

LOVARI

EARLY LEARNING

**Family
Handbook**



Welcome to Lovari

Love. Care. Inspire.

Welcome to Lovari Early Learning, a place where children can feel safe, known, connected and inspired to learn.

We believe the early years should be filled with meaningful relationships, curiosity, discovery, friendships, nature, creativity and plenty of opportunities to simply be a child.

As a family-owned early learning centre in Langford, we have created a warm, home away from home, where educators genuinely know the children and work closely with families.

We are so pleased you are considering Lovari for your child. We look forward to getting to know your family and becoming part of your child's early learning journey.

Our Lovari Community

Lovari Early Learning is a family-owned early learning service providing education and care for children from 6 weeks to 5 years.

We are open Monday to Friday, 6:30am to 6:00pm, 52 weeks of the year, excluding Western Australian public holidays.

OUR THREE ROOMS ARE DESIGNED AROUND THE NEEDS OF EACH STAGE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD:



Koala Room Babies from 6 weeks to 2 years

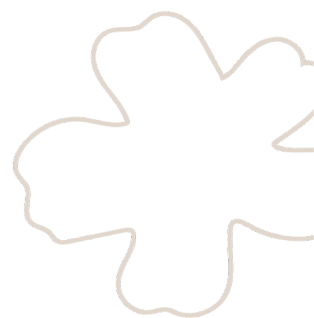


Joey Room Toddlers from 2 to 3 years



Wombat Room Kindy from 3 to 5 years

We are proud to offer a community where children are supported by consistent educators, meaningful relationships and an environment designed to encourage exploration and independence.



Lovari is more than a name.

It represents the values at the heart of everything we do.



LOVE

We nurture warm, responsive relationships so children feel safe, secure, respected and connected.



CARE

We see children as capable and confident learners. We listen carefully, respond thoughtfully and create environments where children can participate, make choices and build independence.



INSPIRE

We encourage curiosity, creativity, problem solving and a genuine love of learning. Children are active participants in their learning, and educators learn alongside them.

Our philosophy is influenced by Vygotsky, Loris Malaguzzi, Reggio Emilia and Friedrich Froebel, with a strong belief in the importance of nature, relationships and the environment as part of children's learning.



Nature is part of learning

At Lovari, the outdoor environment is not simply somewhere children go to play. It is an important part of our curriculum.



Our Bush Kinder approach gives children opportunities to explore, investigate, take appropriate risks, build resilience and develop a deep connection with the natural world.

With a spacious outdoor environment, natural materials, gardens, loose parts and real animals, children can learn through hands-on experiences that connect learning to the world around them.

We believe children learn through doing. Digging, building, climbing, planting, caring, collecting, observing, creating and wondering all become opportunities for learning.

Our Animal Family

Our animals are a special part of life at Lovari.

Children have opportunities to observe and learn about:



Elsa, our python



Leroy, our bobtail lizard



Maisy and Daisy, our chickens



Karr, our tarantula



Our adopted chicks through the
Hatching WA Incursion

Caring for living things supports empathy, responsibility, confidence and respect.

Our animal experiences are carefully supervised and embedded into learning, giving children opportunities to ask questions, develop understanding and build genuine connections with the natural world.



Fees and Inclusions

Simple, clear and designed with families in mind.

Our daily fee is \$155 per day before Child Care Subsidy.

Fees are paid two weeks in advance and statements are provided weekly. Families can access their account information through Kidsoft.

Child Care Subsidy

Many families are eligible for Child Care Subsidy, which can reduce the amount you pay. Your CCS entitlement depends on factors including family income, activity levels and your circumstances.

We encourage families to complete their CCS arrangements through myGov and keep their Centrelink information up to date.

Flexible Makeup Days

We understand that family life does not always go to plan.

Lovari offers flexible make-up days to help families make the most of their enrolment and provide greater flexibility when children are unable to attend, subject to availability and our current make-up day arrangements.

