



HS VISION GROUP
Child Care Division



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Welcome to HS Vision Child Care Division

We own and operate boutique early childhood centres in Australia and New Zealand. Based on our years of experience and success within these communities, we believe there is an opportunity now to expand our specialized service into America for the benefit of American parents and children, and the early childhood industry as a whole.

Our Difference

So how are we different? We are different because our children (and the families who love and support them) are our major focus. We don't merely offer a "babysitting service" for children of working parents. We work as a dedicated team for the overall happiness and well-being of the children and parents of the centre, actively encouraging parent interest and participation.

Just as every adult is different, every child is different and has unique needs. At each centre, enormous time and effort goes into the creation of programs that cater for these differences and needs, while teaching valuable life skills. At Pelicans, our centres in Australia, our slogan is Learning For Life. This epitomizes our high level of service - our children are nurtured and cared for yet also taught simple skills to help them through early life. We develop flexible programs that meet the needs and interests of every child, and allow him or her to develop skills, abilities and attitudes that lay the foundation for learning. We encourage independence, choices, self-skills and co-operative behaviour.

Specialized service

Every HS Vision centre is individual and specialized for the area in which it operates and the type of children who will attend. Modern society for instance, is a melting pot of different cultures and we cater for those varying cultural backgrounds. We celebrate this diversity and offer varied cultural experiences so each child can appreciate and respect the world around them. Our centres are staffed by highly skilled and specialized personnel, individually selected and then trained to our high quality standards. We are able to offer an internationally recognized and accredited training program in which staff members attain a Diploma of Child Care. This in-house training program ensures all staff offer the same high level of service.

Our over-riding philosophy is to provide a child care environment in which every parent has confidence, trust and respect, and in which every child finds enjoyment, confidence and that same level of trust. We constantly ask two questions as we develop our programs and environments: is it in the best interest of the child, and is it the best we can do? In every instance, the answer to both questions must be "yes".

