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WELCOME TO BAMBINI



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We value each moment, of each day, together

At Bambini, we believe in the power of partnerships and the profound impact they have on a child's journey.

Every child is an active citizen, deserving of respect from birth, with big dreams that must be nurtured so they can one day become a reality.

We cherish the role we play, knowing that being entrusted with the care and education of young children is a privilege.

Our mission is simple: children are our future and at Bambini, we strive to nurture and empower them beyond expectations.

We invite you and your child to experience Bambini's tailored approach — support, explore, learn and create.





Acknowledgment of Country

Bambini acknowledges Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land.

We Thank You for sharing and caring for the land, on which we live,
learn, teach and play.

We share our friendship and kindness.



Our Commitment to Reconciliation





BAMBINI PHILOSOPHY

At Bambini, we recognise that all children are confident and capable learners. We encourage children to take charge of their own learning journeys and advocate for their development. Each child is unique, and we prioritise their emotional and social well-being by providing an inclusive environment.

The Child Safe Standards are central to our philosophy, which guide us in championing children's rights and creating a safe and accepting space for all families in our community. We celebrate belonging by fostering reciprocal and respectful relationships, ensuring that every moment of learning reflects our commitment to listening to children, valuing their voice and upholding their worth.

LIFE-LONG LEARNING

We strive to instill values of respect, kindness and self-worth, believing that children, families and educators co-exist together to achieve the common goal of building a love for lifelong learning.

We passionately design environments that ensure your child feels safe and secure, while providing opportunities for open exploration in sensory-rich spaces that encourage discovery, self-expression, creative and aesthetic enjoyment. Our thoughtfully curated indoor and outdoor learning environments inspire limitless curiosity and discovery.

We believe in fostering eco-literacy throughout our services and protecting our planet through sustainable practices. All our centers are inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach, which values the importance of building and nurturing reciprocal relationships as the foundation for providing your child with optimal learning. This belief is at the core of everything we do.

We pay our respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, the Traditional Custodians of our land on which we learn and play. Our community and values embrace diversity, celebrating various cultures and traditions, reflecting a beautifully rich, culturally sensitive environment.

WE BELIEVE:

- That families are their child's first educator.
- That all families have valuable voices that will play an active part in the Bambini community.
- That families are encouraged to contribute and be regularly updated of their child's progress and development.
- That each family's choice should be valued and respected, acknowledging culture, spirituality, belief and faith.
- Children learn by observing and experiencing the world around them.
- When children observe respectful relationships between educators and parents, they learn valuable life lessons. Through these interactions, children are introduced to adult relationships based on cooperation and collaboration.

Our goal is to ensure that your family, as part of our Bambini community, feels a strong sense of belonging and purpose throughout this journey. We understand that building a close partnership requires ongoing effort and care, and we are committed to nurturing this collaboration every step of the way.

NURTURE AND EDUCATE

Our philosophy is about children being supported in a play-based environment that encourages children to 'seek out answers'





Bambini is inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach.

Reggio Emilia is a small town located in Northern Italy, where the beginnings of an inspirational education program was launched over 50 years ago, and continues today.

The Reggio Emilia approach is internationally known for its influences on the education and care of all children. This learning has become a source of motivation for educators within the industry, to promote children's development through experiences, which engages them to explore, discover, inspire, prompting young minds in their imagination, and challenging their thinking.

The Reggio Emilia Approach provokes a richness of learning in an environment that scaffolds children's learning in play spaces to make their learning visible.

Loris Malaguzzi was the founder of the Reggio Emilia educational philosophy. In 1963, he began working with the cities administration on opening the first municipal schools. He had a vision to inspire young children, for lifelong learning.

Loris Malaguzzi wrote the inspiration the hundred languages poem that we connect with so much here at Bambini.

BAMBINI CURRICULUM

Bambini is committed to providing your child with dedicated educators that will nurture and facilitate your child's growth and support them meeting developmental milestones. Social interactions between children also play a vital part in their learning as we create learning spaces that present opportunity for children to interact with peers within their own age group, but different age groups too. Ensuring our learning environments are safe, secure and stimulating provides the children with the self-confidence to thrive in our early learning settings.

At Bambini, we support an emergent curriculum guided by children's development, interests, suggestions and ideas. Educators observe and engage with each child, interpreting their collected information to channel into intentional focuses or learning within their environment

To support our emergent curriculum, educators use provocations to build on children's existing knowledge and introduce new concepts. These intentional experiences are used to provoke conversation, thoughts, creations and gaining a deeper understanding, which then influence the emergent curriculum..

NURTURE AND EDUCATE

Our Bambini services maintain high standards of early childhood education and care and uphold our commitment to excellence.

