



Wattle Glow Early Learning



Playgroup
0-3 years

Extended hour Preschool
2-6 years



Pre-kindy
4-5 years

Kindergarten
5-6 years

Educational Programs for 0-6 years

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Wattle Glow Early Learning is proudly part of the Blue Mountains Steiner School
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We acknowledge the Darug People, the Traditional Custodians of the Land, and Elders past and present.



Build strong peer connections

Sustainable playground equipment

Wattle Glow Early Learning Programs provide a nurturing and holistic foundation for young children. Our four programs foster the development of the whole child, whilst nurturing children's minds and senses through our natural, creative and engaging environment.

Our environment is filled with rich experiences that focus on imaginative, creative and organically driven play. Our learning environments are a unique combination of balanced open-ended child-led play experiences and intentional teaching experiences that are thoughtful and deliberate to meet the individual needs of all children. Children's development is enriched through imaginative and creative play, bush exploration, artistic activities, crafts, verses and songs, puppetry and fairy tales.

Our days are filled with outdoor nature play, circle time, meal times, indoor play, craft, rest, storytelling, music and movement. The week has its own individual rhythms and seasonal activities such as gathering autumn leaves and planting seeds to deepen the child's awareness and understanding of the natural world around them and the cycle of the seasons.

In the natural, rhythmical and creative environment of our Early Learning programs, children are given the freedom, confidence, independence and security to prepare for the next phase of their school life.



Collaborate and communicate

Explore in our Bush Play program

Through our daily activities and rhythms a strong foundation is created for the future academic success in young children.

- ✓ Songs and nursery rhymes cultivate an understanding of language and the world of words.
- ✓ Listening to stories and participating in dramatic play strengthens the power of relationships, memory and imagination.
- ✓ Counting games and rhythmic activities build a solid foundation for mathematics and number skills.
- ✓ Artistic activities and crafts help the children develop fine motor skills, co-ordination and the ability to concentrate.
- ✓ Plentiful time for free indoor and outdoor play enables children to strengthen their bodies, create and build strong social relationships and provokes awareness and curiosity of the world around them.
- ✓ Bush Play is embedded into our programs to give the children a love of the natural environment. Climb, discover and explore within our beautiful Blue Mountains setting.
- ✓ Natural playground equipment, forts and tree swings offer a chance for children to strengthen their gross motor skills and refine their own strength and confidence.
- ✓ Intentional storytelling provides children with an understanding of emotional and social well being through narrative and puppetry stories.

A Wattle Glow child is ...

Active.

Engaged.

Growing in confidence.

Always learning.

Developing social and emotional skills.

Developing imagination.

Experiencing culturally enriched programs.

Connected to nature.

Part of a community.



