

# Tall Tree

EARLY LEARNING



# Our Mission

"To enable children to be their best selves, through the facilitation of our holistic approach to education, development and well-being."





# To grow a tall tree

A tree does not grow in isolation.

You start life as a tiny seed, something so small and yet so powerful, something so important to so many. From there, your roots, the foundation from which all will grow, take hold.

*To grow a Tall Tree*, is to be happy in your environment, to feel nurtured and nourished, safe and important.

*To grow a Tall Tree*, is to understand your place in the world. To feel an ever-present sense of purpose and belonging.

*To grow a Tall Tree*, is to have respect for all creatures, big or small, those who are the same and yet different, and form true connection.

*To be a Tall Tree*, is to be you; wonderful you, with an ever-burgeoning sense of creativity and imagination. A dynamic sense of curiosity and a joyous view of your world.

*Welcome to Tall Tree Early Learning.*

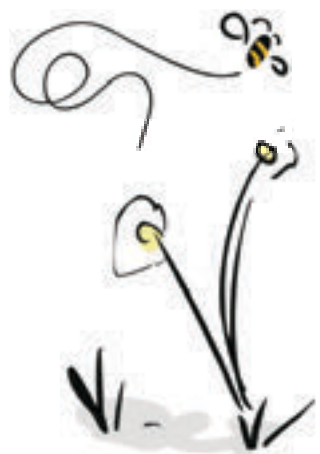
# Our Philosophy

We believe the minds of children are wonderful and need little in the way of moulding. Children are intuitive and confident learners and should be given the means to choose and develop their own learning paths.

Children learn alongside Educators, through child-led investigation and discovery. Learning is dynamic and different for each and every child.

Children should feel a strong sense of well-being and belonging. They are encouraged to explore their identity, through the development and realisation of their own social and cultural heritage, gender identification and their incredible significance in the world.

We encompass not just education, but the physical health, nutrition and well-being of every child at Tall Tree, in order to achieve a well-rounded and all-encompassing reflective approach to child development. Life skills and resilience are imperative, to enable children the confidence to flourish in any environment.





Children learn best through being immersed in their local community. Through listening to the stories of others, appreciating the past; and understanding the direction we must take towards the future. Through the building of partnerships and the sustaining of respectful relationships with our families, children are able to experience a cohesive approach to their development; as well as through the interaction and engagement with people from all walks of life within the community in which they live and learn.

The learning environment in which children spend their time is the “third teacher” and it is vital these environments be aesthetically pleasing and inspiring in order to catalyse the imagination and to facilitate and foster self-discovery and intrigue.

We believe children are the most important resource we have and that in order to allow them to thrive, we must create a sound foundation from which they can truly grow.





# who We are

**Tall Tree Early Learning Centres are advocates. Advocates for the rights of all children, to experience a sense of belonging. An environment in which they can grow, in every sense of the word.**

**We are early childhood experts**, a local WA family, who have been running early learning facilities for over 28-years. We have grown, along with the children in our care, to a place of profound appreciation and understanding for the magic that is early childhood.

**A time of so much potential**, that serves great purpose for laying the foundation from which these wonderful individuals will grow.

**Creativity, freedom of expression** and child-led explorative play are at the centre of everything we do. We believe the minds of children are wonderous and need little in the way of moulding.



**We learn the ABC and we learn our 1, 2, 3, but never at the expense of the natural or creative world. We appreciate the role a developed sense of curiosity has in a lifelong love of learning and work to expand on the ideas, interests and dreams of even the smallest of seeds.**

**We have come from the place of a parent,** we have walked the same path, faced the same emotions and challenges, and so are here as advocates of you – the family – as much as we are advocates for your children. We work with an open door, open mind, and open heart.

**We only employ those who share our passion** for children, life, imagination and creation. A story teller, an eco-warrior, a tree climber, a lion tamer. Whatever comes our way, we want only those who have the mind of an adult but the heart and imagination of a child.

**We are dedicated to the whole child and offer loving caring environments amongst a beautiful rural setting. We appreciate that children need to be children; and will never stand in the way of wonder and curiosity.**







# Welcome to Tall Tree Mullaloo

**Tall Tree Early Learning Mullaloo** is a truly unique early learning experience for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years. Sustainability and caring for the natural world is at the heart of our curriculum at Mullaloo. We will immerse our Mullaloo children into the conservation of our environment and learn with them along the way.

Tall Tree Early Learning Centre Mullaloo provides a tranquil home-away-from-home environment for inquisitive little learners. We connect the children, ourselves and our families to the local community, developing a true sense of belonging.

