



Preschool Support (ACEO)

*The School Based Preschool operates at the school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Aboriginal Students are able to enrol for pre entry at the age of three. **Playgroup operates on Friday mornings.** The transition from Preschool to School program operates in Term 4 as outlined in the Partnership Transition policy.*

An ACEO (funded by the school) provides additional support in the pre-school as part of the recognition of the importance of Early Learning Engagement, in particular for our Aboriginal families. The pre-school is provided with additional scheduled ACEO support to help engage Aboriginal families within the school/ preschool learning environments and help to support children and families as they transition from playgroup to preschool and pre-school to reception.

Playgroup

The school based playgroup was established and organised by the Aboriginal Education Team and overseen by an ACEO team member. Playgroup is held weekly using the pre-school facilities. Additional funding is now provided (by the school through a separate budget line) to support the integral work of this program in the development of relationships with young families and the school/preschool.

Playgroup is currently held on Friday mornings from 10am-12:30pm. The cost of playgroup is currently \$3.00 per session (to be paid on the day). A healthy shared snack is provided to all attending families.

Time is allocated to the ACEO responsible for the setting up, organising and cleaning-up of playgroup.

ACEOs in Early Years Classrooms

In 2019, a commitment to the improvement of foundational learning skills in the early year became a focus of the Aboriginal Education Strategy. ACEOs returned to classrooms to support early years learners in their acquisition of foundational learning skills (in particular in reading and numeracy).

Whilst ACEO presence in all levels of schooling is important, priority has been given in particular to Reception – Year 2 classes.