An overview of our four early learning programs

Playgroup 0-3 years	Extended Hour Preschool 2-6 years	Pre-kindy 4-5 years	Kindergarten 5-6 years
<p>An educator-designed playgroup that connects parents and nurtures young children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Accompanied by a parent or guardian✓ Creative play to develop imagination and emotional well-being✓ Immersion in the natural environment✓ Exploratory play to encourage the foundations for literacy and numeracy <p>Cost \$150 per term Time Wed & Fri 9.30am-12pm Location Little Sprouts Room, see map p10</p> <p>To Enrol in Playgroup Please call, email or return the Expressions of Interest Form on p11 to receive more information. Email: admin@bluemountainssteiner.nsw.edu.au</p>	<p>A licensed long day-care centre offering an environment filled with rich experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Warm and nurturing environment lead by an experienced Early Childhood Team✓ Open ended, Imaginative and creative play experiences✓ Natural and handmade play resources✓ Natural and open outdoor play spaces✓ Seasonal program✓ Gentle daily rhythm✓ Bush Play Program <p>Cost 2-3yrs \$110* 3-4yrs \$95* 4-6yrs \$90* Time Mon-Fri 7.30am to 5pm Location Wattle Room, see map p10</p> <p>To Enrol in Extended Hour Preschool Please call for more information. Alternatively email or return the Expressions of Interest Form on p11 to receive our enrolment packages. Email: admin@wattleglow.com.au</p>	<p>A program designed for children who are in the year prior to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Indoor environments filled with natural play materials and inviting outdoors spaces✓ A three day continual program during school terms✓ Bush Play Program✓ Language Program✓ Sign Language Program✓ Ratio 1 educator to every 10 students <p>Cost \$90* for 4-5 yrs Time Mon-Fri 7.30am to 5pm Location Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Boronia Room (with Kindergarten) Monday and Friday in the Wattle Room (with combined age groups 2-5 yrs). See map p10</p> <p>To Enrol in Pre-kindy Please call for more information. Alternatively email or return the Expressions of Interest Form on p11 to receive our enrolment packages. Email: admin@wattleglow.com.au</p>	<p>The first year of primary education in a warm and nurturing environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Increased social and emotional wellbeing and positive self-esteem✓ Foundation pre-numeracy and pre-literacy skills through rich oral and practical learning experiences✓ Indoor environments filled with natural play materials and inviting outdoors spaces✓ Bush Play Program✓ Language Program✓ Sign Language Program <p>Cost \$1358 per term / \$5432 per year Time Mon-Fri 9am-3pm Mon-Thurs, 9am-1pm Friday Location Boronia Room, see map p10</p> <p>To Enrol in Kindergarten Please call, email or return the Expressions of Interest Form on p11 to receive more information. Email: admin@bluemountainssteiner.nsw.edu.au</p>

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* Extended Hour Preschool is a child care benefit approved child care service. Families will receive child care fee subsidy of Childcare Benefit (CCB) and Childcare Rebate (CCR) from the Australian government.



Supported bush play in our greater school grounds

Explore, build confidence and resilience

Bush Play Program

For Wattle Glow Early Learning students from 2-6 years • Designated days for each learning program • Held on our greater school grounds

The Wattle Glow Early Learning Bush Play is an innovative and educational based program, which encourages children to spend more time outside immersed in their environment and connecting play to nature.

The Preschool, Pre-kindy and Kindergarten Bush Play Programs operate outside in all seasons and provide wonderful opportunities for discovery and imaginative play. Bush Play is intended to motivate, engage and inspire children through offering experiences in natural environments.

The Wattle Glow Early Learning Bush Play Programs will be held within the amazing settings of our greater Blue Mountains Steiner School allowing us as a community to be active explorers of our natural surroundings. Our bush preschool will recognise the significance the bush has in Australian folklore and the importance of the land in Aboriginal culture. Underpinning the program is the Steiner philosophy and pedagogy of our early learning programs.

Key features of the Bush Play Program include:

- ✓ Regular periods of play in natural environments all year round
- ✓ Children experience the daily and seasonal fluctuations in weather and seasons
- ✓ Our Bush Play encourages children to learn from the natural environment, have opportunities to explore natural elements and minimal tools to enable problem solving and creative development, leaving only a footprint behind.
- ✓ The program supports children through free unstructured nature play to develop early risk management strategies.
- ✓ Children will be supported and encouraged to step outside their comfort zone to develop and foster self-esteem, team building, resilience and a strong sense of being.
- ✓ Bush Play deepens children’s understanding of community and where they fit in, and offers opportunities for children to engage in real life.
- ✓ Children will seek and learn a deeper understanding and respect for their natural environment.



Meaningful stories and song

Immersing children in the natural environment

Playgroup

0-3 years • 9.30am-12pm, Wednesday and Friday

During the school term • Little Sprouts Room

A fun and welcoming educator-designed playgroup that connects parents and nurtures three essential pathways in children 0-3 years

- Creative play to develop imagination and emotional well-being through meaningful stories and songs
- Celebration of the seasons to immerse children in their natural world and create a sense of connection and belonging
- Exploratory play to encourage the foundations for literacy and numeracy skills through oral and practical learning and experiences

Cost \$150 per term

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Learning through play

Extended Hour Preschool

2-6 years • 7.30am-5pm, Monday to Friday • 48 weeks per year • Wattle Room

Our preschool is a licensed long day-care centre offering families a choice of any day that meets the requirements of their individual needs.

