



Professional Development Program Australia and New Zealand



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Primary Educators
Including Walker Learning Play
Based Curriculum

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Welcome to our Professional Development Program for 2017



Kathy and Shona as Directors and the Team at Early Life Foundations are delighted to provide our PD brochure for 2017.

Early Life Foundations provides professional support across Australia and internationally for a wide range of educators and parents. This PD brochure is for educators and parents with students.

WE OFFER TWO MAJOR TYPES OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT FOR EDUCATORS AND PARENTS:

CUSTOMISED SESSIONS AND MENTORING

means we come to you – or you can come to us – to present on any of the scheduled topics, or any other topics your school, centre or parent group may require our team of staff to support you in.

SCHEDULED SESSIONS

are pre-set sessions with dates and topics, as listed in the brochure. Most are held at our main training rooms and Demonstration Unit in Bayside Melbourne. But we have set aside week blocks across Australia and New Zealand so we can run PD, mentoring and study tours so we can come to where you are.

We look forward to meeting and working with you at some of our professional development sessions in 2017. Please feel free to contact the ELF Centre to discuss your specific needs:

www.earlylife.com.au
www.earlylife360.com.au
or (03) 9551 1900.

EARLY LIFE FOUNDATIONS PHILOSOPHY GUIDING PRACTICE

Ensures that opportunities for the development of the whole child are authentic, relevant and meaningful for all children regardless of their age, culture, family context, socioeconomic background or geographical location.

Is based on educating the whole child; education of the whole child requires understanding of child development, developmental psychology and neuroscience while acknowledging and respecting that culture, community and family have a significant impact on a child's life and learning. It places an emphasis on the social and emotional aspects of a child's life as well as the academic.

Embraces and prioritises the importance of attachment and relationships with children.

Emphasises personalised learning, explicit instruction, skills in literacy and numeracy; promotes creativity and self-expression; and embeds self-awareness, self-management and self-regulation in children's learning.

EARLY LIFE FOUNDATIONS CENTRE

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CUSTOMISED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

WE PROVIDE CUSTOMISED SESSIONS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:



1

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS AND MENTORING

2

EARLY LIFE FOUNDATIONS DEMONSTRATION UNIT GUIDED TOUR

3

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS.

The following sections provide details of each of these categories:

1. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS AND MENTORING

Customised sessions are where you choose a topic/area of support from our list, or a topic customised to suit your community's needs. Customised sessions are conducted anywhere in Australia or at the Early Life Foundations Centre. These sessions are for educators and for parents. Please contact ELF to book a customised session.

CUSTOMISED SESSIONS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- > Mentoring for primary educators and leaders
- > Mentoring for school principals and leaders
- > School playground assessments
- > Parent information sessions
- > Mentoring for primary education philosophy
- > Personalised learning
- > Play-based and project-based learning
- > Team collaboration
- > Leadership styles and mentoring
- > Mentoring on teaching and learning
- > Mentoring on Walker Learning (personalised learning)
- > Any topics we offer as scheduled, or other topics within our range of expertise that your community requires.
- > Social and Emotional Learning
- > Literacy and Numeracy
- > Mindfulness
- > Neuroscience

2. EARLY LIFE FOUNDATIONS DEMONSTRATION UNIT GUIDED TOUR

The Early Life Foundations Demonstration Unit (in Melbourne) is especially set up as an early childhood/early years learning environment. It can be visited by anyone working with young children (birth to preschool, and early years of primary school) to gain firsthand experience of how to establish and provide specific play-based learning provocations, materials and resources for young children. Please contact us to book a guided tour with one of our consultants or a time for your team to observe.

3. PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS, WORKSHOPS AND PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We are delighted to offer sessions and workshops on behaviour, school readiness, school preparation and transition, resilience, the importance of play and a range of other topics for parents. Customised parent sessions and workshops can be held at the Early Life Foundations Centre in Melbourne, at your school or early childhood centre, or at a local community venue anywhere in Australia.

BOOKINGS PROCESS AND COSTS FOR CUSTOMISED SESSIONS

Please send your expression of interest via www.earlylife360.com.au or contact the ELF office for a quote “parent consultation” and to discuss your specific needs by phoning (03) 9551 1900.