The curriculum for Tall Tree Mullaloo continues our Reggio-inspired and small group philosophy, allowing children the chance to lead their own learning journey and investigate whatever makes their heart sing. Small groups allow for confidence in their own abilities and true conversational learning with their Educator and friends. Sustainability continues to be the focus of our programming, as we believe creating conscious citizens starts at an early age.



# Programming and Curriculum

**Children learn by exploration, experimentation and observation. The first 5 years of life is a time of rapid growth and development, where every moment matters.**

**We enable our little ones to expand their growing awareness** and appreciation of the world around them, working to establish a strong sense of curiosity, critical for future learning.

Our program and curriculum are continually evolving and carefully considered to be inspiring and wonderful, whilst ensuring safety and connection is our highest priority.

**We believe that every child should be able to develop at their own pace** but with the right support and guidance. Our programs introduce structured activities that are age-appropriate and based around child-led interests.

Fostering a passion for learning, we introduce early numeracy and literacy as children grow in a gentle and measured manner. As social and emotional intelligence takes leaps and bounces, activities around group interaction and participation are encouraged, whilst respecting personality and individuality.

**As children become preschoolers, we weave school readiness concepts into our Kindy rooms.** We include a variety of regular incursions and excursions to provide an opportunity for knowledge and interest expansion, as well as yoga and mindfulness exercises to allow for little minds to flow and little bodies to stretch.

We see every child as an individual who deserves their own ongoing learning and development plan to ensure they reach their full potential and are school ready! We set individual learning goals and provide 6 monthly check-ins on your child's development with families.





# Environments

Your little one learns through the building and sustaining of relationships, through interaction and engagement with others. The environment in which they spend their time is therefore an essential space, designed to facilitate and foster learning and creativity.

**Early childhood is a time of discovery;** and structured lesson plans are no match for genuine interest when it comes to learning. Our environments initiate self-discovery and intrigue.

**Our beautiful Early Learning Sanctuary has been carefully designed to allow deep connection with nature** to create conversation and catalyst for learning. Our purpose-built centre offers an abundance of natural light and easy access to the great outdoors.

**Our environments are built with nature and natural play** at their centre, with wood and other environmentally-sound materials carefully selected. We want to create environments where your little one is able to run, discover and play like children of days gone by. Safety is always considered, but with room for the adventurous at heart to explore and to build all-important gross motor skills.

# Atelier

**Creative expression is a window into the heart song of even the littlest people.**

Using art to guide and inform our child-led learning experiences, our Atelier plays a very important role in learning. The freedom to create and express, assists little ones to make sense of the world around them and to build on the learnings they encounter as they wander through their day-to-day lives.

We provide blank canvasses and catalysts of inspiration to facilitate their creative freedom. We allow your little one to choose what they wish to express. We encourage, rather than inform their choices, and refrain from overly-structured activities and templates.

Few things delight as much as the opportunity to see the world through your little one's eyes and art is wonderful medium in which to do so.





Tall Tree  
EARLY LEARNING

# School Readiness

Ready, Set, School.

**The transition into formal schooling can be exceptionally daunting. We will nurture your little one through these years and the emotional, social and physical skill set required.**

This program has been specifically designed for our children who are preparing to start school in the coming years and will equip them with all the necessary skills and knowledge to allow for their seamless transition into the formal school environment.

**Our School Readiness program includes developing those independent skills,** such as putting on and taking off coats, shoes and other clothing items. Placing our items back into our own bag. Asking to refill our water bottle and having a go ourself. Independent toileting and hygiene practices. Opening a lunchbox and closing it back up before we stow it away. Nothing overly daunting but just bit-by-bit support for the foundational aspects to their school day and building gentle confidence around them.

**Our preschool program teaches children about sustainability** and learning about the world around us. We incorporate sustainable practices into our daily routine including the importance of recycling and being an active member in our community.

In addition, we assist children to build self regulation skills and awareness of oneself. Through fun activities children will learn about teamwork, sharing, cooperating, showing empathy and turn taking.

Children can learn through play and fun, they just need the right guide. Let us guide your little one into this exciting new phase of their life



# Nutrition

Ensuring your little one is healthy, satiated and nourished is a passion for us; and so, Food Education is an essential component in each and every day.

***Our menus have been carefully designed by our team of chefs,*** ensuring a wholesome, healthy diet packed with a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, based around Australian Dietary Guidelines, but with informed input from Nutritionists.

***All of our meals are cooked in-house*** by our professional Cook and our menus are seasonal and based around locally and responsibly sourced ingredients. Our program encourages healthy eating and home-grown produce.