2020 Introductions to Preschool include:

- A nurturing and welcoming homelike environment framed to support each child's sense of belonging and security
- Warm, caring and experienced Early Childhood Team
- Multicultural early childhood team, immersing children in the wonder, beauty and diversity of language, music and culture
- A seasonal program encouraging a reverence for, and kinship with, nature
- A program which works in harmony with the rhythms of life, connecting the child to their inner self
- Handmade and natural play resources to inspire creativity, imagination and free play
- Naturally sourced artistic resources such as water colour, wool, felt, bread baking and beeswax to cultivate our connection to earth's beauty through natural textures
- An environment rich in songs, verse and stories to develop language, imagination, numeracy awareness and pre literacy learning
- Open and natural outdoor play spaces and Weekly Bush Play Program within the beautiful Blue Mountains landscape

Our preschool has a 4 week closure in December and January, it is open for the remaining 48 weeks of the year.

Cost 2-3yrs \$110* / 3-4yrs \$95* / 4-6yrs \$90*

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Hands on learning experiences

Early childhood motor skill development

Pre-kindy

7.30am-5pm • 4-5 years • Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Boronia Room (with Kindergarten) • Monday and Friday in the Wattle Room (with combined age groups 2-5 yrs) • 48 weeks per year

Our Pre-kindy program is designed for those children who are in the year prior school. We offer a small class size for students so spots are limited.

2020 Introductions to the Pre-kindy include:

- Nutritionally balanced vegetarian morning teas.
- Pre-Kindy has an embedded Bush Play Program that will run 1 session a week. Families will provide lunch for their children.

Cost 4-5 years for \$90*

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Sign Language Program from 4 yrs

Bees wax sculpting to strengthen fine motor skills for writing

Kindergarten

5-6 years • 9am-3pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9am-1pm Friday • During the school term • Boronia Room

The kindergarten year is characterised by children learning through imitation and their own creative experiences. Imagination and a sense of wonder are developed through stories, songs, creative play, and interactions with nature in our bush kindergarten.

Our Kindergarten environment is a warm, and nurturing place. It is filled with natural play materials and inviting outdoors spaces. Our kindergarten children learn through play and structured activities to cook, paint, garden, sew, share and problem solve.

Children explore their environment together, learning important cooperation skills and are supported by our educators to develop increased social and emotional wellbeing and positive self-esteem. In the kindergarten year foundation pre-numeracy and pre-literacy skills are grounded through rich oral and practical learning experiences.

The children experience the richness of language through, songs, verses, stories, sign language and an

introduction to other languages.

Pre-literacy skills are developed through cultivating the child's oral memory, opening up pathways in the brain through combining verse, movement and gesture. We use artistic endeavours to build imagination and rich and vivid picture images that will later translate into conceptual thinking. It is the foundation for a deep understanding of literacy.

Numeracy is a living experience for the children. How many children are at school today? How many chairs or placemats or bowls do we need? Bread baking is a wonderful time to play with the four mathematical processes in a practical way (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