COSTS GUIDED TOUR OF DEMONSTRATION UNIT

- > \$50 per person for a group of 5 participants
 - > \$250 per group of 6 or more participants (capped at 10 participants)
- To book, please contact the ELF Centre to arrange a time for the guided tour.

PARENT SESSIONS

PARENT CONSULTATIONS	120 + GST – Initial one-hour consultation \$100 + GST – Subsequent one-hour consultations
SCHOOL READINESS ASSESSMENT	\$500 + GST (\$50 rebate if subsequent to a parent consultation)
CHOICE OF SCHOOL CONSULTATION	\$200 + GST – Initial one-hour consultation \$150 + GST – Subsequent one-hour consultations
ADVOCACY AND PARENT SUPPORT PARENT AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS PROACTIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP SERIES	Please contact the ELF Centre for further information and quotes

VENUE

MELBOURNE-BASED SESSIONS

The Early Life Foundations Centre,
Level 1, 50-52 Sunmore Close, Moorabbin VIC
Phone: (03) 9551 1900. All-day parking is available;
for details see www.earlylife.com.au

INTERSTATE-BASED SESSIONS

Venue information is provided for each session.



BOOKINGS: www.earlylife360.com.au
ENQUERIES: ELF CENTRE: (03) 9551 1900

CANCELLATION POLICY

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SCHEDULED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Scheduled sessions are for any individual or groups who would like to enroll for sessions scheduled by ELF and advertised in this brochure. These are preset sessions with dates and topics as listed in the brochure. The majority of scheduled sessions are held at the main ELF training rooms and Demonstration Unit in Bayside Melbourne. In 2017, we will also be offering a variety of scheduled sessions in a number of states and territories. Scheduled sessions are available to all educators and parents and are listed on the following pages.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS MELBOURNE

F–YEAR 2 WALKER LEARNING OVERVIEW

27/2/17
15/8/17

9.30am – 3.30pm

This session is an introductory presentation of the key elements of WL in the early years, including: the research and philosophy of WL, how to set up the environment, the explicit teaching and linking of literacy and numeracy, the Investigation session, linking to frameworks, planning and documentation, as well as implementation strategies for teams and schools. When conducted in Melbourne, this session also includes the opportunity to observe the ELF Demonstration Unit of play-based learning areas in order to gain practical ideas about learning centres, resources and materials.

Full or half-day customised WL introductory overview presentations for individual schools and centres can also be arranged by request.

YEARS 3–6 WALKER LEARNING OVERVIEW

28/2/17
16/8/17

9.30am – 3.30pm

This session is an introductory presentation of the key elements of Walker Learning in the middle/ upper primary years, including: the research behind and philosophy of WL, setting up the learning environment, planning and documentation, linking to curriculum areas and framework outcomes, class meetings, clinic groups, communication boards, education research projects and implementation strategies for teams and schools. This session also includes example video footage and photos of key elements of the pedagogy in Years 3-8 from classrooms across Australia.

Full or half-day customised WL introductory overview presentations for individual schools and centres can also be arranged by request.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

21/3/17
10/8/17

9.30am – 3.30pm

NEW
FOR 2107

This session provides an overview on how to use social and emotional learning (SEL) with educators and students across an education community. It considers the competencies of self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making and relationship skills, and draws upon emotional intelligence theory, personality theory and practical strategies to assist educators.

EDUCATION RESEARCH PROJECT (WALKER LEARNING YEARS 3-6)

28/3/17
20/9/17

9.30am – 3.30pm

This session focuses on understanding and implementing education research projects (ERPs). This session provides in-depth and practical ideas about ERPs and how to balance the immersion of key skills, intentions and content with personalised student interests. The session unpacks how to set learning intentions with a subject focus and how to link with, and assess Framework outcomes. This session also includes the use of example video footage of ERPs and proposal forms from students in Years 3-6 across Australia.

CREATING AN ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT ACROSS YEARS 3-6 IN WALKER LEARNING

29/3/17
25/7/17

9.30am – 3.30pm

NEW
FOR 2107

This session focuses on how to set up an engaging environment that includes intentional provocations that link open-ended learning centres, to formal teaching throughout the day. It provides practical ideas for enriching and using the environment and resources to help scaffold and extend learning. Practical examples are provided for setting up learning centres, research centres, individual and group areas for learning, communication board ideas and class meeting ideas. This session includes the use of photos of open-plan environments and traditional small classrooms from across Australia.

