Early Childhood Educators

Professional Development Calendar 2027

Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

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Education Consultancy, Research & Parent Support

2027

For Early Childhood Educators

Includes School Readiness Funding and Kindy Uplift

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Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators

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30 YEARS Walker Learning
30 years of learning through Play
1997 - 2027

Welcome to our Professional Development Program for 2027

2027

We provide professional learning for Early Childhood Educators, Primary teachers and leadership as well as parents and your community.

Early Life Foundations is an independent voice on the national and international stage that promotes child-focussed education, allowing each child the opportunity to thrive and flourish.

Professional Support

Early Life Foundations has delivered professional development and support for educators, parents, organisations and the community since 2008.

Early Life Foundations

Early Life Foundations has been a Victorian DoE School Readiness Funding provider since 2019 as well as a NESA Accredited provider in NSW and a Kindy UPLIFT provider in Queensland.

Live Webinars

We have a program of scheduled live webinar events - enjoy the opportunity to take part in Walker Learning PD without the need to travel.

Custom Sessions & Mentoring

Means we come to you, in-person or online to present on any of the scheduled topics, or any other topics your school, centre or parents may need support in.

Scheduled Sessions

Pre-set sessions with dates and topics, listed in our brochure and at earlylife.com.au.

Parent Presentations

We offer evening presentations via Zoom.

Visit our website to see topics.
earlylife.com.au/parent-presentations

Early Life Foundations & Walker Learning
NESA Accredited Provider 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024 | NESA Recognised Provider 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027
Victorian DoE Approved Provider SRF 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027
Kindy Uplift supported QLD 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027

We look forward to meeting and working with you in 2027. Please feel free to contact Early Life Foundations to discuss your specific needs: Contact us: www.earlylife.com.au or (03) 9551 1900

Walker Learning - Personalised & Holistic Learning

Philosophy Guiding Practice

Walker Learning is an Australian designed evidence based play and inquiry pedagogy. It is internationally acclaimed and has been implemented across Australia and worldwide for 30 years.

Walker Learning brings together the best practice in teaching and learning and provides a seamless transition across all stages of education (babies to year 6). Professional learning, text books and online resources provides underpinning theory and step by step practical strategies on how to implement the pedagogy. It meets all requirements of state, national and international frameworks.

Walker Learning is used Australia-wide by early childhood and childcare providers as well as in the early, middle and upper years of primary school.

Development of the whole child

Walker Learning 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.

Personalised learning pedagogy

Walker Learning 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.

Prioritising relationships

Walker Learning embraces and prioritises the importance of attachment and relationships with children.

Education of the whole child

Walker Learning 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.

Walker Learning is the exclusive product of
The Walker Learning Group Pty Ltd T/A Early Life Foundations

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Walker Learning
PERSONALISED & HOLISTIC LEARNING

Early Life Foundations
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Early Childhood Educator

2027

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

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LIVE WEBINAR

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN PRE-SCHOOLERS

Book Webinar

Dates

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Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.1, 1.3, 1.5, 4.1, 4.3, 6.2

GUEST PRESENTER

NSW NESA RECOGNISED Provider

VICTORIA SCHOOL READINESS Funding

QUEENSLAND KINDY UPLIFT

ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

Resilience and wellbeing have become more important than ever, so what can we do to build children's resilience and self-concept? This webinar examines how to improve mental health and wellbeing and long-term outcomes for children in all areas through presentation slides and expert panel discussions. The training supports Version 2 EYLF practices of planning intentionally and responsively for children and creating supportive physical, temporal, intellectual, social & emotional play-based environments. Educators will be given strategies to understand and respond to children's emotions and behaviour and ideas to provide environments that proactively nurture wellbeing. We review:

> Strong mental health foundations support positive outcomes for life and learning

> What resilience is and how to build capacity to 'bounce back'

> Self-awareness, self management and responsible decision making

> Techniques and resources to enhance physical, temporal and social and emotional environments

Walker Learning consultants will immerse you in an informative and inspiring session to support wellbeing and positivity in your school and classroom. This PD is suitable for teachers and leaders wanting to enhance and support children's social and emotional learning and wellbeing in early childhood.

VEYLDF Alignment

This training aims to improve wellbeing and long-term outcomes for children in all areas, including readiness for school, managing the school environment and managing school expectations.

Workshops aim to help parents/carers and educators better understand what resilience is and isn't, and learn how to build children's capacity to 'bounce back'.

They include practical tips and strategies for building resilience, and opportunities for discussion and questions. They draw on current research highlighting how strong mental health foundations support positive outcomes for life. Educator-only sessions include expert discussion and Q&A.

Priority Area
Wellbeing (social and emotional)
Item uses these practice principles:
High expectations for every child.

Item responds to these sub-outcomes: Children become strong in their social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

Strength of Evidence
Level 6 – Supported by expert opinion.

WELLBEING

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

READY SET GO! IS THIS CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN OR SCHOOL?

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
13/05/2027
02/09/2027

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
5.1, 6.2, 7.3

National Quality Standards

QA
1, 6

NSW NESA RECOGNISED Provider

QUEENSLAND KINDY UPLIFT

ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

How do we know if a child is ready for kindergarten or school? What is expected in the first year of school? There are a number of elements to be considered with these decisions. We will explore the following aspects of readiness in this session:

> Maturation and development

> Temperament

> Child's position in the family

> School expectations

> Decision making process and planning ahead

> Importance of social and emotional development

> Cultivating partnerships and transition to school

This session is an essential PD for teachers and educators working with children aged three to five years old. A 1-hour parent presentation can also be booked by centres, schools and local councils.