Through strong foundations of learning, Bambini implements its own bespoke layer to our curriculum.

We are proud to deliver **Nurture and Educate**, a bespoke approach based on education and care concepts. It is inclusive of the National Quality Standards and Early Years Learning Frameworks, underpinned by the Reggio Emilia approach and 21st Century Learning concepts. Nurture and Educate clearly defines Bambini's core values and strengths and sets our bespoke curriculum apart

NURTURE - Comprehensive care and development program.

Our Nurture Ambassadors support families and educators throughout our infant age groups. They share and build their knowledge specific to the age, to provide children and families with holistic developmental support and establish high quality practice and care within the service. Soft structure is incorporated in Nurture education spaces, to facilitate nonverbal and verbal language, facilitate expression and build the foundation of a love child learning.

Bambini has partnered with experts in their fields such as sleep specialists, child development experts and allies in parenting to provide training and knowledge to both educators and families to ensure well rounded care, provide up to date knowledge and expertise and to positively advocate for children's development whilst in Bambini and beyond.

EDUCATE - Bambini's advanced methodology

The prominent Bambini bridge between Nurture and Educate is the exclusive addition of **Bambini Scouts**. Bambini Scouts fosters children's academic journey that seamlessly transitions through Kinder readiness to school readiness.

Bambini Scouts facilitates structured learning opportunities and routines with life skills embedded in curriculum,. Time in kinder spaces is further extended through learning beyond the classroom. This includes excursions, outings, and in some services, the he implementation of Bush Kinder. Educate curriculums also have a focus on STEM concepts, phonics introduction and each services hand selected Creative Specialists and programs provide a well-rounded and holistic platform to scaffold both kinder and school readiness.

Our Educate philosophy also promotes strengthening of teacher and educator capabilities alongside ongoing partnerships with external services to continually and consistently provide expert guidance in areas such as toileting training and emotional development.



Bambini understands that during the first few years of a child's life, their needs significantly differ as they grow



PROJECT BASED LEARNING

At Bambini, we promote project-based learning. This method of learning supports children to delve deeper into topics of interest. Extended learning builds on children's investigation skills alongside critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork. Project work allows for authentic and engaging learning experiences, exposing children to deeper questions and more complex challenges.

Project work is often led by the children and their interest in investigating further. Allowing our projects to continue without any time limits or adult directed expectations gives children the opportunity to advocate for their leaning and fosters decision-making skills.

Project-based work offers children the opportunity to explore cause and effect, pursue their own questions, and engage in inquiry-based learning. This approach encourages independence, empowering children as they advocate for their learning. By investing in their own knowledge, they not only deepen their understanding but also see their interests and identities reflected in their learning environments.

This engaging involvement in their learning builds children's creative and critical thinking skills that are necessary for lifelong learning.

Educators enrich learning by incorporating real-world connections through excursions, incursions, and provocations. This approach fosters the application and master of skills and the development of positive learning habits, making learning engaging and enjoyable.

ENVIRONMENT AS THE THIRD EDUCATOR

Our indoor and outdoor environments are designed to inspire and promote each child's learning journey. The environments flow seamlessly from one to another to create an interconnected experience linking learning experiences, to create an ever-evolving opportunity for growth.

Outdoor environments provide opportunities to learn through play, enabling access to materials that stimulate investigation and reflection, and are enriched with natural resources and opportunities to connect with nature.

Our indoor environments have been supplied with the latest resources and furniture to encourage children's inquisitive nature in every age group.

Our philosophy supports an Indoor/Outdoor curriculum to be implemented throughout our services, providing the children with choice and agency in their learning environments. Both learning areas are planned for contributing to play-based learning throughout the children's day; no matter what space they are in!

BAMBINI EDUCATION FOR DIFFERENT AGES

Bambini recognises that a child's needs evolve significantly during their early years. To support this, Bambini maintains age-specific groups in each room, ensuring every child's needs are not only met, but exceeded, with experiences designed to challenge and enhance their ongoing development. Our programs also reflect and support developmental milestones tailored for each child.

While our room sizes are kept small and age groups are closely aligned, we offer children the opportunity to engage with peers of different ages in our spacious, shared outdoor play areas. Mixed-aged environments support all children to build confidence and further develop their communication and interpersonal skills. Through mixed interactions younger children learn from and are mentored by their older peers, whilst older children are provided opportunities to refine their communication and skills, fostering the development of both fine and gross motor skills through observation and play.