Whats Included:

Your daily fee includes:

- 🌿 Nutritious breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
- 🌿 Halal meals
- 🌿 Nappies
- 🌿 A rich educational program
- 🌿 Bush Kinder and nature-based learning
- 🌿 Real animal experiences
- 🌿 Indoor and outdoor learning environments
- 🌿 Daily communication through Storypark

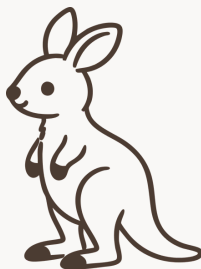
Our Rooms



Koala Room (Babies)

A calm and nurturing beginning.

We support babies at their own pace, building secure relationships and responding to individual routines, interests and cues. Experiences include sensory exploration, movement, music, stories, outdoor play and opportunities to develop confidence and independence.



Joey Room (Toddlers)

Exploration, independence and social growth.

Our toddler environment supports children as they become increasingly independent. Educators provide meaningful experiences that encourage communication, relationships, problem solving, movement and discovery.



Wombat Room (Kindy)

Confidence and school readiness.

Our Kindy program supports children to develop confidence, independence, communication, early literacy and numeracy understandings, social skills and the dispositions they need for a positive transition to school.

Our Educators

Children thrive when they know the adults caring for them, and when those adults genuinely know them.

Our educators are passionate early childhood professionals who value relationships, consistency and thoughtful teaching.

Our team includes highly qualified educators, with 90% of our educators holding a Diploma qualification. Many educators have been part of the centre for more than five years, bringing valuable experience and continuity to our community.

Educators consider each child's interests, abilities, culture, language, family circumstances and individual ways of learning when planning experiences.

We also invest in professional learning so our team can continue to grow, reflect and strengthen their practice.



How our children learn at Lovari

Our educational program is guided by the Early Years Learning Framework V2.0.

We use intentional, play-based learning to support every child's development and wellbeing.

Children's interests, ideas, questions, culture, abilities and family knowledge help shape our program.



LEARNING MIGHT LOOK LIKE:

investigating a question

building and designing

creating art

caring for animals and gardens

experimenting with natural materials

developing friendships

learning to communicate and solve problems

becoming more independent

exploring early literacy and numeracy

developing confidence for school and beyond

Educators observe, document, reflect and plan so learning continues to grow from children's experiences.

Belonging. Being. Becoming.

The early years are about more than preparing children for school.



BELONGING

Children develop a sense of belonging through relationships with family, educators, friends, community and place.



BEING

Children deserve time to explore, play, wonder, develop relationships and enjoy childhood in the present.



BECOMING

Children are constantly developing new knowledge, skills, identities and understandings as they grow.

Our goal is to nurture children who feel secure in who they are, confident to have a go, curious about the world and ready to continue learning.

Your child's day

Every child's day at Lovari is different, but each day is built around relationships, learning, play, wellbeing and connection.



A typical day may include:

- Arrival and connection with educators
- Indoor and outdoor play
- Intentional learning experiences
- Bush Kinder and nature exploration
- Meals and social experiences
- Rest or quiet time
- Creative experiences
- Music, movement and physical play
- Animal and garden experiences
- Opportunities for independence
- Reflection and connection with educators

Routines are flexible and responsive to children's individual needs, particularly for babies and younger children.

Food Nutrition Mealtimes



We believe mealtimes are about more than food.
They are opportunities for connection,
conversation, independence and learning.

We provide breakfast, morning tea, lunch and
afternoon tea each day. Meals are planned to
support children's growth and wellbeing and are
prepared by a qualified cook.

We provide halal options and work with families
to understand children's dietary requirements,
allergies and individual needs.

For babies, we work closely with families to
support breastfeeding, expressed breastmilk
and formula feeding arrangements.

Families are welcome to talk with educators
about their child's eating habits, preferences
and changing needs.



What you need to bring

We provide so much for your child during the day, but there are a few things we ask families to bring.

EVERY DAY

- Clearly labelled bag
- Complete change of clothes
- Labelled drink bottle
- Sun protective hat
- Any required comfort item
- Required medication, supplied directly to an educator

Please choose comfortable clothing that allows your child to move, climb, explore and participate freely.

Nappies are provided by Lovari.

We ask that children leave toys from home at home. Our rooms are thoughtfully resourced with developmentally appropriate toys, books, equipment and natural materials.

Starting Lovari

Starting somewhere new is a big step for children and families.