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

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WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAY MATTERS

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR (2027)

25/02/2027
12/05/2027
04/08/2027
21/10/2027

WEBINAR (2028)

24/02/2028
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Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.1, 3.7, 6.4,7.3

National Quality Standards

QA
1, 3, 5, 6, 7

This dynamic webinar will reinforce through presentation slides, expert panel discussions and audience Q&A the importance of play and intentional teaching, and how play provides essential foundations for life. It also showcases what constitutes best practice in a high-quality early childhood program.

This webinar aims to equip early childhood educators with evidence and affirmation about the value of play. It focuses on the importance of relationships; developing authentic, culturally appropriate and inclusive practice; enhancing children's learning through 'scaffolding'; rich, engaging environments; intentional teaching; and planning for and documenting children's learning and development effectively. Participants explore the theory of play and learn how neuroscience informs understanding about children's development. This session relates to the new EYLF Practices (Version 2) of incorporating intentionality in play-based learning as well as monitoring and evaluating children's learning, development and progress against the Learning Outcomes. We will also introduce innovative ways to 'add value' to the teaching of literacy, numeracy, STEM, and life skills through creatively setting up learning invitations in an Early Childhood setting.

Session based on Early Childhood Play Matters by Kathy Walker & Shona Bass

VEYLDF Alignment

This workshop is based on the 2015 book Early Childhood Play Matters, by Kathy Walker and Shona Bass. It aims to reinforce the importance of play and intentional teaching, and how play provides essential foundations for life. It also discusses what constitutes best practice in a high-quality early childhood program.

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Participants explore the theory of play and learn how neuroscience informs understanding about children's development. They learn innovative ways to 'add value' to the teaching of literacy, numeracy, STEM and life skills, and strategies to encourage children to explore learning through investigations linked to intentional teaching in all curricular areas.

COMMUNICATION | ACCESS & INCLUSION | WELLBEING

Priority Area
Wellbeing (social and emotional), Access and Inclusion & Communication.

Item uses these practice principles: Reflective practice, partnerships with families, high expectations for every child, respectful relationships and responsive engagement, integrated teaching and learning approaches, partnerships with professionals.

Item responds to these sub-outcomes: Children become strong in their social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

Strength of Evidence
Level 6 – Supported by expert opinion.

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

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WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

CREATING ENGAGING ENVIRONMENTS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

Book Webinar

Dates

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17/02/2027
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APTS
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National Quality Standards

QA
1, 2, 3, 5

How do we create engaging and meaningful environments that promote, engage and sustain children's learning through play? This PD unpacks the importance of creating spaces that nurture and inspire whilst facilitating learning.

> The key elements of quality learning environments indoors and outdoors

> Considerations for design, set up, materials, and equipment including the use of loose parts

> The importance of creating physical, temporal, intellectual, social and emotional environments as well as open-ended learning spaces

> Supporting children to resource their own learning

> Planning for ongoing modifications and evaluation

> Intentional teaching which supports communication, inclusive practice and creativity

This PD session is suitable for teachers and educators working with children aged birth to five years of age working in early childhood settings. It is filled with lots of practical ideas on how to add a broader and richer range of materials, resources, and provocations to play-based learning spaces.

VEYLDF Alignment

Creating Engaging Environments for Preschoolers is a professional development training workshop which aims to inspire educators to reflect on and intentionally create inclusive learning environments to enhance children's wellbeing and communication. The training explores why environments make a difference and how educators can enhance learning spaces.

The training can be delivered via webinar. Follow up customised coaching can be requested.

An electronic set of the Walker Learning Area Posters are included in scheduled sessions booked at earlylife.com.au

ACCESS & INCLUSION

WELLBEING

Priority Area
Wellbeing (social and emotional), Access and Inclusion.

Item uses these practice principles: Reflective practice, high expectations for children, respectful relationships and responsive engagement, equity and diversity, assessment for learning and development.

Strength of Evidence
Level 6 – Supported by expert opinion.

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

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LIVE WEBINAR

BUSH KINDER - STARTING AN OUTDOOR LEARNING PROGRAM

Book Webinar | In Person

Dates

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Australian Professional Teaching Standards

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National Quality Standards

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School Readiness Funding - Victoria: This session suits a 2 year planning cycle

QUEENSLAND KINDY UPLIFT

VICTORIA BUSH KINDER GRANTS Program

ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

Come and join us for this practical, thought provoking webinar that will inform and inspire you. Through a combination of presentation slides, video, expert panel discussions, virtual walk throughs and audience Q&A we will take you on your bush kinder journey from the comfort of your home or work environment.

This dynamic webinar examines the importance of bush kinder and what you need to know to get started, including pedagogical theory, establishing routines, risk benefit assessments and resourcing Bush Kinder experiences to enhance children's learning wellbeing.

This session references some of the new EYLF Principles and Practices including sustainability, equity, diversity, and inclusion along with relational pedagogy, physical, temporal, social, emotional environments and community partnerships.

This is suitable for teachers and educators working with children aged birth to five working in early childhood centres (prior to primary school).

VEYLDF Alignment

Research shows that playing in nature benefits children's wellbeing, social and emotional development, cognitive language and physical skill development.

Participants in this training session observe a bush kinder session. They then 'unpack' the research and practicalities of implementing bush kinder with an experienced early childhood consultant and bush kinder educators. Participants are equipped to explain and share the benefits of nature play with parents/carers and the community, and to make practical suggestions for effective implementation. Provider offers follow-up support coaching for initiating and developing programs.

