



# THE HILLS LITTLE LEARNERS

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# WELCOME TO THE HILLS LITTLE LEARNERS

You are beginning on an exciting journey into early learning for your child. We hope we can make it as enriching for your child as it rewarding for you.

The Hills Little Learners is one of the leading early learning centre's in the area. Our passionate Educators is what makes our Centre special. Our high-quality curriculum; dedication to health and wellbeing; set in a resource rich environment, means your child is ready to make the best start.

Our team cater to newborns through to preschool age in an environment where they feel safe, nurtured, stimulated, welcomed and happy. Our school readiness program take a holistic approach to giving your child the best opportunity to begin their primary education. Our focus is genuine care for your child, because this is where learning begins. Our small rooms means our Educators can focus closely on your child's development and foster their interest in learning and making new friends.

I would like to extend to you a warm welcome to our Little Learners community. Your child's home away from home.

Peter Khalil  
Approved Provider



## WHY CHOOSE THE HILLS LITTLE LEARNERS

We understand the importance of choosing the right early education provider for your child. We also appreciate how critical the first six years are to a child's development. From ages 0-6, brain development and learning is at the most critical in a child's life.

## WHY OUR FAMILIES LOVE OUR CENTRE

- ✓ Our educational programs draw on the experience of the leading thinkers in early learning and children's development
- ✓ Our network of health professionals including specialist support in occupational health, speech, dental and vision
- ✓ Our menu is designed with the assistance of one of Sydney's leading nutritionists
- ✓ Our modern centre's environment is designed with your child in mind, to stimulate and aid their learning journey
- ✓ Our outdoor space is a haven for exploration and discovery, designed and built by specialists with a passion for early learning
- ✓ We provide all meals, apart from lunch for our two to five year olds and a nutritious menu with all meals for our babies. Nappies, hats and sunscreen are also provided.





## A LITTLE ABOUT OUR PHILOSOPHY

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**Here at the Hills Little Learners we believe in creating a warm and home-like environment that has a strong emphasis on building trusting relationships with families, children and the community.**

Our key philosophy points focus on establishing a curriculum that is rich in interest-based activities, promoting cultural competence and encouraging children to explore, investigate, imagine and discover the world around them.

We acknowledge that a child's family are the most important and influential people in a child's life and we believe in utilizing their knowledge, beliefs and values to support children in our schooling environment.

In relation to our educators, we believe in building a strong team dynamic that encourages sharing ideas, and recognizing the different skills that each team member contributes to the Centre.

In regards to the program, the Centre works in collaboration with families, children and the community to deliver a tailor made educational program that is rich in meaningful experiences for your children.

Our educational program is play-based, with a strong emphasis on the children's interests. We use intentional teaching methods in play to help each child progress to their next area of development. Whilst customising play and learn according to your child's independent choices at our Centre.



## THE HILLS LITTLE LEARNERS EDUCATORS

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**Qualified, professional, respectful and caring...these are the qualities we look for. After all, Educators are models of behavior for your child.**

We look for people who love children and love what they do. They are passionate about early education and the fulfilment it gives them, knowing they're role is vital in contributing to our future minds and leaders.

Our Educators have a view to a career in childcare. It isn't just another job. Our Educators appreciate the importance of building long lasting relationships with our families.

We inspire, reward and invest in the professional development of our Educators. Our centre leaders attend leadership and management courses and our Educators have continuous access to thought-leaders in early education ensuring they are up-to-date with high quality early childhood education, teachings and techniques. Continuous learning is embedded in our culture.

Mutual respect is a value we hold high and we encourage activities that increase team cohesion, to ultimately create a happy and fulfilling work environment. We recognise that happy Educators means happy children and learning experiences!







# EDUCATION AT THE HILLS LITTLE LEARNERS

**Stimulated and inspired to explore, discover and grow. These are the words which come to mind when we think about early education at Little Learners**

We have a strong belief in providing an educational program that encourages children to explore, create and investigate the world around them. Our program is centered around play- based learning, spontaneous experiences that derive from educator observations and children's interests and input from our families and community. We research and plan experiences that are thoughtful, meaningful and take into account children's age, abilities and strengths.