We offer free orientation visits, typically two or more when needed, so your child can become familiar with their educators, room, routines and new environment before their first full day.

During orientation, we take the time to learn about your child:

What helps them settle?

What do they enjoy?

What are their routines?

How do they communicate?

What comforts them?

What is important to your family?

Some children settle quickly, while others need more time. Both are completely normal.

We will work with you to create a gentle, responsive transition and keep communication open throughout the process.



Staying Connected

We believe the best outcomes for children happen when families and educators work together.

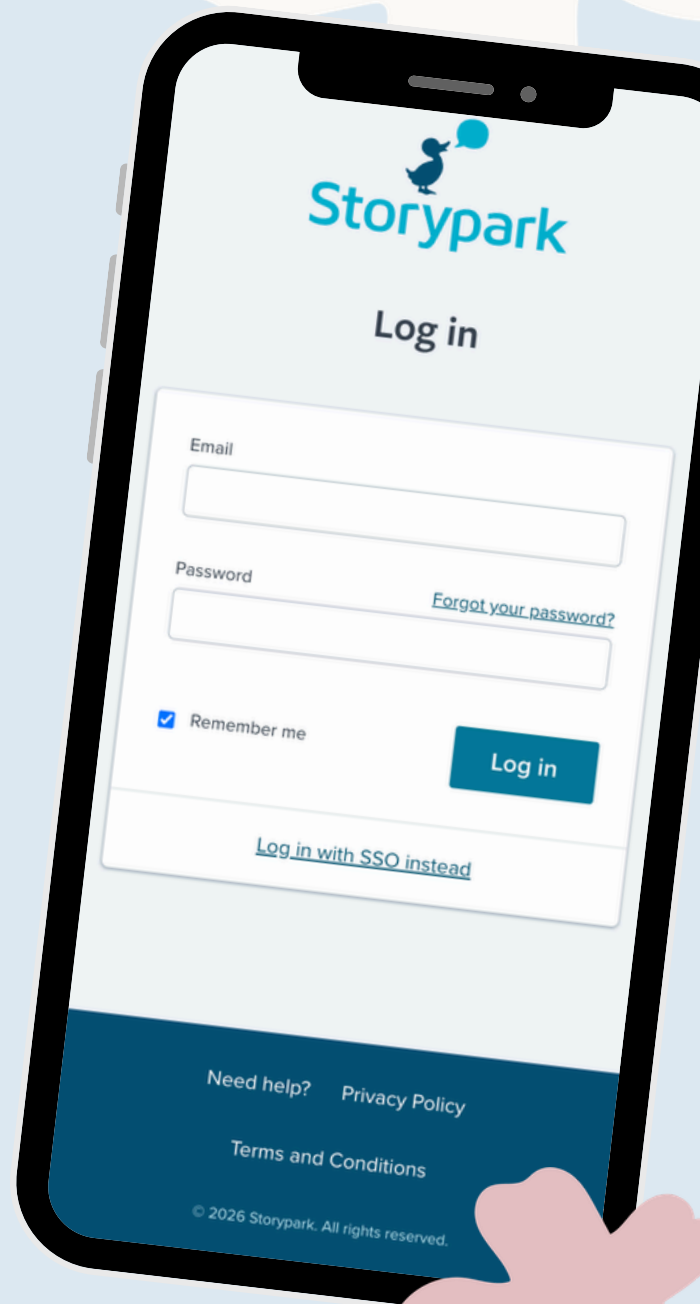
Storypark gives families real-time updates about their child's day, learning and experiences.

We also communicate through:

- Face-to-face conversations
- Phone calls
- Emails
- Newsletters
- Family meetings
- Service updates and notices

If you would like a longer conversation about your child, we are always happy to arrange a time when educators can give you their full attention.

Our door is always open, and your knowledge of your child is an important part of our program.



Health, Wellbeing and Rest

Your child's wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. We support children's physical, social, emotional and mental wellbeing through relationships, movement, music, mindfulness, relaxation, active play and opportunities to develop confidence and self-regulation.

Rest and sleep routines are individualised. We provide cots and beds, calm environments and quiet alternatives for children who do not sleep.