***As little ones start to express eating preference and develop their own palate,*** we create conversation around food preference and use group meal times as a way of gently encouraging through peer imitation and positive reinforcement. Eating is never forced, and little tummies are respected.

***We are a nut conscious centre*** and will ensure all food allergies are respected and given paramount importance. The safety of your little one is always our first and foremost concern.







# People

After over 28-years of owning and operating Early Childhood services, we have complete confidence in our ability to recognise those who are passionate about what they do. We know what we are looking for and we definitely know when we find it.

Our people are our investment. An investment in the future of our business and in the future of your family. For us, no greater investment exists. The Educators we hire have to be passionate, kind, nurturing, positive and motivated individuals or they're simply just not for us.

We want our people to be who your little one speaks to when they pick up that toy phone. The person who makes their eyes light up at the mere mention of their name. We don't expect to be their first word... but wouldn't mind being third or fourth.

Our Educators work in Early Childhood for this reason. They have passion for the education and care of children, they seek to create bonds and help your little one to thrive. We have Educators who cry at milestones because it means so much.





# Nursery | Karli

***6-weeks to Confident Walker***

***There is no point in a journey more important, than the start.***

Returning to work after having your baby is an extremely emotional time; and a monumental adjustment for you and your little one. We understand the challenges and the triumphs, the sleep deprivation and overwhelming to-do lists, not to mention the transition into a brand-new routine for your family.



Whether this is your first child, or you've been here before, we understand you will want to be kept informed about not just the particulars of eating, sleeping, nappies and mood; but of those precious little moments that make this time so special. Smiles, laughs, rolling, crawling, first friends, comforters, starting solids and your little one's ever-emerging personality. We will ensure you feel connected and comforted.

**Our Nursery Room is a safe and nurturing place for your baby to thrive. The Educators in this room are handpicked as our most nurturing, attentive and in-tune. The environment is carefully considered to be inspiring and wondrous but also safe, as this is the age of exploration and discovery, with everything ending up inside little mouths.**

The first year of life is a time of rapid growth and development, where every moment matters. Enabling our littlest ones to expand their growing awareness and appreciation of the world around them is imperative and works to establish a strong sense of curiosity, critical for future learning.

Babies learn by exploration, experimentation and observation, so there is always plenty to see, feel and do. We also understand however; that during this time of boundary testing and exploration, the world can be a scary and overwhelming place at times, so our focus, more than anything else, is to ensure that equally important sense of safety and connection.



# Babies | Bamba

*Confident Walker to 2-years*

So much to do and so much to learn,  
for such little people.



*The progression from Baby to Toddler is a time of rapid development and milestones.* A time of intense discovery and exploration as your little one learns to walk, learns to talk and starts to develop an even deeper sense of their environment. With this discovery of new skills, comes the intensifying of new emotions and a greater sense of self. Big leaps and even bigger emotions.

*In our Babies Room, we nurture little ones and allow them to develop that all-important sense self and independence;* whilst balancing their need for security and stability. Relationships come to the forefront, as they learn to decipher trust and navigate the tricky politics of first friendships through parallel play.

**We believe that every child should be able to develop at their own pace but with the right support and guidance. Here we start to introduce some structured activity, based around child-led interests.**

Sensory development and messy-play are introduced to encourage creative freedom and imagination, an all-important stepping stone on the way to fostering a love of learning.

Our environment is designed to inspire imagination and so, you'll find a lot of spare parts, life objects and blank canvasses to encourage your little one to create for themselves. We aim to encourage, never overwhelm.

Children are always able to choose what they engage with and learn; they will never be forced to participate. Whilst we have a Room Routine to allow consistency, there is always flexibility and freedom.

We will work with you on nap times, eating preferences, comforters, interests, likes, dislikes and any other aspect of their day you feel is important. The care and comfort of your little one is our number one priority.

Our babies are introduced to the natural world from a young age, utilising 4-seater strollers to enable them to join us on wonderful excursions in the countryside.



# Toddlers | Booyi

**2 to 3-years**

**A time when first friendships develop, and sense of self strengthens.**

Parallel play turns to social play and a whole new world opens up for little ones, as they learn, not just from the ideas they conjure; but from those born of the imaginations of others.

As your Toddler starts to step ever-so-lightly towards school readiness, their thirst for answers to their questions intensifies. The endless seeking of knowledge and information is the perfect time to gently introduce a more structured learning environment, without stepping away from our ethos of child-led learning opportunities.

**Through our carefully constructed internal and external environments,** we create catalysts of wonderment and excitement. Fostering a passion for learning and introducing early numeracy and literacy in a gentle and measured manner.