Our educators have strong and in-depth knowledge of The Early Years Learning Framework, which we use to guide our practices. The children are assessed against the five Quality areas each day through our educational program, as well as their monthly observations and mid-year and end of year reports.

To ensure all children are catered for, we have an extensive planning cycle, that includes our educational program, observations, jottings, work samples and much more. Using these carefully thought after documents, educators work together to create portfolio's as well as an online journal for each child. Using a variety of method's, including, but not limited to learning stories, time samples, scripts, anecdotal records and much more, families gain great insight into how their children are growing and developing.

Throughout the year, the children are exposed to different methods of learning through the use of incursions. We arrange one per term and all differ in topics. In the past, we have had puppet shows, magic shows, reptile and under the sea explorations and multicultural shows, each with their own strengths and tailor made learning opportunities which are appropriate for our children.



## A FOCUS ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING

**Children, just like adults, sometimes need extra assistance in their learning and development. Through acknowledging this, we can better care for the children within our care who may need access to other services.**

We employ the use of a speech pathologist, who can measure and diagnose possible speech delays. Speech therapy is then offered at the centre, making the routine for children and families easier and less stressful.

The centre takes part in the STEPS vision examination each year, allowing families of children who are aged four and up, to have

their eyes tested for free. Based on these examinations parents can then be referred for further assistance if required.

Along with these great health services, we also employ the use of early intervention services, such as KU and SDN.

Through accessing early intervention, we gain assistance in identifying additional methods/ resources/ services that will help give children the best start to their education and to life.







## GETTING ACTIVE!

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Here at The Hills Little Learners we take pride in getting children active and teaching them the importance of a healthy, well balanced life style.

Through our outdoor program, we engage the children in both planned and spontaneous experiences that promote physical activity and skills, including:

- ✓ Balance and coordination
- ✓ Wellbeing
- ✓ Flexibility
- ✓ Climbing
- ✓ Catching and throwing and much more

Weekly Yoga classes are conducted, a long with our 'Munch and Move' program, that encourages children to eat well and get active. We focus on developing the children's fundamental movement skills through games, sporting activities and during every day routines.

We also provide access to two different sporting classes that are run during the week; a soccer class and a dance class. These extracurricular classes allow children to explore different skills and engage with a range of resources.

"As a parent, it's comforting to know that I'm leaving my children with staff who I truly trust to care for, nurture, guide and educate my children as they grow and develop. The Hills Little Learners is a lovely little Child Care Centre and I would highly recommend it to others!"  
- Parent, The Hills Little Learners

## OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Our learning environments are well thought out spaces that encourage children to explore, create and investigate. We regularly update our learning spaces to cater for our children's growing strengths, interests, skills and our educational program goals.

We aim to provide an environment that is rich in natural elements, allowing the children the autonomy to freely explore their surroundings, both indoors and outdoors. Our natural learning spaces create a calming atmosphere for the children to explore.

The safety of your children is paramount. We have a visual security doorbell, safety gates, shaded play areas and a well-maintained building rich in resources that help to create a safe environment for your child.

Our Educators work towards embedding sustainable practices into every day routines and learning. We incorporate the use of our veggie garden, compost bin and rain water tank each day, whilst also regularly working on water conservation, recycling, using natural items for play experiences and more.



## PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

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We believe relationships with families make a tremendous difference to how well a child flourishes. The nurturing circle between the child, the parent and the Educator is valued and encouraged.

We promote family involvement on many levels, whether it's directly contributing to your child's learning or participating in events we hold throughout the year. We hold regular social events where you will meet other families and celebrate with your children.

It is also important for children to understand the broader community in which they live. We use incursions as a means to introduce children to different aspects of our community.





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# JOINING THE HILLS LITTLE LEARNERS COMMUNITY

## **Enrolling at The Hills Little Learners**

We would love to have you. To enroll, visit our website to book a tour or phone us on **02 9838 4400**. Alternatively you can email:

**[supervisor@hillslittlelearners.com.au](mailto:supervisor@hillslittlelearners.com.au)**

## **Tour our Centre**

We encourage families to visit and view our Centre, meet our friendly staff to discuss your children and ask questions. Taking a tour is the perfect way to showcase our great learning environment and allows us to get to know you and your child better so we are able to provide the best care possible.

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