If your child becomes unwell while attending, we will contact you or an authorised nominee and follow our health and illness procedures to protect your child and our wider community.





Sun safety and outdoor play

Outdoor play is an important part of every child's day at Lovari.

We follow a SunSmart approach and use a combination of sun protection measures when UV levels are 3 or above.

Our educators also monitor weather conditions, UV levels, shade and outdoor surfaces to help keep children safe while they explore.

Children need:

- A broad brimmed or legionnaire style hat
- Appropriate sun protective clothing
- Suitable footwear
- We supply SPF50+ sunscreen

Families are asked to apply sunscreen before arrival so children can participate in outdoor play without delay.



Inclusion, Culture and Belonging.

Every child and every family has a place at Lovari. We value the cultures, languages, traditions, family structures, abilities and experiences that children bring with them.

We work with families to provide equitable participation and support children with additional needs. Where appropriate, we collaborate with families, therapists and other professionals to support continuity of learning and care.

We also provide halal options and welcome families to share their languages, celebrations, cultural knowledge and traditions.

We respect and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives and are committed to creating an environment where every child can develop a strong sense of identity and belonging.

Child safety comes first

Children have the right to feel safe, respected and protected.



Lovari is committed to creating a child safe environment and maintaining strong practices to prevent and respond to abuse, harm and neglect.

Our commitment includes:

- Child safe recruitment and Working with Children Checks
- Mandatory reporting responsibilities
- Child protection training
- Safe supervision and risk management
- Clear expectations for professional conduct
- Safe use of images, technology and online environments
- Listening to children and taking their concerns seriously

We have zero tolerance for inappropriate behaviour towards children.

If you ever have a concern about your child's safety or wellbeing, please speak with our leadership team.

Safety, Health and Risk Management

Children need opportunities to explore, challenge themselves and take appropriate risks. Our responsibility is to create environments where this can happen safely.

We complete regular risk assessments and daily safety checks across our indoor and outdoor environments.

Emergency and evacuation procedures are practised throughout the year, including required emergency rehearsals.

Educators maintain current first aid, CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis qualifications as required.

Families play an important role too. Please help us keep everyone safe by supervising your child closely during arrival and departure, holding hands in the carpark and ensuring entry gates and doors remain secure.



Families are apart of Lovari

You are your child's first and most influential educator.
We want families to feel genuinely welcomed and involved in the life of our centre.

There are many ways to be part of Lovari:

Share your family culture or home language

Tell us about your child's interests

Share a family tradition

Read a story with the children

Talk about your occupation or hobby

Share recyclable or interesting materials

Provide feedback about your child's learning

Join special events and celebrations

Suggest ideas for our program

You do not need lots of spare time to be involved.

Even a conversation at drop-off, a family photo or sharing something special from home can help us build a richer understanding of your child.





Our Community. Our Responsibility.

Lovari is part of the Langford community, and we want children to develop a sense of connection to the people and places around them.

Through sustainability, nature, community experiences and relationships, children learn that they can contribute and make a difference.

Our sustainability practices include recycling, conserving water and energy, caring for gardens and living things, and encouraging children to think about fairness, responsibility and caring for the environment.

We want children to leave Lovari not only ready for school, but ready to participate confidently and compassionately in the wider world.



A few important things to remember

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Please sign your child in and out each day and ensure only authorised people collect your child.

ABSENCES

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will be absent.

MEDICATION

Required medication must be provided directly to an educator and meet our medication requirements.

ILLNESS

Please keep your child home when they are unwell or meet the relevant exclusion requirements.

FEES

Fees are payable in accordance with your enrolment agreement. Please speak with us early if you are experiencing financial difficulty.

POLICIES

Our full policies and procedures are available for families to access. Please ask us if you would like to view a particular policy or discuss how something works at Lovari.



Welcome to the Lovari Family

We are so excited to welcome you.

Thank you for trusting Lovari Early Learning with such an important part of your child's life.

Our hope is that when your child walks through our doors, they feel known, valued, capable and loved.

That they can get muddy, ask questions, climb, create, discover, make friends, care for living things, try something new and know that there is always someone here cheering them on.

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We look forward to getting to know your family.