ACCESS & INCLUSION | WELLBEING

Priority Area
Wellbeing (social and emotional), Access and inclusion.

Item uses these practice principles: Partnerships with families, high expectations for every child, respectful relationships and responsive engagement, equity and diversity, integrated teaching and learning approaches.

Item responds to these sub-outcomes: Children become strong in their social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

Strength of Evidence
Level 4 – Emerging research evidence.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

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LIVE WEBINAR

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR IMPLEMENTING BUSH KINDER

Book Webinar

Dates

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Australian Professional Teaching Standards

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QUEENSLAND KINDY UPLIFT
VICTORIA BUSH KINDER GRANTS Program
ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

This session explores all the nitty gritty details to be considered as you implement your Bush Kinder program.

> What to bring

> What to do (and not to do)

> Experiences and ideas to help you enhance children's in-nature learning

> Completing Risk/Benefit forms -including a wide range of examples

> Troubleshooting tips

> Includes handy resources and takeaways for staff and parents

> Common frequently asked questions

Customised and group bookings: Practical Tips for Implementing Bush Kinder can be booked as a customised in person or online session for your school or centre. This PD is a must for teachers and educators working with children aged birth to five, working in early childhood centres (prior to primary school) and interested in developing an outdoor off site learning program.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

BUSH KINDER PLANNING AND DOCUMENTATION

Book Webinar

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QUEENSLAND KINDY UPLIFT
VICTORIA BUSH KINDER GRANTS Program
ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

This session provides suggestions on simple ways to incorporate plans and document children's learning and development at Bush Kinder.

> Linking Bush Kinder to possibilities at Preschool

> Linking to the Early Years Framework

> Sample planning documents

> Documenting with children

> Takeaway template/s

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WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING & LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Book Webinar

Dates

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Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS

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National Quality Standards

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Deepen understanding and provide inspiration to teachers, leaders and educators in early childhood settings. We explore the importance of reflective and responsive practice, creating quality environments, intentional teaching and observing, analysing and monitoring children's progress in all areas. Participants will:

> Observe best practice in-action from a variety of Australian ECE settings.

> Develop a deeper understanding of child development in 2 to 6 year-olds.

> Explore the importance of relational pedagogy and connecting with families and caregivers.

> Build skills and confidence to involve and communicate effectively with parents and families.

> Participants will consider equity, diversity and inclusion in their own context.

Participants will view segments of video footage and commentary of pedagogy 'in action' through a virtual study tour of early childhood settings showcasing examples of play-based learning and examples of Walker Learning core elements introduced in Early Childhood Play Matters. This session complements and builds wholistically on the skills and knowledge covered in Early Childhood Play Matters and Creating Engaging Environments for Preschoolers.

VEYLDF Alignment

The program consolidates and builds on skills, knowledge and understandings outlined in original Early Childhood Play Matters and Creating Engaging Environments for Pre-schoolers which both align to VEYLDF. By reviewing importance of relationships, knowledge of child development and creating inviting and intentional learning areas, EARLY CHILDHOOD - TEACHING AND LEARNING THROUGH PLAY further enhances depth of knowledge. Current research relevant to play and child development and a deeper look at what 2-6 year old children need to master in terms of social, emotional and language development are a cornerstone of this PD.

Participants are also shown the opportunity to see excellent early childhood practice in action. This will be done through a virtual study tour of early childhood settings and will include group time for 3-5 year olds including Focus Children.

In recognition of the importance of professional reflection, participants are provided with an electronic workbook and encouraged to reflect and later invited to participate and share experiences as part of a professional reflective dialogue.

The training can be delivered via webinar. Follow up customised coaching can be requested.

COMMUNICATION | ACCESS & INCLUSION | WELLBEING

Priority Area
Wellbeing (social and emotional), Access and Inclusion & Communication.

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Item responds to these sub-outcomes: Children become strong in their social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

Strength of Evidence
Level 6 – Supported by expert opinion.

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

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WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

WANT YOUR LIFE BACK? EFFECTIVE AND TIME EFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION

Book Webinar

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National Quality Standards

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QUEENSLAND KINDY UPLIFT

ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

THIS IS AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR PD

This is suitable for teachers and educators working with children aged birth to five working in early childhood centres (prior to primary school).
Documentation templates are included in this session.

In line with Version 2 of the EYLF, how do you currently analyse, assess, monitor and evaluate children's learning, development and wellbeing? Join us for our online webinar which focuses on effective ways to understand, acknowledge and document children's progress and their achievements of Learning Outcomes that doesn't take away your weekend or interrupt your interactions with children.

In this dynamic webinar we will demonstrate through the use of presentation slides, expert panel discussion and audience Q&A how to:

> Collect, collate and manage your records

> Promote and plan for appropriate literacy and numeracy experiences

> Focus on documentation and planning that ehances and supports your interactions with children

> Document children's learning using a practical range of strategies that link to the National Quality Framework and Assesssment process EYLF version 2

> EYLF Principles: Critical reflection and Partnership

> EYLF Practices: Being responsive to children, planning and implementing play-based learning with intentionality, analysing and documenting children's progress in the Learning Outcomes

EARLY CHILDHOOD

WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

04/03/2027

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Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS

6.2, 6.3, 7.2

National Quality Standards

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QUEENSLAND KINDY UPLIFT

ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

Do you want to understand more about why children behave the way they do? What do we need to know in order to proactively respond rather than react? Refresh your understanding of the importance of:

> Strong, warm relationships

> Child development

> Neuroscience

> The educator/teacher role

> A quality learning environment that supports positive behaviour

> Support services for families

> Observing, documenting and planning for individual children

This is a most helpful PD for teachers and educators wanting to work positively with children from babies to eight years of age. A parent e-booklet is distributed with this session.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

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WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

PLAYING WITH LITERACY AND NUMERACY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Book Webinar

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ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

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National Quality Standards

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Literacy and Numeracy is everywhere! How do we intentionally build children's literacy and numeracy awareness and skills in appropriate ways in the years before school? Come and join us to discover how to incorporate more literacy and numeracy into your play-based setting in fun, practical and child friendly ways.