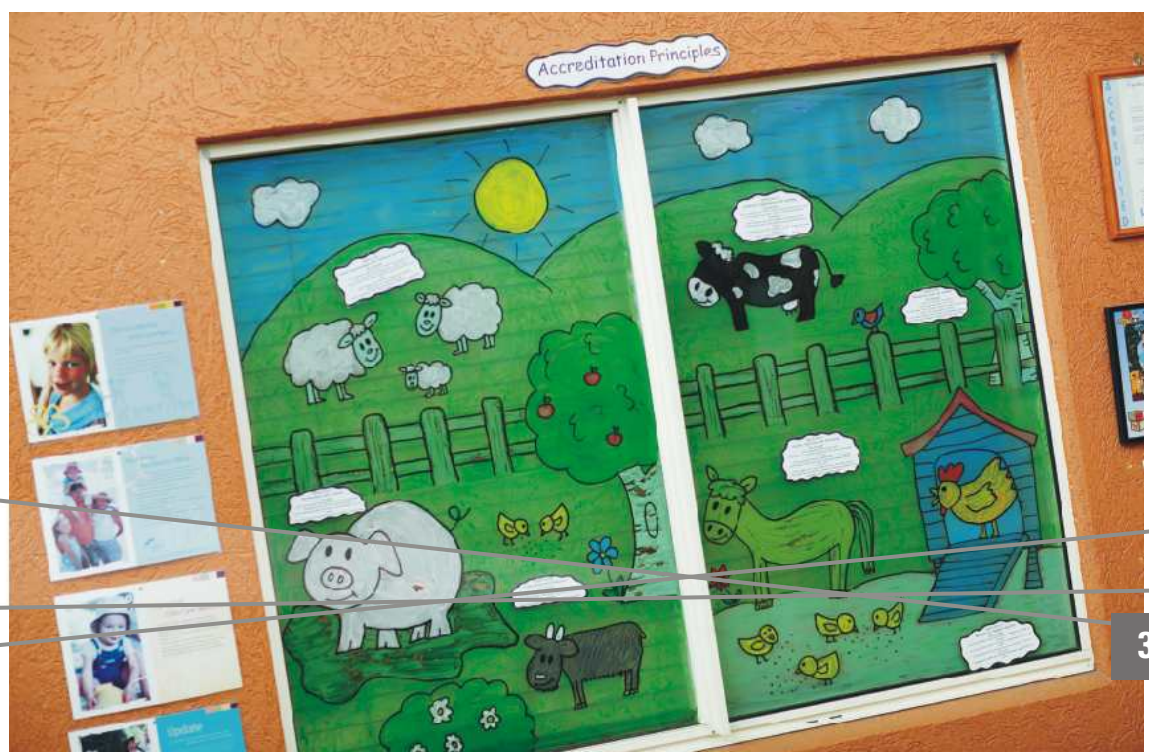
A safe, warm, welcoming environment

We strive to provide a warm, welcoming and safe environment in which parents and staff can work together to help every child achieve his or her full potential at his or her own pace. This includes children with additional needs. Our programs actively encourage individual children to appreciate themselves as a special person, different from everybody else, yet also belonging to a group.

Please Read On

We trust you enjoy this brief insight into our child care centres, our services, and philosophies. We offer a uniquely different early childhood service, based on years of experience and success. Children only have one childhood - precious early years that help to shape the rest of their lives. We neither under-estimate nor take for granted the role that we, as child care providers, play in those vital years.

We are the best in our field because we strive to be the best. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.



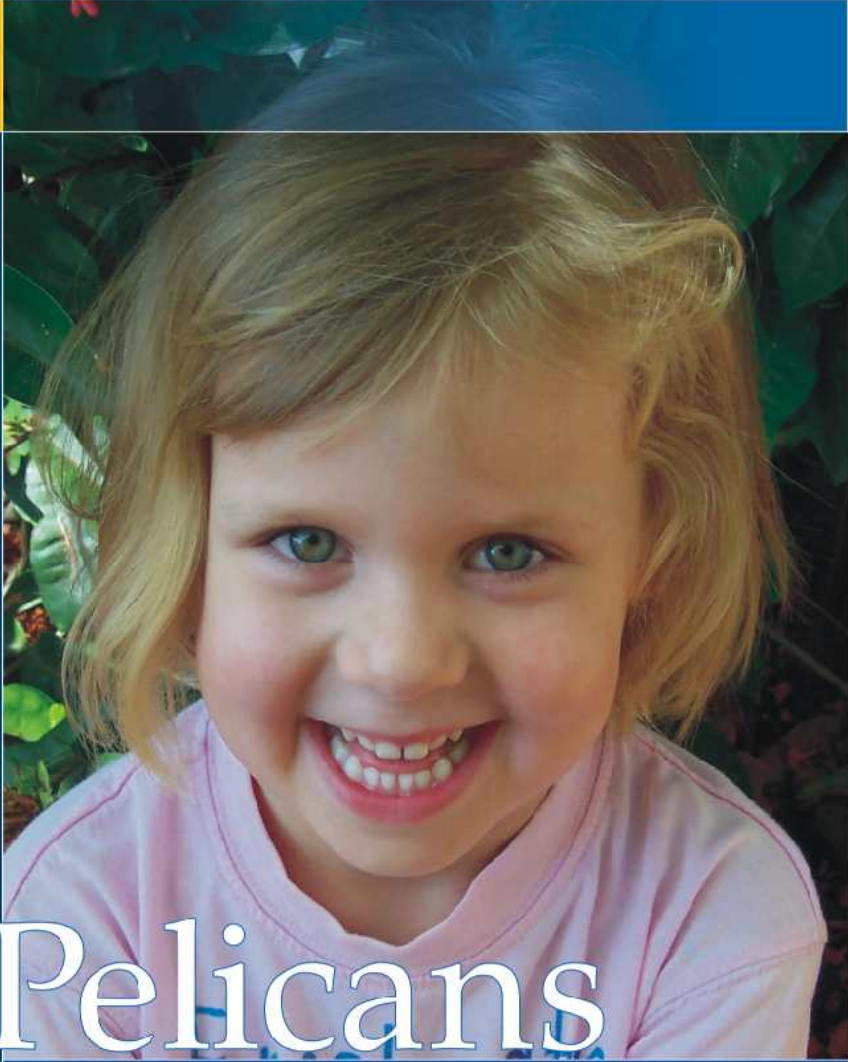
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*We'd love
your
family
to join...*

the Pelicans Family!