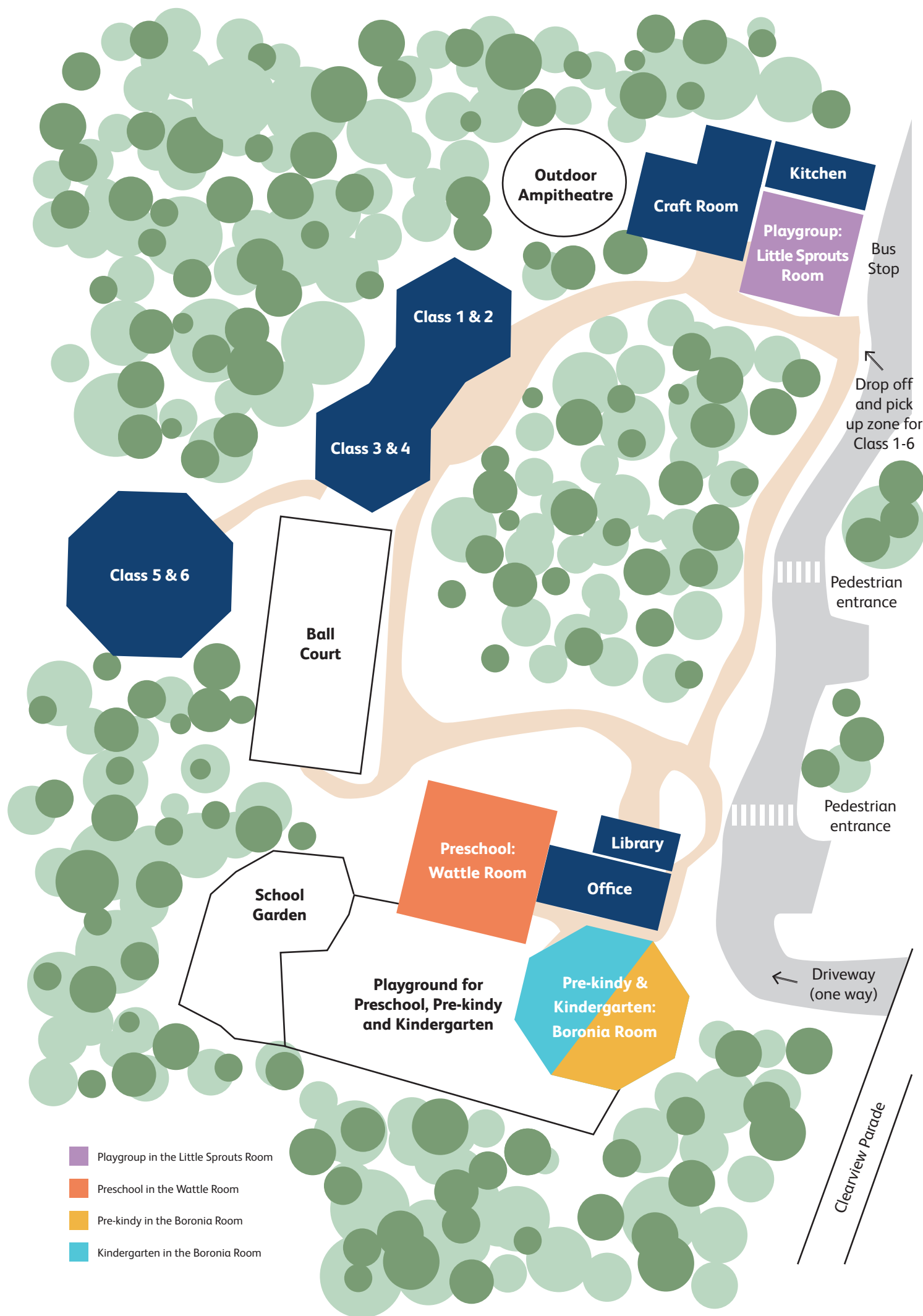
Hand work, such as craft, painting and modelling strengthen the hand and fingers and encourage co-ordination. When the time comes to write and begin to read the written word the children feel confident, hungry and able.



Francine O'Dea
Kindergarten teacher and
Steiner Pedagogy leader

Cost \$1358 per term/
\$5432 per year

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2021 Expressions of Interest

Please fill out and return this 2021 Expressions of Interest Form and return it to the office in person or via email: admin@bluemountainssteiner.nsw.edu.au

Child's name _____ Child's birth date _____

I wish for my child to be enrolled in the following:

Playgroup

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☐ Wednesday ☐ Friday

Extended hour preschool

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☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

Pre-kindy

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☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

Primary School

Kindergarten

☐ Monday-Friday

Parent/Carer Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Parent/Carer Signature _____ Date _____