Participants attending Playing with Literacy and Numeracy in Early Childhood will:

- Gain understanding of the importance of promoting literacy and numeracy for young children in developmentally appropriate ways.
- Recognise and create scaffolding opportunities for literacy and numeracy.
- Extend your knowledge and skill of inserting the language of literacy and numeracy into everyday play experiences.
- Be inspired by examples of environments and resources to introduce and extend children's literacy and numeracy
- Consider planning possibilities to support proactive, responsive and intentional teaching

EARLY CHILDHOOD

WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

MUSIC MATTERS - ELEVATE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT THROUGH MUSIC

Book Webinar

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29/04/2027

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ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

National Quality Standards

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We all have an innate capacity to respond to music and rhythm. Would you like to include more singing and musical experiences in your program but are unsure where to start?

If you'd like to find out more about how music should be incorporated into your program join us for a short webinar with an early childhood music expert. Be inspired, feel the joy, and develop your singing and music skills.

In this session, you will:

- Gain confidence and learn how to use your singing voice both spontaneously and in planned small or whole group experiences
- Learn why music is important for young children's development
- Explore new ideas for incorporating musical instruments
- Discover how to develop and use your own voice and make your own props and visual resources to elevate music in your setting
- Increase your musical repertoire – songs, finger plays, rhymes, musical games, percussion etc
- Be encouraged and inspired to build your musical teaching resources

Your training has made a real impact on our team. It has boosted our confidence in using music as a tool to support children's learning and development, and we are excited to continue building on what we've learned.

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

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PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

EMBEDDING ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVES

Book Webinar

Dates

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Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS

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GUEST PRESENTER

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QUEENSLAND KINDY UPLIFT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LEARNING EXPERIENCES

ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

In planning for personalised, developmentally, and culturally appropriate teaching and learning, the Walker Learning pedagogy ensures that opportunities for the development of the whole child are authentic, relevant, and meaningful regardless of their age, culture, family context, socioeconomic background, or geographical location. Many teachers want to do this but may be unsure of where to start.

Join us and our guest presenter Mikayla King. Mikayla is a Kalkadoon and Dutch woman who was born on Whadjuk Country of the Noongar Nation. Her experience in education spans over a decade in various roles including Aboriginal Islander Education Officer, Classroom Teacher and Deputy Prinicipal. Currently, Mikayla is lecturing at Edith Cowan University whilst completing her PhD. She has been recognised on a local and national level for her impact in the education realm. This professional development opportunity infuses practical experiences and stories of Mikayla's teaching experience on Whadjuk Country/Perth. The processes and theoretical frameworks can be translated to suit a range of contexts in consultation with traditional owners, local Aboriginal educators and cultural consultants.

In this PD, Mikayla shares her first-hand knowledge and experience with you. The Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives Professional Learning session invites critical professional reflection and provides the opportunity for educators to understand the importance of embedding Aboriginal perspectives into daily teaching practice. Supported by research and a range of examples of responsive, and appropriate resources, this session provides inspiration and practical ideas you can start using in your preschool and early primary setting with confidence. A perfect session, Australia-wide, for staff ready to address areas of inclusion and diversity as part of their professional development goals.

Aligns to EYLF Outcome 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
EYLF Principles: Equity, inclusion and high expectations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives, Critical reflection and ongoing professional learning
EYLF Practices: Valuing the cultural and social content of children and their families

Image by Mikayla King

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

EARLY CHILDHOOD
PRIMARY
WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

THE POWER OF STORYTELLING WITH ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVES

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

22/07/2027

GUEST PRESENTER

NSW NESA RECOGNISED Provider

QUEENSLAND KINDY UPLIFT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Learning Experiences

ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.3, 1.4, 3.4, 3.7, 4.1, 6.2

QA 1

Children love to be told stories! Come and join our online yarning circle with consultants and colleagues. Be inspired to bring stories, written by a range of Aboriginal authors to life in your school or early childhood setting in creative ways. Find out more about:

> Choosing suitable Fiction and Non-Fiction books
> Using these books as a resource for a variety of learning opportunities
> Telling stories with natural resources
> Creating prop baskets for dramatisation, storytelling, and small world play

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Learning Outcomes 1,2,3,4,5
Version 2 EYLF Principles: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives
EYLF Practice: Valuing the cultural and social culture of children and their families
Suitable for teachers of children aged 3-8 years in Early Childhood and Early Years of school.

EARLY CHILDHOOD
PRIMARY
WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

TEACHING SUSTAINABILITY, SEASONS AND STEM WITH ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVES

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

18/03/2027
12/08/2027

GUEST PRESENTER

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QA 1,3,5,6

For educators of children aged 3-8 in early childhood and early primary settings.