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A hearty Welcome from all at Pelicans.

We offer care and education to children from birth to preschool, and are dedicated to providing the best possible care and assistance to every child in care ... as well as each child's family.

We like to think of ourselves as your extended family, here to offer love and support when it's needed.

We strive to foster open communications between parents and staff, so you have total confidence in the care and education we offer your child.

We also aim to create an environment in which your child feels so safe, secure and loved that they will find it hard to leave at the end of each day. For you, as a busy parent, that's invaluable peace of mind to know your child is happy.

We are guided by a comprehensive philosophy, which constantly asks two major questions: Is it in the best interests of the child? Is it the best we can do? In all cases, the answer needs to be "yes".

Years of research went into the creation of Pelicans so we have added a range of special extras to enhance the child care setting for everyone. For instance all of our rooms are designed larger than required by licensing conditions to create an extra square metre per child, and we offer extra-curricular activities that the children enjoy.

This brochure will give you a brief insight into Pelicans but feel free to make an appointment to tour the centre soon. Then you will understand why Pelicans is so sought-after among new parents and so well-loved by existing parents and children.

Pelicans' Groups:

GROUP	STAFFING
Infants (birth to 15 months)	2 staff members (1-4 ratio)
Toddlers (15 months to 2 years)	2 staff members (1-5 ratio)
Junior Kindy (2 - 3 years)	2 staff members (1-6 ratio)
OR Junior Kindy (2.5 - 3.5 years)	2 staff members (1-8 ratio)
Kindy Group (2 - 4 years)	2 staff members (1-11 ratio)
Preschool Group (3.5 - 5 years)	2 staff members (1-12 ratio)

We also have permanent relief staff who assist full-time staff during lunch breaks, annual leave and sick days.

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Our Philosophy

Our philosophy is simple: to provide a child care environment in which parents have confidence and trust, and in which every child can find enjoyment and the same confidence and trust.

To ensure we provide the highest quality service, we will:

- Provide a warm, welcoming and safe environment in which parents and staff can work together to help every child achieve his or her full potential;
- Respect the dignity of the child, regardless of gender, race or religion;
- Acknowledge and celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia today, and develop programs and experiences that allow all children and their families to be included;
- Praise children's efforts when they are trying new experiences, to develop their self-esteem, confidence and independence. Throughout their life, these qualities will help them to confidently adapt to changing circumstances;
- Provide for the individual needs of all children in our care, including those with additional needs, and to encourage their development through play;
- Accept that all children are not the same, and provide a program and environment that allows the inclusion of children with additional needs;
- Respect the rights and opinions of parents and the community. Parent interest and participation in the centre will be encouraged;
- Work as a dedicated team for the overall happiness and well-being of the children and parents of the centre;
- Develop a flexible program that meets the needs and interests of every child, and allows him or her to develop skills, abilities and attitudes that lay the foundation for learning;
- Access guidance and assistance from support organizations and professionals within our local community, for the betterment of the centre and individuals.

This philosophy is reviewed annually and may change slightly.

Interested in Enrolling?

We'd be delighted to show you around Pelicans. Feel free to make an appointment at a time that best suits. After gaining a place in the centre, you will receive an Application Form to be returned as soon as possible. You will also receive a copy of the Parent Handbook and the Policies and Procedures. These policies guide management and staff to provide the best practices in care and education for your child, and for your family's safety and wellbeing.



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A Day in the Life of a Pelicans Kid!

We can't wait to get to Pelicans and join all our friends. Our teachers can't wait to see us either they all have a big smile when they say hello to us and our Mums and Dads. After our Mums and Dads sign us in, and put on our sunscreen and hats (Pelicans gives us both of those), we can go out and play in the playground with our friends and all the toys, equipment and bikes. There might be water play one day, climbing equipment another day, or maybe an obstacle course for us to gain more physical gross motor skills. That's our big muscles you know. Some days when it's hot, we get to have a Wet Day and play in the water and under the sprinklers in our swimmers and t-shirts.

We are all pretty hungry after outdoors play so we come in and have morning tea, but first we need to wash our hands really well. We eat healthy fruit and veges and sometimes other healthy food as well. The teachers are always telling us about healthy things to eat and drink. When we've finished morning tea, some of the older children get to wash up their own cups and dishes because that teaches them self help skills.

