Welcome to the Early Learning Centre
The Early Learning Centre (ELC) is the research and demonstration kindergarten of The University of Melbourne. The ELC provides long-day education and care programs for approximately 170 children aged between 2 and 5 years of age. The ELC caters for 89 children per day with 29 children enrolled in the two to three-year-old kindergarten and 60 children enrolled in the four to five-year-old kindergarten. The programs are designed, implemented and evaluated by Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) early childhood teachers who adopt an inquiry approach to teaching and learning. This approach encourages multi-modal in-depth investigations which integrate language, mathematics, the arts, science, information communication technology and education for sustainability (EfS). Specialist classes in visual art, ceramic art, music and dance are offered as part of the generalist program.

2-3 Year-Old Program
Children are required turn three years of age by the 30th June in the year of entry. It is necessary for children to be toilet trained prior to entry.

4-5 Year-Old Program
Children are required to turn four years of age by the 30th April in the year of entry to be enrolled in the funded kindergarten program. Children cannot be enrolled in any other funded kindergarten program elsewhere and are not deemed eligible by the Department of Education and Training for a second year of funded kindergarten.

Allocation of Places
Children are allocated a place in either a two to three-year-old or four to five-year old program, in accordance with their date of birth. Places are allocated with consideration of Commonwealth Priority of Access Guidelines and the Early Learning Centre Priority of Entry Criteria. The Early Learning Centre reserves the right to allocate places to ensure the needs of families and the centre are met.

Offer of Place
An ‘Offer of Place’ is forwarded to successful applicants between July and September in the year prior to entry. Upon acceptance of ‘Offer of Place’ a Bond Payment equal to two weeks of full fees is to be paid. A one off non-refundable enrolment processing fee of $150 is also payable at this time. Bond Payments are credited to individual accounts at the commencement of the child’s 2021 enrolment.

Hours
The ELC operational hours are 7:30am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday, 48 weeks per year including Gazetted Victorian School holidays.

Attendance Options
2 days Tuesday, Thursday
3 days Monday, Wednesday, Friday
5 days Monday to Friday
The ELC does not offer occasional care and all children are enrolled as per fixed attendance options.

2021 Fee Schedule
2-3 Year-Old Program
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Annual Resource & Technology Levy $250

Child Care Subsidy
The Early Learning Centre is a registered provider with the Australian Government. For eligible families Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is paid directly to the service as a weekly fee reduction. A family’s out-of-pocket expenses will be the difference between the Child Care Subsidy to which they are entitled, and the total fees charged by the Early Learning Centre, taking into account the hourly rate cap of $11.98 per hour. The Early Learning Centre’s hourly rate of care is $14.50 (Daily rate of $145/Hours per session 10) with the difference being $2.52 per hour that Child Care Subsidy is not payable on.

Kindergarten Per Capita Funding
The Early Learning Centre receives funding from the Victorian Government to provide the kindergarten program for eligible children in the year before school entry. This funding contributes towards the costs associated with the delivery of the kindergarten program.

ELC Open Day 2020
The ELC Open Day 2020 has been postponed. Please note that the ELC does not offer individual tours to prospective families.