



CONTINUITY *of learning*

Kindergartens on school sites are a relatively new learning environment for children in Queensland and they are somewhat different to a Long Day Care environment.

Supporting the continuity of learning for each child, building positive partnerships with parents and supporting families are vitally important to kindergartens.

"Catholic Kindergartens value parent's feedback. Parents often discuss the kindergarten day with their child's teacher and ask whether their child is making friends, learning well and coping with change," says Townsville Catholic Education Early Childhood Adviser, Mrs Lee-Ann Barton.

The kindergarten program provides a balance of intentional teaching and child-initiated learning through inquiry-based and purposeful play environments. Children are given ownership of their learning through the programs.

Ryan Catholic Kindergarten Teacher-Director, Mrs Nicole Kennedy says, "Children engage in a supportive learning environment that provides for

the best start to their learning journey and transition to school. A strong focus is placed on children building friendships, social skills, resilience and good communication."

Kindergarten children engage within the Catholic school community. Mrs Kennedy highlights that children visit the library, the local parish church, special school events such as NAIDOC celebrations, fun-runs, sports carnivals, art programs and assemblies. "Parents really like their children participating in the life of the school," she says.

St. Joseph's Kindergarten Teacher Mrs Natalie Ryan explains that children learn the essential literacy and numeracy concepts that build solid foundations for successful life-long learning and readiness for school. All children and staff are supported by specialists such as Speech Pathologist, disability support personnel and

numeracy mentors. "A parent recently said, "I appreciate that the kindergarten program supports my child's needs and meets the expectations of Prep," says Mrs Ryan.

Children are innately spiritual and kindergartens welcome and embrace all cultural and spiritual backgrounds.

St. Clare's Kindergarten Teacher Director, Mrs Stephanie Corradini emphasises that, "we nurture each child's spirituality and wellbeing by actively participating in calming routines as Christian Meditation." Mrs. Corradini tells that parents like their children learning to relax and being still with Jesus.

"The connection Catholic kindergartens have with schools and parishes provide a smoother transition and continuity for learning for each child and a greater capacity to support families in our community," says Mrs Barton.



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