

# MILKWOOD STEINER SCHOOL

Milkwood Steiner School is a non-denominational, independent school offering education from Playgroup to Kindergarten to Class 7 based upon the educational philosophy of Rudolf Steiner.

The ethos of Milkwood Steiner School is the strength of the school. It reflects the curriculum and delivery of education within the school.

The virtues of love, reverence and selflessness bring the wisdom to work and grow together.



# MILKWOOD PLAYGROUP



The Milkwood Playgroups are held in a home-like environment which nurtures the senses.

Our program is play-based with rhythmical qualities incorporating songs, stories, rhymes and seasonal festivals.

Our aim is to create a peaceful haven for a child's development to naturally unfold and where both parent and child can experience the joy of meaningful connections.



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Milkwood Steiner School offers three Playgroups running throughout the week with a maximum of 10 families each for children who are 0-4 years of age.

#### **Playgroup 1:**

Tuesdays 9.00am - 11.00am

#### **Playgroup 2:**

Wednesdays 9.00am - 11.00am

#### **Playgroup 3:**

Thursdays 9.00am - 11.00am



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## **Morning Rhythms**

**9-9.15am/ Arrival:** Parents and children have time to greet each other and settle into Playgroup.

**9.15am/ Morning Circle:**  
Season circle songs and rhymes.

**9.30am/ Morning Tea:**  
A shared morning tea of fresh fruit and herbal tea.

**9.45am/ Breadmaking:**  
The children make a bread roll and are encouraged to engage in imaginative, inside play.

**10.00am/ Outside Play and Craft:** A time to play outside with friends and enjoy the natural environment.

**10.20am/ Warm, Fresh Bread to Eat:** The children eat their freshly baked bread with butter and honey.

**10.45am/ Story Time:** Children sit on the mat for seasonal finger rhymes and a story.



## **Playgroup fees**

When your child is offered a place in one of our Playgroups, a term fee will apply.

The term fee must be paid up front before the first Playgroup session or please make a payment plan with the school.

Term fees is \$195 / family.

## **What to Bring**

To each Playgroup session, please bring along:

- a piece of fruit to share for morning tea
- a sun hat

## **Parent Roles**

A Steiner Playgroup is fundamentally a place of heightened adult consciousness. To create a nurturing, safe and joyous playgroup, both parents and playgroup leader work together.

A vital aspect of this is when parents support the Playgroup Leader to 'hold' the rhythm of the Playgroup. One practical way for this to take place is in the singing of the transition songs and being mindful of the aims and qualities of the Playgroup program. Please keep in mind that our children are very sensitive to the environment that surrounds them. Therefore, more intense conversations are best held during outside play.

## **Mobile Phones and Cameras**

We ask that all parents, carers keep their **mobile phones on silent** during the Playgroup session and that if calls need to be taken, it is carried out with discretion. Anyone wishing to take photographs must check with the Playgroup Leader - preferably prior to the Playgroup session commencing.