In this Professional Learning session, Mikayla King and Early Life Foundations bring Aboriginal Perspectives to the teaching and learning of STEM, Seasons and Sustainability. Aimed at educators in early childhood and the early years of primary school, this session invites you to consider ways to understand and incorporate Aboriginal scientific knowledges into your teaching practice as outlined in curriculum frameworks.

This session provides first hand Aboriginal perspectives, suggested resources and suitable experiences for young children including:

> Respectful use of natural resources
> Food-plants/animals/water
> Aboriginal Seasons around Australia
> A fresh look at STEM in the early years.

A perfect session, Australia-wide, for staff ready to address areas of inclusion and diversity as part of their professional development goals.

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Early Childhood and Primary Educators

Customised PD

2027

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CUSTOMISED SESSIONS

EARLY LIFE FOUNDATIONS

Customised sessions for your team or families can be delivered Online or Face to Face.

Our experienced Early Childhood education consultants can deliver professional learning for your team either online or at your centre/organisation. We can present any of our workshops or can customise our professional learning to meet your specific needs. These sessions are School Readiness Funding supported in Victoria and Kindy UPLIFT supported in Queensland.

In addition, we can support your community with parent presentations on topics such as

- behaviour
- school readiness
- school preparation and transition
- resilience
- the importance of play
- a range of other topics for parents

Customised parent sessions and workshops can be held via Zoom or at your location* (*minimum numbers required for in person presentations).

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Bush Kinder
Calendar of Events
Scheduled Professional Development Sessions
Early Childhood Educator

2027

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

BUSH KINDER - STARTING AN OUTDOOR LEARNING PROGRAM

Book Webinar | In Person

Dates

WEBINAR (2027)
24/02/2027
25/03/2027
10/06/2027
11/08/2027
14/10/2027

VIC (In person)
30/04/2027
(Site - TBA)
18/05/2027
(Site TBA)
05/11/2027
(Site - TBA)

WEBINAR (2028)
23/02/2028
23/03/2028
08/06/2028
09/08/2028
12/10/2028

VIC (In person)
28/04/2028
(Site - TBA)
16/05/2028
(Site TBA)
03/11/2028
(Site - TBA)

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
4.1, 6.2

National Quality Standards

QA
1, 2, 3, 6

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School Readiness Funding - Victoria: This session suits a 2 year planning cycle

QUEENSLAND KINDY UPLIFT

VICTORIA BUSH KINDER GRANTS Program

ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

Come and join us for this practical, thought provoking webinar that will inform and inspire you. Through a combination of presentation slides, video, expert panel discussions, virtual walk throughs and audience Q&A we will take you on your bush kinder journey from the comfort of your home or work environment.

This dynamic webinar examines the importance of bush kinder and what you need to know to get started, including pedagogical theory, establishing routines, risk benefit assessments and resourcing Bush Kinder experiences to enhance children's learning wellbeing.

This session references some of the new EYLF Principles and Practices including sustainability, equity, diversity, and inclusion along with relational pedagogy, physical, temporal, social, emotional environments and community partnerships.

This is suitable for teachers and educators working with children aged birth to five working in early childhood centres (prior to primary school).

VEYLDF Alignment

Research shows that playing in nature benefits children's wellbeing, social and emotional development, cognitive language and physical skill development.

Participants in this training session observe a bush kinder session. They then 'unpack' the research and practicalities of implementing bush kinder with an experienced early childhood consultant and bush kinder educators. Participants are equipped to explain and share the benefits of nature play with parents/carers and the community, and to make practical suggestions for effective implementation. Provider offers follow-up support coaching for initiating and developing programs.

ACCESS & INCLUSION | WELLBEING

Priority Area
Wellbeing (social and emotional), Access and inclusion.

Item uses these practice principles: Partnerships with families, high expectations for every child, respectful relationships and responsive engagement, equity and diversity, integrated teaching and learning approaches.

Item responds to these sub-outcomes: Children become strong in their social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

Strength of Evidence
Level 4 – Emerging research evidence.

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

BUSH KINDER

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR IMPLEMENTING BUSH KINDER

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
13/05/2027
02/09/2027

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
4.1, 6.2

National Quality Standards

QA
1, 2, 3, 6

This session explores all the nitty gritty details to be considered as you implement your Bush Kinder program.

> What to bring

> What to do (and not to do)

> Experiences and ideas to help you enhance children's in-nature learning

> Completing Risk/Benefit forms -including a wide range of examples

> Troubleshooting tips

> Includes handy resources and takeaways for staff and parents

> Common frequently asked questions

Customised and group bookings: Practical Tips for Implementing Bush Kinder can be booked as a customised in person or online session for your school or centre. This PD is a must for teachers and educators working with children aged birth to five, working in early childhood centres (prior to primary school) and interested in developing an outdoor off site learning program.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

BUSH KINDER PLANNING AND DOCUMENTATION

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
23/06/2027
09/09/2027
10/11/2027

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
4.1, 6.2

National Quality Standards

QA
1, 2, 3, 6

This session provides suggestions on simple ways to incorporate plans and document children's learning and development at Bush Kinder.

