

How can I access this program?

Referral to the ECDP can be made by a:

- Medical specialist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Paediatrician
- Senior Guidance Officer from Education Queensland
- Allied Health Services

All referrals are made in consultation with families.

Information collected from the referral agencies are collated and sent to the Regional Education Office for approval.

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Where to find us?

The **Early Childhood Development Program** is located in the grounds of the Mount Ommaney Special School.

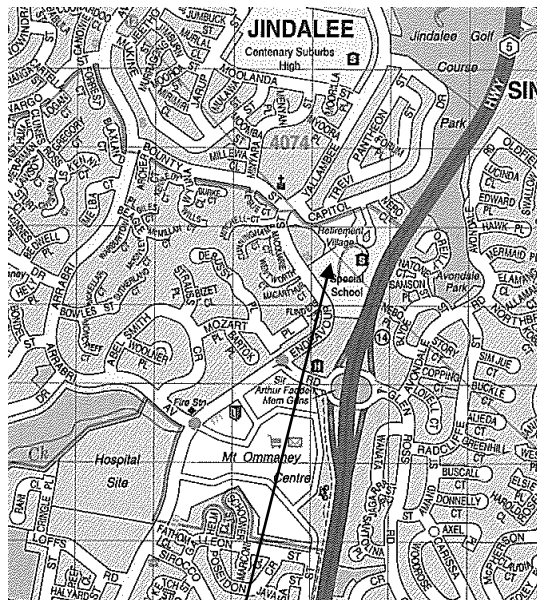
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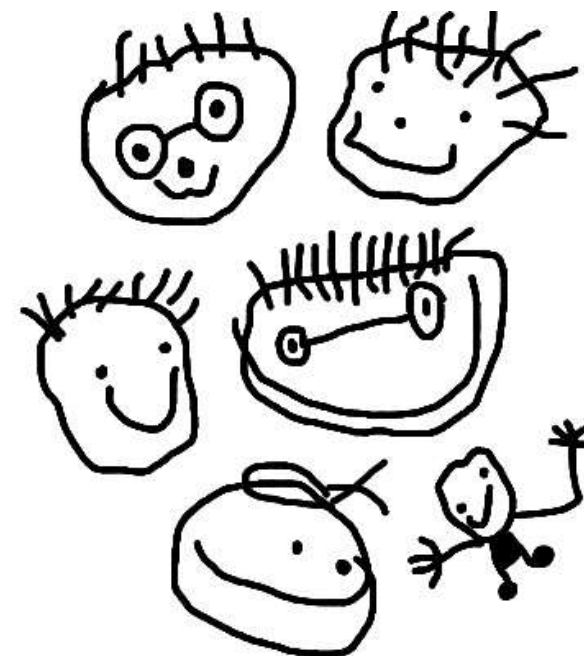
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We are here

Mount Ommaney Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP)



Who are we?

The Mount Ommaney Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP) is a Queensland Education facility and service.

The Mount Ommaney Special School is host to the Mount Ommaney ECDP.

Who do we cater for?

The Mount Ommaney ECDP provides programs for **children from birth – 5 years** who have been identified with significant support needs in one or more of the following areas:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Speech Language Impairment
- Physical Disability
- Vision Impairment
- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual Impairment

Who's on the team?

The ECDP staff includes:

Teachers and Teacher Aides
A Guidance Officer
An Administration Officer
Nursing Staff

Education Queensland Therapists:

Occupational Therapist
Physiotherapist
Speech Language Therapist

What do we offer?

Mount Ommaney ECDP offers a range of specialised services and programs for children ranging in age from as young as 6 months to 5 years of age (prior to prep).

Our programs include:

Playgroup session:

Playgroup is for children under 3 ½ years of age. Playgroup is an opportunity for our families to participate with their child in an education centre based program.

Children and their parent/carer participate together in a 2 hour play session each week with a specialist teacher.

Kindergarten and Pre Prep Aged programs:

(For children 3½ years - 5 years)

Each of our kindergarten and pre-prep aged programs are staffed with a specialist teacher and teacher assistant. These programs run for 2 sessions each week. We have both morning and afternoon sessions including one full day program from 8.45 am to 1.00 pm.

Our therapists work as part of the educational team to assist children with disabilities to achieve the best educational outcomes. They provide consultative support to the teachers and families.

How do we teach?

At Mount Ommaney ECDP, our teachers use the Queensland Kindergarten Guidelines as our curriculum.

We also develop an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for your child.

The Individual Education Plan process is a valuable means of collaboratively planning for the educational needs of students. It brings together parents/carers, educators, specialist support staff (where appropriate) as a team to consider the child's current level of performance and to determine the child's educational needs and future learning priorities.

Our education programs provide the opportunity for your child to engage in experiences that are planned and deliberate. Teachers use play-based learning to enhance and direct their planning and programming. Play:

- is active learning, which is developmentally correct for every child;
- does not replace intentional teaching - rather it compliments and enhances it;
- requires action, either physical, verbal or mental engagement with materials, people, ideas or the environment;
- is process oriented and is a means unto itself. Children may not have an end or goal in sight;
- is self-motivating and is considered as its own reward to the child.

Play is the basis of all children's learning.