SCHEDULED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

LINKING LITERACY AND NUMERACY TO EDUCATION RESEARCH PROJECTS

27/4/17
17/10/17

9.30am – 3.30pm

NEW
FOR 2107

This session focuses on the variety of ways literacy and numeracy can be strengthened and deepened during ERP's, and linked to formal literacy and numeracy sessions. The session examines how literacy and numeracy links are made through planning and documentation, and how explicit instruction continues during formal teaching throughout the day. A range of practical strategies and ideas are covered to assist educators in providing additional and meaningful literacy and numeracy into ERP's.

NEUROSCIENCE

12/5/17
4/8/17
27/10/17

9.30am – 3.30pm

MOST
POPULAR
2106

This session is in our top three of most popular!! It focuses on using scientific evidence about the brain to guide practice. The exciting world of science, brain research and the evidence behind what contributes to personality, thinking, development, behaviour, importance of play, relationships, attachment and many more factors, are often not known, taught or considered in the field of education. This practical session presents key aspects about the child's brain and the direct implications these have for teaching and learning. The session provides an exciting, refreshing and reassuring way of using the scientific evidence to guide practice and decision-making.

SENSORY ART EXPERIENCES IN ASSOCIATION WITH ZART

9/5/17

9.30am – 3.30pm

PRACTICAL
WORKSHOP

Whether you are an art teacher in the early years, an early childhood educator or a classroom teacher in F-2, this session provides a rich range of practical open ended art based sensory experiences for children. The sensory experiences for children to touch, smell, and observe the natural world and to have opportunities to express themselves creatively are often challenging in the technological world. A very practical 'hands' on workshop with a specialist artist alongside our own early childhood experts continues to make this one of our most popular sessions. Lots of take 'aways' for educators to use.

MINDFULNESS

19/5/17
24/11/17

9.30am – 3.30pm

NEW
FOR 2107

This session takes a new and refreshing look at building, supporting and maintaining our relationships with children and families as we work as educators. The session uses the science of mindfulness theories to deepen our work with children as we scaffold, extend, guide and lead their learning, skills, emotions, behaviours and interactions. It empowers us to get back to what we know children need most – not cameras, clipboards, ipads and computers, but relationships!

NB: This session is to assist educators to become more mindful. It is not a session in teaching mindfulness to children.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE WORKSHOP – 2 DAYS

27/7/17 &
28/7/17

9.30am – 3.30pm

This intensive two-day seminar is led by two of Australia's top leading educators and consultants, Kathy Walker and Shona Bass. Both Kathy and Shona have academic and research backgrounds and have worked extensively in a range of areas including effective communication, relationships, group dynamics, leadership, teamwork and emotional intelligence (EI). Relationships in the workplace, the home, the community and broader society are the key to effective productivity and mental and psychological well-being. This workshop includes: an overview of the key elements of EI, using EI in the workplace, effective communication skills, assertion, empathy, workshops for skills in EI, strategies for working with families, children and colleagues, and modelling EI to others.

WALKER LEARNING - FAST TRACK DAY

30/11/17

F-Yr 2
9am – 12pm

Yr 3 – Yr 6
1pm – 4pm

A MUST FOR
TEACHERS NEW
TO WALKER
LEARNING

Two half-day sessions (i) Foundation to Year 2; and (ii) Years 3 - 6, to provide the opportunity for educators who are either commencing at a school in the following year, or moving into a different year level with Walker Learning, to gain an understanding of the key elements before the new teaching year commences. Resources, fact sheets, online modules and ELF texts are also discussed and available to support the transition into Walker Learning.

SCHEDULED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

INTRODUCING OPEN-ENDED ART EXPERIENCES IN ASSOCIATION WITH ZART

11/8/2017

9.30am – 3.30pm

PRACTICAL
WORKSHOP

A refreshing look at new ideas and practical strategies for early childhood and early years educators and art teachers to introduce young children to a love and appreciation of art. A practical workshop based session where hands on open-ended experiences are demonstrated alongside the modeling of the most appropriate skills, materials and resources to use with young children to set them up for success. A wide range of art experiences are shared for educators to use with their children.