Then we get to play inside in our own rooms, which are really big. There are lots of play areas to choose from and the teachers organize great activities and experiences which will help us learn lots of new things. We also practise things we already know so we can get better at them. Did you know that's called cognitive development? The teachers are great and they help us to pack everything away so we know where it is, next time we want it. We have group time and play circle games and stuff like that, so we learn how to share and take turns with our friends and practise our social development. Every day the teachers read us wonderful stories, and we all like to talk about the things they teach us. Talking about things and learning about reading and writing is going to help our language development.

You know by now, we are getting hungry again, because we've all had a really busy day playing and learning and having fun with our friends. The teachers know we are getting hungry so they get our lunches ready for us and sometimes we help set the tables too.

We all know our health & hygiene rules and we have to wash our hands again before we eat (that's so we stay healthy and don't spread germs to our friends). At lunch time it's fun to sit down with all our friends and talk about the stuff we already know ... and the things we found out today. All that playing and learning and eating has made us tired so we get to have a sleep or rest on our comfy beds. The teachers put on some quiet music for us and pat us off to sleep if we want. Sleeping sometimes isn't that much fun in the middle of the day, but we know that if we rest, we will have lots more energy for the rest of the day.

After we've had a good sleep or rest, we get up and do some quiet activities until the others wake up. Did you know some children need more sleep than others? The older children get to look after themselves again and they wipe down their own beds and put away their own sheets. I can't wait to be big so I can look after myself too. When we've all woken up, we can finish any arts and crafts that we didn't finish earlier. Then we can give them to Mum and Dad, to show them our great creative development.

It's time to go outside again soon so we'll wash our hands again, 'cause you just can't wash your hands too much in childcare, then have some afternoon tea to build up our strength. The teachers help us put on some new sunscreen and we need to get our hats on so the sun won't burn our skin. Then once we're all ready, we go outside again to run around and play on all the equipment.

Soon, our Mums and Dads start to come and pick us up to take us home. Usually we don't want to go yet, so the teachers will tell our parents about our day and what we've done. Other Mums and Dads have a chat too and they make friends. It's been a great day and we know that tomorrow will be even better.

Can hardly wait!

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Some extra Information...



Opening Hours: 6.30am to 6pm weekdays

Office Hours: 9am to 5pm (office is closed between 12 & 2pm daily)

Our Features to You:

- Large building with emphasis on space in every room
- Extra large central facilities area for extra curricular activities
- Various themed adventure play areas for children
- Fully shaded play areas
- Road safety awareness course
- Agricultural plot

Our Services to You:

- 14 qualified full-time staff of all ages
- 2 years child care research and parent input
- Caring for Infants to Preschool children
- Before School Care to selected schools
- Extra curricular activities included in fees
- Dry cleaning service
- Healthy nutritious meals available if required
- Access to community resource and support agencies if required
- Safe and easy arrival and departure areas



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Extra-Curricular Activities

As well as our daily routine, we provide additional activities for the various age groups, to enhance skills relevant to those age levels (and to enhance children's experience at Pelicans). Most of these activities are included in your weekly fees.

Dance and Movement Classes: *One class per week on a Thursday for Toddler and Junior Kindy, Kindy and Pre-School children;*

Music and Movement Classes: *One class per week on a Friday for Toddler and Junior Kindy, Kindy and Pre-School children;*

Cheeky Monkey Educational Program: *One class per fortnight on alternating days, for Junior Kindy, Kindy and Pre-School children;*

Early Childhood Kinder-gym Classes: *One class per week on a Wednesday, for Kindy and Pre-School children only. These classes are available for 10-week sessions, at a very reasonable cost.*

Many other activities are arranged regularly, including Puppet Shows, Multicultural Displays, visits from children's favourite characters (ie. Wags the Dog and Dorothy the Dinosaur in recent years!), Teddy Bears' Picnics, Sports Days, Preschool Graduations, Christmas concerts and more.

We also encourage the centre and the children to become involved with community and charity events, such as Colour for a Cure Day and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. We hold regular workshops and seminars for staff and parents.



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