> Linking Bush Kinder to possibilities at Preschool

> Linking to the Early Years Framework

> Sample planning documents

> Documenting with children

> Takeaway template/s

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BUSH KINDER CERTIFICATION

Introducing our Bush Kinder Certification
by Early Life Foundations

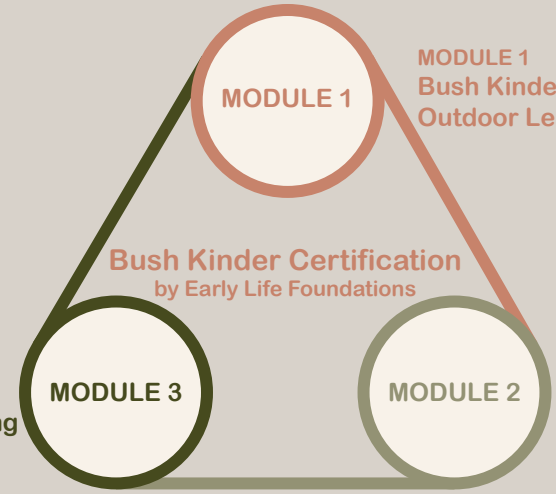
Step into the world of nature-based learning with Early Life Foundations! Our Bush Kinder micro-credential program offers educators a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding and practice in outdoor education.

Enhancing your skill set and confidence in facilitating outdoor learning experiences leads to a child centered approach to learning in nature. Discover innovative ways to engage children in nature exploration and foster a deeper connection with the environment.

Educators can earn our digital micro-credential Certification badge by completing 3 modules of professional learning. Our digital badges can be added to email signatures, websites, team profiles, digital documents, and social media platforms, serving as an excellent means to showcase your team's expertise and your centre's commitment to nature-based learning. Your digital badge can be placed on a team profile, added to a website, embedded in email footers, shared on social media, and added to resumés.

Your pathway to earning Bush Kinder Certification by Early Life Foundations.

BECOME CERTIFIED
Complete 3 modules
Certification requires attendance to be verified.



MODULE 1
Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program

MODULE 2
Practical Tips for Implementing Bush Kinder

MODULE 3
Bush Kinder Planning and Documentation

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Certification

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Educational Consultancy | Niki Buchan

2027

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

NATURAL LEARNING - LEARNING NATURALLY WITH AND IN NATURE

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
21/10/2027

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.1, 1.2, 4.1

National Quality Standards

QA
1,2,3,5

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QUEENSLAND KINDY UPLIFT

ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

Join our LIVE webinar brought to you by internationally acclaimed author and outdoor early learning expert, Niki Buchan, and delivered by Natural Learning Australia's expert consultants.

In this research based, theoretical and practical professional development session, we share the benefits of nature exposure, what nature-based practice looks and feels like and support adults to experience practical aspects of working with children and nature. Be inspired to extend children in their journey exploring the beautiful natural wild spaces in Australia including bush, forest, beach, river, creek as well as small spaces with a couple of trees. We will also explore the concept of developing rigorous benefit-risk assessments and the value of dynamically assessing risky opportunities.

We will bring you practical ideas and creative opportunities for working with children in the outdoor environment including using loose parts found in natural spaces and how these can be presented to children as provocations for natural creativity and imagination.

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PRIORITY AREAS	Social and emotional learning	Physicality	Executive function	Oral languange and literacy	Mathematics and numeracy	Culturally safe and inclusive practice

Staffing considerations	Backfill: Services should consider the cost of providing backfill if required to allow educators to undertake coaching and training.
Region	All Queensland
Supplier & supplier contact details	Early Life Foundations Nicole Mason | nicole@earlylife.com.au | (03) 9551 1900
Cost	$290 excl GST per person
Website	www.earlylife.com.au/natural-learning

Strongly aligns to Priority Area

Partially aligns to Priority Area

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

STEM DETECTIVES - IDENTIFYING THE STEM IN CHILDREN'S PLAY

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
17/06/2027
17/11/2027

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.1, 1.2, 4.1

National Quality Standards

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Why STEM? We recognise that young children learn in an integrated way and that STEM play and learning happens naturally and can be enhanced by the adults working with children. In this inspiring course you will discover how to identify what children are doing as they play through the STEM magnifying glass; identifying scientific thinking, mathematical thinking, problem solving, engineering principles and technology (and we don't just mean computers, tablets and apps!).

STEM Detectives will give you the tools and strategies you need to extend these concepts and provide opportunities for children to continue to develop a love of learning.

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NATURAL LEARNING AUSTRALIA

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

ADVENTUROUS PLAY - SUPPORTING RISKY PLAY

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
29/04/2027
13/10/2027

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.1, 1.2, 4.1, 4.4

National Quality Standards

QA
1,2,3,5

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In a risk averse culture, true play opportunities have become limited, playgrounds have become over supervised, over structured, over safe and often in danger of becoming BORING! In this motivational session we will investigate and share environments that promote and indeed encourage children to play, to be engaged, to challenge themselves, to take emotional, social and physical risks. In encouraging this play, educators can support and enhance children's wellbeing and self confidence.

We will explore the difference between good and bad risk and hazard in the social childhood context and how best to manage these. It is vital that we identify and document not just the risks but also the benefits of opportunities, not all hazards can be identified, and adults need to be skilled and alert at dynamically assessing risk, allowing children's play to flow.

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Cost	$290 excl GST per person
Website	www.earlylife.com.au/adventurous-risky-play

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

MEANINGFUL DOCUMENTATION - AUSTRALIAN LEARNING TRACKS

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
24/03/2027
14/10/2027

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 3.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 5.4

National Quality Standards

QA
1,2,3,6

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One of the 'frustrations' often heard is that the amount of documentation required is taking educators away from the children. In this session we will unpack what meaningful documentation looks like, who we are doing the documentation for and how documentation is used for planning children's experiences through their interests.

In this inspiring session we will explore this simple framework for documentation where the emphasis is on documentation WITH and FOR children rather than ABOUT children. The Australian Learning Tracks Framework™ consists of four meaningful documents which are Australia specific, link to the NQS and meet the requirements of the NQF.