BOTANICAL GARDENS ART EXPERIENCES - A REAL NATURAL WORLD EXPERIENCE IN ASSOCIATION WITH ZART

21/11/2017

9.30am – 3.30pm

BOOK EARLY
FILLS FAST

This whole day event is always fully booked and very popular. A whole day at the Botanic Gardens facilitated not only by the experts at the Botanic Gardens, but by a real artist and our experts from Early Life Foundations. We explore the appreciation of the natural beauty of season, growth, and the natural world and then link back to early learning across babies right through to year 2 students.

A must for early childhood and early primary educators!

STUDY TOURS

WALKER LEARNING YEARS 3-6 STUDY TOUR

21/2/17
22/8/17

7.30am – 3.30pm

This one-day tour takes educators to a school where students and educators model the key aspects of Walker Learning across Years 3-6. Focus students, tuning in, communication boards in action, class meetings and aspects of education research projects are all demonstrated on this day. Further professional learning follows in the afternoon at the ELF Centre.

F-YEAR 2 STUDY TOUR – 2 DAYS

6/3/17 and 7/3/17
25/5/17 and 26/5/17
11/9/17 and 12/9/17
30/10/17 and 31/10/17

7.30am – 3.30pm

This two-day study tour visits schools using Walker Learning (WL) across years F-2 and provides opportunities for educators to observe WL in schools with teachers and students in action. Observe the key elements of tuning in, reflection, the learning environment, focus children, reporter and photographer, including the opportunity to meet and discuss these elements with educators and leaders. It is followed each day by professional learning at the ELF Melbourne office and an opportunity to view the ELF Demonstration Unit.

REGIONAL STUDY TOUR (F - YEAR 6) – BENDIGO REGION

28/8/17

8:30am – 3.30pm

This one-day study tour is conducted at St Liborius Catholic Parish PS in Bendigo. This tour provides participants the opportunity to view to Walker Learning being implemented as a whole school philosophy. There will be classroom demonstrations of tuning in, investigations and reflection in the F-2 area before morning tea, followed by years 3-6 classroom demonstration of tuning in, communication boards and a class meeting. Professional development takes place after lunch with the opportunity to chat to leadership and teachers during lunch.

INTERSTATE & NEW ZEALAND STUDY TOURS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

The Early Life Foundations Team will be providing a variety of PD opportunities (Study Tours, PD sessions, mentoring, and parent sessions) across Australia and New Zealand. Impact PD will be teaming up with ELF to deliver many of these sessions. The majority of the scheduled sessions offered in this program are available to be conducted interstate and internationally.

We will be at each location for a week several times during the year. Please contact us as early as possible so we can organize to conduct any of these professional development opportunities during the weeks we are in your state, territory or country. The details of these sessions will be advertised locally in 2017. Updates will be listed on FB each week. Study Tour dates are listed below and details of where study tours are being held are listed on our bookings website. Participants can book into study tours online from December 2016.

Bookings fill quickly so contact us ASAP.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

13/3 to 17/3	31/7/17 to 4/8/17	16/10/17 to 20/10/17
	Study Tour: 1/8	Study Tour: 20/10

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

22/5/17 to 25/5/17	16/8/17 to 18/8/17	23/10/17 to 25/10/17
Study Tour: TBA	Study Tour: TBA	Study Tour: TBA

QUEENSLAND

15/5/17 to 19/5/17	24/7/17 to 26/7/17	6/11/17 to 10/11/17
Study Tour: 19/5/17	Study Tour: 25/7	Study Tour: 9/11 & 10/11

NORTHERN TERRITORY

27/3/17 to 31/3/17	21/8/17 to 25/8/17
Study Tour: 30/3 & 31/3	Study Tour: 24/8 & 25/8

NEW ZEALAND

3/4/17 to 7/4/17	18/9/17 to 22/9/17
Study Tour: 7/4/17	Study Tour: 22/9/17



BOOKINGS PROCESS AND COSTS FOR SCHEDULED SESSIONS

SCHEDULED SESSIONS*

- > Whole day – \$280 + GST
- > Half-day – \$175 + GST

STUDY TOURS*

- > Two-day Study Tour – \$600 + GST
- > One-day Study Tour – \$300 + GST

*All full-day sessions include morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

