four and three-year-olds. Research has shown there are a number of benefits for children in mixed age groupings. Younger children build up their confidence, language and behavioural skills, whilst older children learn to 'mentor' the younger children in the group, instilling 'leadership' qualities and a sense of responsibility and independence. Children at different stages of social and emotional development learn from each other and contribute to each other's growth and understanding. The Mixed Age Program will be run by an Early Childhood Teacher, Certificate III Educator, and Diploma Qualified Educator/Activity Leader.

Italian Immersion (4-year-old)

Italian Kindergarten at NWBK is not just an Italian class; it is a full 15-hour bilingual preschool program.

Our Italian Kindergarten Program follows the national curriculum framework, embedding language learning through play, Italian cultural traditions and language. Our Italian Kindergarten is open to all children eligible for preschool and we welcome non-Italian families as well as those with Italian heritage.

The teacher for Italian Kindergarten is a qualified early childhood teacher and fluent Italian speaker. The Italian program is a designated bilingual program under the Early Childhood Languages Program and has an additional Language Teacher supporting the class.

Standard Program (3-year-old)

For some children 3-year-old kinder is their first venture into the world outside the family, therefore we aim to not only provide a rich learning environment but also a supportive and nurturing one where children feel confident to explore their environment and learn at their own pace.

Our standard 3-year-old program involves:

- Play-based learning
- Hands-on experiences.
- Creating a safe, friendly and fun environment for children to learn and play.
- Instilling in children a love of learning and developing dispositions and skills to support this, such as curiosity, imagination, creativity, problem solving, collaboration and communication.
- Social and emotional wellbeing support.

We integrate awareness of environmental and sustainability issues into our education programs, one that teaches children to care and protect the environment and the important part we play as custodians of our world. We encourage children to respect others human rights and other cultures. We recognise that we live, work and learn on Wurundjeri Country and we aim to include Indigenous understanding into the program.

We believe family is an integral part of a child's learning and development and thus encourage open collaboration and communication with families.

Italian Intro (3-year-old)

Our 3-year-old Italian Intro Program is the perfect introduction to the Italian language. The Italian language is used liberally during each session, with an emphasis on explanation and repetition of words and phrases. Language is kept simple initially and then extended as children solidify their grasp of the 'basics' and become more confident in their abilities.

The Italian language is communicated through picture books and storytelling, songs, dance and cooking, mat time and craft. Well-known games such as Bingo are played using Italian words. The Italian culture, way of life and traditions are also explored.

NWBK's 3-year-old Italian Intro Program aims to make language-learning fun and engaging. We follow the Early Years Learning Framework whilst also incorporating children's own interests within the program.