NURSERY PROGRAM

Full of changes and growth, the infant stage of development should be nurtured through fostering natural curiosity, whilst maintaining a sense of security and the familiar. Our nursery environments are enriched with sensory exploration opportunities along with dedicated sleep and rest spaces that support a homelike atmosphere, contributing to a seamless transition from home to care.

TODDLER PROGRAM

A developing independence is often a driving force within the Toddler age group. Bambini provides opportunities for Toddlers to explore and grow their self-confidence and sense of self, whilst also becoming more aware of others and their needs and interests. We provide children with the platform to be advocates for their own learning whilst scaffolding child-led interests and supporting developmental milestones.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The next step in the child's development and learning is fostered through the Pre-Kindergarten programs. These programs provide more structured learning opportunities, group projects, and regular outings and excursions encourage a deeper connection with the wider community.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Bambini Kindergarten programs promote social and emotional intelligence, preparing children for the next step in their academic journey. Children are supported to further build a range of learning dispositions including resilience, problem solving skills, critical thinking, creativity and self-expression. Learning environments reflect more complex materials and ideas for children to engage with and explore.

CREATIVE SPECIALISTS





The years of early childhood are fast paced,; with every moment being an opportunity for further learning and experiencing social, emotional and cognitive development for children.

We provide varied, fulfilling ways to engage your child in our curriculum, whilst also listening to our wider community as to what we implement into our extracurricular learning and why.

This is where Bambini enhances learning through the implementation of Creative Specialists.

Creative specialist capture a holistic approach to development which includes elements of creativity, exercise, science, movement, language, literacy, and socialisation. Creative specialist classes are available service wide, for all age groups.

Creative specialists are a mix of in-house Bambini Educators and Staff alongside external organisations that are experts in their areas of knowledge and education. Creative Specialists groups provide experiences in learning areas that not only support children in our learning environments but are also a reflection of each Bambini service. Whilst our classes may differ between locations, these differences have a special meaning and are often a direct result of each services unique philosophy and approach, alongside listening to child's voice, educator consideration and the wider community.

Please speak to service you wish to enroll in to find out more about their Creative Specialists Classes embedded in their service.

OUR CREATIVE SPECIALISTS CLASSES MAY INCLUDE:

- Art classes
- Nature Play Programs
- Bush Kinder
- Sport
- Yoga and Mindfulness
- Music
- Language, including Auslan
- Aged Care Visits/Intergenerational Program
- Science
- Local Primary School visits/connections
- Kitchen and Garden projects
- Library partnerships

BAMBINI FACILITIES



Our world-class facilities are designed specifically to nurture your child, in keeping with our philosophy of the environment as the third educator. Every part of our indoor and outdoor areas are designed with intention to create calming yet engaging spaces to let your child thrive.



WE PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Providing a safe environment for our children, families, staff & visitors to our centres is paramount.

As part of our commitment to safety and emergency management, we conduct regular emergency preparedness & fire equipment training delivered by an accredited emergency response organisation.

We perform simulated emergency evacuation drills to best prepare all children and staff in the event of an emergency.

What we find with continuous practice is children react in a calm manner, prepared to follow safety procedures run by educators followed by a smooth evacuation.

We ensure the safety features of our buildings the known as "Essential Safety Measures" are serviced and maintained at intervals as set out by Australian Standards, Building Acts an State and National legislation.

"Essential Safety Measures" are our first line of defense in an emergency or fire situation, poorly maintained or non-maintained Essential Safety Measures put lives at risk.

- Monthly emergency management exercises (either an evacuation drill or emergency lockdown drill)
- Annual emergency preparedness training and
- fire equipment training delivered by an
- accredited emergency response organisation
- Monthly fire panels testing
- Monthly fire sprinkler testing
- 6 monthly fire extinguisher testing
- 6 monthly emergency lighting testing
- Quarterly exit door checks
- Quarterly paths of travel to exit or discharge from
- exit checks
- We annually engage an independent auditor, who audits each building, audits service provider logbooks, our internal safety checks and observes an evacuation drill.

If all is in order an AESMR issued (annual essential safety measures report) which certifies the building as safe to occupy.

All Bambini Centres offer open, light-filled spaces free from clutter with different zones to promote collaboration, communication and exploration.







BAMBINI NUTRITION

We believe healthy eating habits are instilled at a young age, which guides our approach to nutrition. To ensure that your child has the energy they need to fulfill their potential, we provide a nutritious homemade menu created by our in-house chefs.

NOURISHING YOUR CHILD

Our menus rotate every four weeks to make the most of fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables.

Every menu is focused on the specific nutritional needs of each age group, utilising fresh produce in a variety of recipes to match children's dietary requirements, as per Nutrition Australia.

Chefs are encouraged to be creative in their recipe selections to find a balance between optimal nutrients and delicious flavours.