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Scheduled and customised Natural Learning professional development

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- **Natural Learning – Learning Naturally with and in Nature**
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- **Adventurous Play – Supporting Risky Play**
- **Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behaviours**
- **Meaningful Documentation – Australian Learning Tracks**

- **Full and half day Coaching in Context mentoring also available**

Book titles by Niki Buchan:

- **STEM Detectives**
- **"But I want to be good!" Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behaviours**
- **Children in Wild Nature**
- **Adventurous Play, developing children's life skills through rich risky play experiences**

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PRIMARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

January

Jan 20	Online webinar	Walker Learning Virtual Study Tour (F/K/P or R to Year 2)	Walker Learning
Jan 20, 21	Online webinar	Walker Learning Professional Development Option 1 - January Intensive (F-2)	Walker Learning
Jan 20, 21	Online webinar	Walker Learning Professional Development Option 2 - January Intensive (F-2)	Walker Learning
Jan 20	Online webinar	Walker Learning Professional Development Option 3 - January Intensive (F-2)	Walker Learning
Jan 21	Online webinar	Walker Learning Professional Development Option 4 - January Intensive (F-2)	Walker Learning
Jan 20-27	Online webinar	Walker Learning Professional Development Option 5 - January Intensive (F-2) eLearning	Walker Learning

February

Feb 11	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Preschoolers (SRF, Kindy Uplift, NESA recognised)	Early Childhood
Feb 18	Online webinar	Want Your Life Back? Effective & Time Efficient Documentation (Early Childhood)	Early Childhood
Feb 24	Online webinar	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (SRF, Kindy UPLIFT, NESA Recognised)	Early Childhood
Feb 24	Online webinar	Walker Learning - Fast Track (F-2) Twilight time slot	Walker Learning
Feb 25	Online webinar	Early Childhood Play Matters (SRF VIC, Kindy Uplift QLD, NESA accredited)	Early Childhood

March

Mar 3	Online webinar	Walker Learning Planning & Documentation (F-2)	Walker Learning
Mar 3	Online webinar	Linking Literacy, Numeracy and Subject Areas to Investigations (F-2) (NESA Recognised)	Walker Learning
Mar 4	Online webinar	Understanding and Responding to Children's Behaviour	Early Childhood
Mar 10	Online webinar	Building Resilience in Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
Mar 17	Online webinar	Teaching Sustainability, Seasons and STEM with Aboriginal Perspectives	Early Childhood Primary
Mar 18	Online webinar	Early Childhood - Teaching & Learning through Play (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
TBC	TBC	Walker Learning - STUDY TOUR (F-2)(NSW)	Walker Learning
TBC	TBC	Walker Learning Study Tour (K-2)(QLD)	Walker Learning
Mar 14	Online webinar	Meaningful Documentation - Australian Learning Tracks (Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
Mar 25	Online webinar	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (SRF VIC, Kindy Uplift QLD, NESA recognised)	Early Childhood

April

Apr 28	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Pre-Schoolers (SRF, Kindy Uplift, NESA recognised)	Early Childhood
Apr 29	Online webinar	Supporting Risky Play (Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
Apr 29	Online webinar	Music Matters	Early Childhood
Apr 30	VIC	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (School Readiness Funding - Victoria)	Walker Learning

May

May 5	Online webinar	Playing with Literacy and Numeracy in Early Childhood	Early Childhood
May 12	Online webinar	Early Childhood Play Matters (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
May 13	Online webinar	Pratical Tips for Implementing Bush Kinder	Early Childhood
May 13	Online webinar	Ready, Set Go! Is this child ready for Kindergarten or School? (Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
May 19	Online webinar	Walker Learning Virtual Study Tour (F/K/P or R to Year 2)	Walker Learning
May 20	Online webinar	Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives	Early Childhood Primary
May 21	VIC	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (School Readiness Funding - Victoria)	Early Childhood
May 27	Online webinar	Play Matters - A Walker Learning Overview (NESA Accredited)	Walker Learning
May 27	Online webinar	Creating Engaging and Intentional Learning Environments (NESA Accredited)	Walker Learning
TBC	TBC	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (F-2)(WA)	Walker Learning
TBC	TBC	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (F-2)(QLD)	Walker Learning
TBC	TBC	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (3-6)(QLD)	Walker Learning

June

June 9	Online webinar	Building Resilience in Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
June 10	Online webinar	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
June 16	Online webinar	Early Childhood - Teaching & Learning through Play (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
June 17	Online webinar	STEM Detectives - Identifying the STEM in Children's Play (Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
June 23	Online webinar	Bush Kinder Planning and Documentation	Early Childhood

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

PRIMARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

CALENDAR

July

July 21	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Pre- Schoolers (SRF VIC, Kindy UPLIFT QLD, NESA Accredited)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
July 22	Online webinar	The Power of Storytelling with Aboriginal Perspectives (Kindy UPLIFT QLD)	Early Childhood Primary
July 28	Online webinar	Music Matters	Early Childhood

