

## Why a C&K Kindergarten

C&K is Queensland's largest early childhood education and care provider with more than 100 years' experience providing industry leading programs that assist children to learn, grow and thrive.

In September 2010, the Queensland Studies Authority approved *C&K's Building waterfalls* teaching and learning guidelines for kindergarten. This is the only independently approved early childhood curriculum in Australia and meets the standards of the Early Years Learning Framework. Our kindergarten program, helps children develop a wide range of skills and gives them the best preparation for school and future learning.

**Parent participation in kindergarten:** As the parent of a child at a C&K service, you have the opportunity to participate and contribute in your child's early childhood education and care experience through sharing knowledge, ideas and interests and helping with fundraising.

[www.candk.asn.au/kindergarten](http://www.candk.asn.au/kindergarten)

## Facts about Port Douglas Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten has been operating since August 2002 in a purpose built facility.

We are an affiliate of C&K, which is our Central Governing Body. They manage and disperse federal and state funding to us. We are a not-for-profit organisation administered by a volunteer parent management committee under an incorporated association.

- We offer an approved kindergarten program taught by qualified early childhood teachers who have been with the kindergarten for more than 10 years and are supported by qualified experienced assistants.

- We operate during school hours each school term—with two groups of up to 22 children, which offer programs for 6 hours a day (from 8.45am to 2.45pm), 5 days a fortnight (three days one week, two days the next) during each school term.
- All the children in our groups are of the same Pre-Prep age (age 4 before 30 June)
- Children participate in teacher-led and child-initiated activities that follow a general routine of outdoor time, group time, indoor play and activities, group music time and rest.
- Many activities are based around themes. Sometimes these themes are planned in advance and other times they are initiated by the children.
- Safely nestled within the grounds of the Port Douglas State School, we have a beautiful, large, natural and sustainable outdoor environment that encourages children to explore, discover and learn through nature, in a quiet residential area.



## How Much Does It Cost

Low cost kindergarten is available to Health Care Card holders and children and/or parents who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Kindergarten is classified as "registered care". Parents who are eligible may be able to claim the Child Care Benefit (CCB) for Registered Care. For more information contact the Commonwealth Government's Family Assistance office 13 6150.

For our current fee schedule please visit our website: [www.portdouglasskindergarten.com.au](http://www.portdouglasskindergarten.com.au)

## Waiting List Application

A Waiting List fee of \$5.00 is payable to cover phone calls and postage costs. This fee is waived for enrolment in the current year.

### Child's Details

Child's Full Name:

Sex: Male  Female

Date of Birth: / /

Year of Attendance:

Are there any additional needs of which you are aware that your child may require during his/her enrolment?  
YES/NO

(Please Note: This information is requested to assist the centre in long-term planning for the successful inclusion of the child with additional needs. The information will not be used to deny or delay enrolment of the child. At the same time there is no guarantee of enrolment.)

### Parent/Guardian's Details

Father/Guardian's Name:

Mobile:

Mother/Guardian's Name:

Mobile:

### Contact Details

Postal Address:

Email:

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Play Based Learning

The Port Douglas Community Kindergarten's aim is to provide a caring, supportive social learning environment for young children, to listen, connect and facilitate exploration of a larger world through child centered play based activities, embedding a joy in discovering and learning!

### What is Kindergarten

An approved kindergarten program is:

- for children the year before Prep (children who are 4 by 30 June in the year they start)
- provided for 30 hours a fortnight
- play based
- delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher

The play-based learning of an approved kindergarten program assists children to develop skills that are useful for life, focuses on helping children to develop a wide range of essential skills and prepares them for their transition to school.

Our Kindergarten offers an exciting early childhood education learning program that will help prepare your child for school. At kindergarten your child will:

- love the play-based learning
- expand their physical abilities
- build their confidence
- enhance their social skills



### When can my child attend Kindergarten

Child Born	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	✓				
1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013		✓			
1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014			✓		
1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015				✓	
1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016					✓

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### Where Children Come First

