



Helping every child thrive - now, at school and in life

Goodstart Plus is about ensuring every child gets the support they need during the foundational first five years of childhood to help them thrive now and when they start school, no matter where they live or their life circumstances.

Goodstart Plus is an enhanced early learning approach designed to strengthen learning, development and wellbeing outcomes for children and support families and carers to access additional supports that can make a meaningful difference.

Building on Goodstart's high quality, inclusive early learning, Goodstart Plus provides additional support, specialist expertise and stronger connections with families and community services to help children develop the skills, confidence and capabilities they need for their early childhood and their successful transition to school.

What can I expect for my child?

Additional support for learning and development

Your child will benefit from educators and leaders who specialise in teaching for children birth to three and three to five years. Our specialists, who may include allied health professionals, work alongside centre teams to support every child's learning, development and wellbeing.

High quality teaching and learning

Children have learning experiences tailored to their age and stage of development with teaching strategies that support their communication, early literacy and numeracy, social, emotional and thinking skills. Indoor and outdoor learning environments are designed to be engaging and adapt to all children's ages and stages from birth to school age.

Support for every child to belong

Our inclusive approach helps ensure every child can participate, learn and thrive, regardless of their individual circumstances or support needs. This may also include general financial assistance for eligible families.

Enhanced nutrition

Children have access to nutritious meals and snacks that provide 75% of their daily nutritional needs, supporting their health, wellbeing, learning and development.

A strong start to school

We work closely with local schools to help children build the skills, confidence and independence needed for a successful transition to school and beyond.

Stronger family and community connections

Families are supported to connect with local services and resources that can help children and families thrive.

Why does Goodstart Plus matter?

The early years are critical for children's learning, development and wellbeing.

Children who start school with strong foundations are more likely to:

- feel confident and ready to learn
- build positive relationships
- achieve better educational outcomes
- enjoy improved health and wellbeing throughout life

Goodstart Plus aims to help more children develop the foundations they need to thrive throughout childhood, including as they transition to school and beyond.





Why partnering with our families matters

Families are children's first and most important teachers. When families and educators work together, children are more likely to feel confident, engaged and supported in their learning and development.

Goodstart Plus strengthens partnerships with families by creating opportunities to share information, celebrate progress and work together to support each child's unique strengths, interests and needs.



Connected communities

We work closely with schools, health services and community organisations to help create a strong network of support around children and families, making it easier to access the services and opportunities that help children thrive.



Additional support when it matters

Families also have access to additional support through specialist team members who work alongside centre educators, including Educational Leaders, an Early Intervention and Inclusion Specialist Teacher, and a Partnership Coordinator who helps connect families with community services and supports.



Supporting regular participation

Research shows children benefit most from early learning when they attend consistently. Through Goodstart Plus, we work with families to support regular attendance and reduce barriers to participation where possible. Our goal is to help children attend early learning for at least three days each week, giving them more opportunities to build relationships, participate in learning experiences and develop the skills they need for now and for a successful start to school.



Fast Facts

- Goodstart Plus is an evidence based approach that is delivered in selected Goodstart communities
- Builds on Goodstart's high quality, inclusive early learning model
- Provides additional specialist support for children, families and educators
- Focuses on learning, development and wellbeing now and for a successful transition to school
- Strengthens connections between early learning, schools and community services
- Designed to help every child thrive, regardless of where they live or their life circumstances
- Teacher led, Government endorsed preschool program for up to five days per week



Learn more about preschool in your state



At least
3 days
per week

Behind Goodstart

Our founders brought decades of experience in social impact and a shared commitment to invest in the early years – changing the course of children's lives through a not for-profit model that reinvests in children, families and communities.

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