

Fun, free play and learn sessions for 3-year-olds and their families

KindyLinQ is a play-based program that families living in identified locations can attend in the year before their child starts kindergarten.

The program provides a safe, welcoming space for families to stay with their 3-year-old child and participate in fun early learning experiences together.

KindyLinQ is led by a qualified teacher and early years support coordinator for a minimum of 6 hours a week across 2 or 3 days.

Benefits for children and families

KindyLinQ enables young children to play, explore, sing, create and socialise with their parents, other children and experienced staff in a safe space.

The program also offers guidance for families about how to support their child's learning and development at home.

Parents and carers play the most significant role in establishing the environment children need to support optimal development and learning, and they will attend each session with their child.

Learning through play

KindyLinQ is based on a facilitated playgroup model. It is about children learning through hands-on experiences with the support and guidance of a caring adult. Children will learn skills that will support them now and in later learning including socialising, managing their emotions and developing language skills to ensure they can effectively communicate their ideas and needs.

The program is informed by the *Early Years Learning Framework* and is separated from the curriculum expectations of school-age children. KindyLinQ also assists in connecting families with approved kindergarten providers.

View the full list of locations offering KindyLinQ on the Early Childhood Education and Care website.