Each of our qualified chefs have experience in catering for food allergies and intolerances along with cultural requirements.





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NURTURING A LOVE OF FOOD

Mealtime at Bambini is never rushed and is enjoyed as a moment to come together and share a conversation.

Mealtimes are viewed as an opportunity to practice self-help skills, as the children are encouraged to self serve and feed themselves.

Every child is encouraged to take their time and make decisions about what they eat while being supported to experience new textures and tastes. If a child isn't comfortable with the daily menu selection, they are offered alternatives.

We believe in keeping routines flexible to align with home life and the daily needs of the individual child.

BAMBINI SPRING/SUMMER MENU

All our Bambini menus have been assessed by the Healthy Eating Advisory Service and meet the menu-planning guidelines for healthy eating from Nutrition Australia.

We cater for children with food allergies, intolerances, food preferences and cultural needs, ensuring their individual health needs are met.

Please note the Bambini menu will constantly change with seasonal produce.



BAMBINI SUSTAINABILITY

Watching fresh vegetables grow, then move from garden to table fosters a deep sense of pride for the children; knowing that they are able to contribute to and share with community





Bambini prioritises our impact on the environment and teaches children ways they can reduce their carbon footprint. Not only do our centres adopt sustainable practises, but these values are also embedded in our curriculum as we support children see and explore their role in the community and a more sustainable future.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Each centre's community gardens are a point of focus and discussion for all children in our care. Our educators spend plentiful time with the children planting fruit and vegetables which they help to nourish and feed as they grow.

Once our plants are sprouting and have delivered us fresh produce, children help to pick and share these with our in- house chefs to be a part of our seasonal menus for every child's enjoyment.

Watching fresh vegetables grow, then move from garden to table, fosters a deep sense of pride for the children,; knowing that they are able to contribute to and share with community.

This process also highlights the importance of nurturing our environment and keep it lively for us and those who come after us.

RECYCLED RESOURCES

Within each service, we have a commitment to using recycled and natural materials within our art projects or for in-room experiences, including loose parts play. Recycled parts play a fantastic role in the curriculum as they can be turned into an endless cycle of imaginary creations.

We encourage all family's involvement in our sustainability journey and support their contributions whether in the or form of recycled items, opportunities, collaborations with community groups.

BAMBINI ENROLMENT PROCESS

All enrolments for Bambini Early Learning Centres are handled by our Support Office.

STEP 1 - INITIAL ENGAGEMENT

Call our Bambini Support Office on 03 9699 3980 or alternatively you can submit your enquiry through our website at www.bambini.au

STEP 2 – JOIN OUR WAITLIST

Please choose the Bambini centre that you would like to join. Enter the required details onto our Waitlist and then one of our friendly team will follow up to organise a mutually convenient time to tour your preferred Centre.

STEP 3 – CENTRE TOUR

A Centre tour is the perfect way for parents to experience the Bambini way, seeing a world where children are inspired to explore, learn and grow.

Choosing the right childcare centre is one of the most important decisions you will make for your child.

STEP 4 – ENROLMENT OFFER

Our Support Office will send you an Enrolment Offer which details your enrolment position.

In order to secure your child's place, you are required to complete the online enrolment form within 48 hours, pay a \$300 refundable bond per child and a non-refundable administration fee of \$100 per child which is payable via credit card.

The enrolment form and direct debit details must be completed prior to commencement





STEP 5 – ENROLMENT CONFIRMATION

Our Support office will send you an email to advise your offer has been confirmed and your child is ready to formally begin their early learning journey with Bambini.

STEP 6 – ORIENTATION DAY

Orientation is an important first step, allowing your child to connect with our centre and our Educators. Some familiarity will help ease the new routine and assist with smoother transition.

We recommend at least 2 orientation sessions. These orientation sessions are free of charge. Families are asked to stay onsite for the duration the orientation.

You will receive your special Welcome Bag to say thank you and hopefully make you feel more comfortable and prepared for the beginning of your early learning journey at Bambini.

STEP 7 – FIRST DAY

What to bring on your first day: hat (no hat, no outdoor play); drink bottle; security blanket / soft toy; family photograph.

Bambini Parent Communication App - you will need to set up your account on the Bambini App that we use for regular communication with parents. Your Centre Manager will provide you the link to the App.

You will also receive a Bambini QR code for our Quality Improvement Plan.

STEP 8 – PERMANENT CHANGES TO BOOKINGS

You will need to provide your Centre Manager with 2 weeks notice for any permanent changes to your bookings.

STEP 9 – END OF ENROLMENT

Minimum 2 week's written notice is required to end your enrolment.







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