

Berrimba Child Care Centre

Berrimba Childcare Centre was started in 1983 by a group of young koori mums who decided to form their own playgroup. The playgroup was run once a week from the Church of Christ Hall.

The hall became too expensive so it was then moved to Njernda Aboriginal Co-op in High Street. In 1985 the Uniting Church donated the current facility in Hare Street.

To improve the service Aunty Melva Johnson and the late Aunty Kerry Johnson attended a meeting in Swan Hill and fought for funding from Canberra to set up a Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Service (MACS) which includes a Long Day Care Service, Kindergarten and Afterschool Hours and Holiday Program.



Operating Hours

Monday 8.30 – 5.00

Tuesday 8.30 – 5.00

Wednesday 8.30 -5.00

Thursday 8.30 – 5.00

Friday 8.30 – 4.00



A Service of Njernda Aboriginal Corporation

Koori Preschool Assistant Information Booklet



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Program Objectives

The Koori Preschool Assistant (KPSA) program is designed to increase and enhance the participation of Aboriginal children in kindergarten programs by embracing the understanding and practice of Aboriginal culture.

The KPSA will work with educators to support the development of a safe and accepting environment where the rights of all children are acknowledged. Individuality and creativity will be encouraged to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage is valued and promoted and to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal children through increased participation in kindergarten programs.

Koori Preschool Assistant Program



Berrimba's KPSA will be based at Berrimba and work collaboratively with mainstream kindergartens and communities to:

- Ensure all Aboriginal children have the opportunity to access and participate in kindergarten programs.
- Support attendance of Aboriginal families in kindergarten programs
- Provide assistance to educators to promote delivery of programs inclusive of Aboriginal culture.
- Encourage family engagement in

their children's learning and the development of the kindergarten programs.

- Provide information and support to Aboriginal families and communities