VENUE, BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES

VENUE: MELBOURNE-BASED SESSIONS

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RESOURCES

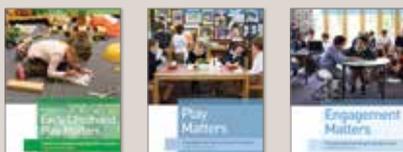
A variety of resources can be purchased on the ELF online shop (www.earlylife.com.au) and include the following:

BOOKS BY KATHY WALKER



Future Proofing Your Child	\$35 AUD
Parenting	\$35 AUD
Ready, Set, Go?	\$25 AUD
What's the Hurry?	\$45 AUD

BOOKS BY KATHY WALKER & SHONA BASS*



Early Childhood Play Matters (Birth to 6 years)	\$50 AUD
Play Matters (ECE to Year 2)	\$50 AUD
Engagement Matters (years 3 to 6)	\$50 AUD

DVDs



Parenting Tips	\$20 AUD
Creating an Engaging and Intentional Learning Environment	\$30 AUD
Walker Learning – Play Matters: Practical classroom demonstration	\$35 AUD

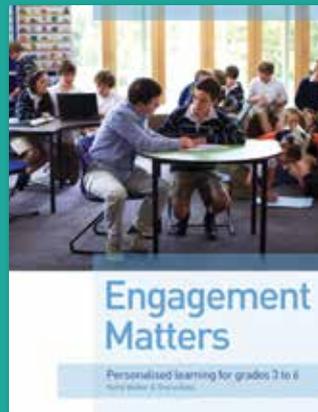
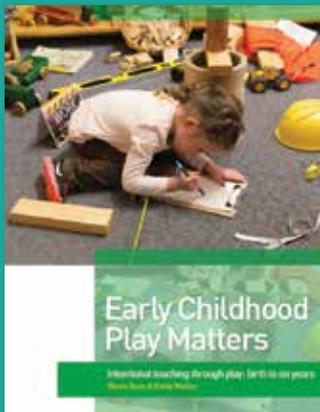
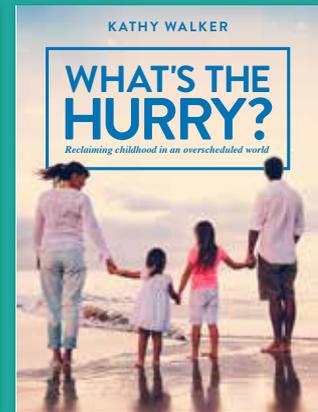
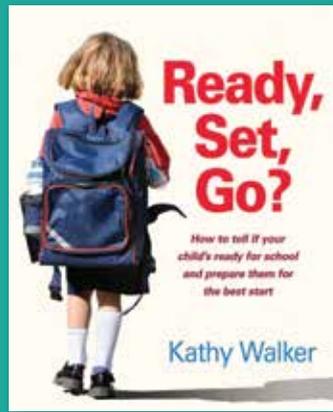
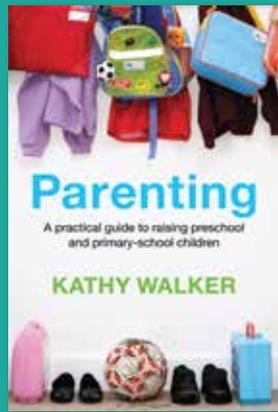
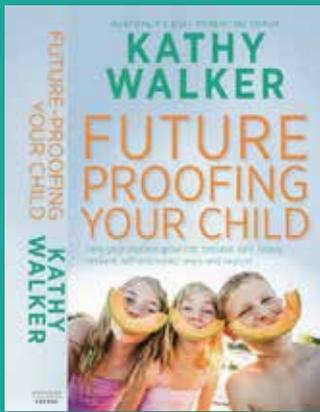
PODCASTS



5 x podcasts different titles	\$5 AUD
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* The Early Childhood Matters, Play Matters and Engagement Matters series can be purchased through ACER or online bookstores or at our ELF Centre.
NB: Resources are delivered across Australia and New Zealand; minimum cost \$10 AUD for handling and postage

WE HAVE A RANGE OF RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS AND PARENTS INCLUDING: BOOKS, DVD'S, ONLINE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT MODULES, AND PODCASTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO THE ELF ONLINE SHOP.



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 Check out our boards!



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