


## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHILD

 Moreland Early Years Management	Child's Name	
	Child's Kindergarten	
	Child's Program/Group	

We would love to know more about you and your child. Please complete this form so we can gain an understanding of your child's interests and needs and your expectations. This forms an essential part of building relationships between families and educators and assists us in planning and developing goals for your child's time at kindergarten.

***You will be able to book your orientation online via a link to be emailed to you later in January.***

### **Please remember to bring the following to orientation:**

- Getting to know your child form (this form)
- Immunisation History Statement with all immunisations up to date (downloaded from [www.my.gov.au](http://www.my.gov.au) )
- Medical Action Plan (if required by child)
- Family photo and individual child photo (any size)

Who does your child live with (name and relationship)

How would you describe your child, happy, curious, active, relaxed, shy? What makes your child happy or, soothes your child if upset?

Has your child expressed any concerns about kindergarten / does your child have any fears or worries?

Has your child ever been in care or attended another Early Childhood Program?

For children attending the 3yo program, are you aware that your child cannot attend two years of 3yo kinder?

We are interested in what your child has to say. Could you ask your child "What are you most looking forward to when you come to kindergarten?  
Provide response here:

Does your child have any special interests, friendships? e.g., topics, activities that engage your child in play, pets, community activities, extended family?

What aspects of your family culture or way of life would you like to see included in the preschool program? Do you have any special skills or interests that you might like to share in the program?

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your child or family?

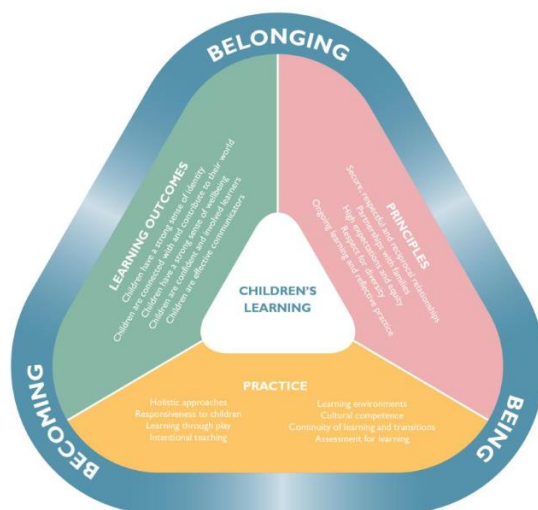
Your child may wish to draw a picture to show something that he/she would like the teachers to know about before they start kindergarten and/or something that he/she is looking forward to doing at kindergarten. If your child would like to do this, please provide on a separate piece of paper, and please write the words your child says when talking about the drawing.

## Goals and Aspirations

MEYM Kindergartens implement a play-based curriculum built around the National Early Years Learning Framework. Kindergarten lays the foundation for development and learning. Reflecting on and critically evaluating our practice is a core part of all early childhood professionals' work and is at the heart of maintaining a learning culture linked with continuous improvement. We focus on addressing the developmental needs, interests and experiences of each child, taking into account individual differences. The early years are critical for establishing self-esteem, resilience, healthy growth and capacity to learn.

The goals for the program and for all children are reflecting of the following 5 Learning Outcomes of the National Framework:

- Children have a strong sense of identity (Identity)
- Children are connected with, and contribute to their world (Community)
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing (Wellbeing)
- Children are confident and involved learners (Learning)
- Children are effective communicators (Communication)



MEYM provides high-quality programs based upon children's interests and abilities which are stimulating, challenging, inspiring and fun. Children will have the opportunity to explore, discover, wonder and develop a love of nature. They will express their creativity in dramatic, constructive and sensory play and learn to work and collaborate with others in group activities. They will build upon their communication skills in conversations with other children and teachers and develop the skills they need for reading, writing and mathematics. Our teachers facilitate meaningful learning opportunities for children to develop their language, social, emotional, motor and cognitive abilities. Attending our program will assist children to develop confidence, resilience and independence making for a smooth transition to Prep.

**Expectations and Goals:** Please let us know what you hope your child will achieve at kindergarten this year.