August

Aug 4	Online webinar	Early Childhood Play Matters (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Aug 5	Online webinar	Building Resilience in Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
Aug 11	Online webinar	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (SRF, Kindy UPLIFT, NESA recognised)	Early Childhood
Aug 11	Online webinar	Play Matters - A Walker Learning Overview - (F-2) (NESA Accredited)	Walker Learning
Aug 12	Online webinar	Teaching Sustainability, Seasons and STEM with Aborigi-nal Perspectives	Early Childhood Primary
Aug 18	Online webinar	Walker Learning Planning & Documentation (F-2)	Walker Learning
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Aug 19	Online webinar	Understanding and Responding to Children's Behaviour (Kindy UPLIFT QLD)	Walker Learning
Aug 25	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Pre-Schoolers (SRF, Kindy UPLIFT, NESA Recognised)	Early Childhood
Aug 26	Online webinar	Want Your Life Back? Effective & Time Efficient Documentation (Early Childhood)	Early Childhood

September

Sept 2	Online webinar	Practical Tips for Implementing Bush Kinder	Early Childhood
Sept 2	Online webinar	Ready, Set, Go! Is this child ready for Kindergarten or School? (Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
Sept 8	Online webinar	Early Childhood - Teaching & Learning through Play (SRF VIC, Kindy UPLIFT, NESA Accredited)	Early Childhood
Sept 9	Online webinar	Bush Kinder Planning and Documentation	Early Childhood

October

Oct 13	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Pre-Schoolers (SRF VIC, Kindy UPLIFT QLD, NESA Accredited)	Early Childhood
Oct 13	Online webinar	Adventurous Risky Play (Kindy UPLIFT QLD)	Early Childhood

October (continued...)

Oct 14	Online webinar	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (SRF VIC, Kindy UPLIFT QLD, NESA Accredited)	Early Childhood
Oct 14	Online webinar	Meaningful Documentation - Australian Learning Tracks (Kindy UPLIFT QLD)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
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Oct 21	Online webinar	Natural Learning - Learning Naturally with and in Nature (Kindy UPLIFT QLD)	Early Childhood
Oct 27	Online webinar	Playing with Literacy and Numeracy in Early Childhood (Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
Oct 27	Online webinar	Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives	Early Childhood Primary
Oct 28	Online webinar	Walker Learning VIRTUAL STUDY TOUR (F-2)	Walker Learning
TBC	TBC	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (P-2)(QLD)	Walker Learning

November

Nov 3	Online webinar	Early Childhood - Teaching & Learning through Play (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Nov 4	Online webinar	Play Matters - A Walker Learning Overview	Walker Learning
Nov 4	Online webinar	Creating Engaging and Intentional Learning Environments	Walker Learning
Nov 5	VIC	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Nov 10	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy	Early Childhood
Nov 10	Online webinar	Bush Kinder Planning and Documentation	Early Childhood
Nov 11	Online webinar	Walker Learning Planning & Documentation (F-2)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Nov 11	Online webinar	Linking Literacy, Numeracy and Subject Areas to Investigations (F-2)	Walker Learning
Nov 17	Online webinar	Want Your Life Back? Effective & Time Efficient Documentation (Early Childhood)	Walker Learning
Nov 17	Online webinar	STEM Detectives - Identifying the STEM in Children's Play (Kindy UPLIFT QLD)	Early Childhood
Nov 18	Online webinar	Walker Learning Planning and Documentation (Years 3-6)	Walker Learning
Nov 18	Online webinar	Education Research Projects in Walker Learning (Years 3-6)	Walker Learning

Professional Development Schedule

Scheduled Sessions

Scheduled sessions are listed in this brochure or on our website (www.earlylife.com.au). Scheduled sessions are available to early childhood and primary educators and we have a number of sessions hosted by guest speakers.

Customised Sessions

For your school or community
To discuss your needs and/or costs related to a customised professional development or parent session please send your "expression of interest" via www.earlylife.com.au/contact-us or call the office on (03) 9551 1900.

* All scheduled sessions can be booked as customised sessions

Costs for Scheduled Sessions

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SCHEDULED ONLINE SESSIONS (2.5 - 3 HRS) (2025)
> Half day: $250 - $330 + GST
STUDY TOURS*
> Bush Kinder (full day incl. catering)(Victoria): $395 + GST

SCHEDULED ONLINE SESSIONS (2.5 - 3 HRS) (2026)
> Half day: $260 - $340 + GST
STUDY TOURS*
> Bush Kinder (full day incl. catering)(Victoria): $405 + GST

Online sessions include:
> Evidence-based PD
> Live online
> Multiple speakers
> Academic guest speakers
> Panel Q&A

Customised Session Topics

Contact Us to BOOK

All scheduled sessions in our catalogue can be customised for your team and delivered in-person or live online. CONTACT US for a quote.

> Coaching for early childhood educators and leaders
> Mentoring on Walker Learning (personalised learning) (F - Years 6)
> Mentoring for school leaders
> Parent information sessions
> Inquiry and Play-based learning
> Any topics we offer as scheduled sessions

Cancellation Policy: Rescheduling of bookings can be made up to 21 working days prior to the event date. An attendees name may be substituted at anytime by emailing: registrations@earlylife.com.au. On occasion, details of sessions may change, please ensure all personal details are correct when you complete your online registration form.

Parent Information Sessions

For your community - Live online via Zoom or we can come to you!
We offer parenting 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 are held via Zoom. To make an enquiry, please contact us via www.earlylife.com.au/contact-us or call the office on (03) 9551 1900. Online sessions include IT support.

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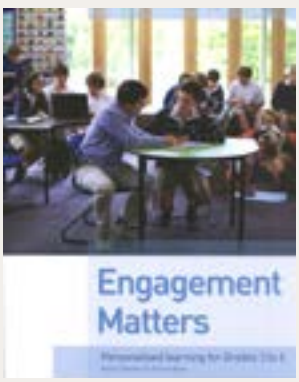

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