Social and emotional intelligence takes leaps and bounds at this age, so activities focused around group interaction and participation are encouraged, whilst respecting personality and individuality.

Awareness of toileting and development of taste preferences and palate are also key milestones at this age, so we work with you on developing these important areas.

**Building relationships and ensuring happy and healthy body, mind and soul** is at the heart of our Toddler Room, for this is where Tall Trees grow.





# Pre-Kindy | Kwilena

3-years to 4-years

A time in childhood to celebrate freedom, imagination and first friendships, as your little one tip toes towards starting school.



***Such a special time that can never be recreated. Never again will a time so full of wonderment and freedom exist.*** In their final years of pre-school, we believe children should enjoy the pure delight of being children. Running in fresh air, creating at will, climbing, imagining, forming a firm foundation of positivity and well-being, from which their future can spring.

Our environments are clean slates, with rustic charm, waiting for the inspiration and ideas of your little one, to bring them to life.

Programming and curriculum come more to the fore, to support developmental milestones. We work with you on any areas of concern in a positive and proactive manner, tailored to the personality and learning style of your child.







# Kindy | Kwila

4 to 5-years

The transition into formal schooling can be exceptionally daunting. We will nurture your little one through these years and the emotional, social and physical skill set required.



Through the forged partnerships we have in place with the local primary schools, we have arranged for our children to attend regular excursions, to get a firsthand feel for the school environment and routines they will face during their time in school. Our Qualified Early Childhood Teacher also works closely with the Kindy and Pre Primary Teachers to make sure that our curriculum is on track with what the schools are teaching, further enabling our children's smooth transition into school. We weave intentional learning moments delivered in a way that's fun and engaging.

Art and expression, friendship and independence, an introduction to early numeracy and literacy, our kindy room is the perfect stop on the way to your little one's final destination of conventional schooling.





# A Tall

Example of a  
daily routine



6:30am

7:30am

8:00am

8:30am

9:30am

10:45am

# Tree Day

Our Centre operates from  
6:30am until 6.00pm  
Monday through to Friday

Centre opens, breakfast available

Breakfast finishes

Indoor / Outdoor free play

Morning tea

Programmed experiences and Child-led learning

Mat session (Babies, Toddlers and Kindy)

**11.00am**

Lunch time

**11.30am**

Nap or Quiet time

**1.00pm**

Quiet time and Mindfulness i.e. Reading, Atelier Studio, Meditation

**3.00pm**

Afternoon Tea

**3.30pm**

Programmed outdoor experiences

**4.30pm**

Child-led play and exploration

**5.00pm**

Late snack

**5.15pm**

Sibling grouping until close



# New Family Checklist

Enrolling your little one into care can be an overwhelming process. Some of these things you may have already done, we just want to give you a little helping hand on what you need to do. If at any stage you have any questions, please let us know as we are only too happy to help.

Create a myGov account



Accept the 'Offer of Placement' from Tall Tree in Centrelink



Link Centrelink Services to your myGov account



Book in your Orientation



Ensure both yourself and your child have a Centrelink CRN



Provide up-to-date Immunisation record



Open Centrelink and complete a Child Care Subsidy (CCS) Claim - Note: Claims may take several weeks to be approved



Provide Birth Certificate



Confirm your CCS percentage and hours per fortnight



Complete "All About Me" Form at Orientation



Complete Enrolment Form



Receive a copy of the Family Handbook



Complete DebitSuccess Direct Debit Form



## For Day One

Clearly label all of your child's possessions



Pack your little one's bag



Download Storypark App so you can see what your little one is up to



Follow us on Social Media





## What to pack in my bag

- A backpack for all my belongings
- 4 x nappies (if required) or a change or two of underwear just in case
- Nappy cream (if required)
- Breast milk or formula (if required)
- Bottles (if required)
- Water bottle with my name on it
- Changes of clothes (see note below)
- Long-sleeved t-shirt for outdoor play
- Hat for outdoor play (Bucket or Legionnaire style, no peak caps)
- Seasonally-appropriate clothing (Jumper or Jacket for cooler months)
- A raincoat/waterproofs in Winter
- Sunscreen (if there's a certain brand I need)
- Please clearly label all my belongings so I know they're mine.



## Just a little note on clothing...

Early Childhood is messy and fun business. We ask that you only send little one's in clothes you are happy to come home paint-stained, muddy, scuffed or otherwise.

*We like to let children, be children.*

We cannot guarantee clothes will be returned in the condition you drop them off, so please only send children in clothing you are happy to be 'learned in'.



talltree.net.au

# Tall Tree

EARLY LEARNING

25 Koorana Road  
Mullaloo, WA 6027