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Walker Learning
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2027

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Professional Development for Primary Educators and Leadership

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

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Early Life Foundations
Education Consultancy, Research & Parent Support

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.

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

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Scheduled Sessions

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

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earlylife.com.au/parent-presentations

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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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Early Life Foundations and Walker Learning Scheduled Event..... 25-27

Live ONLINE webinar In person Guest presenter

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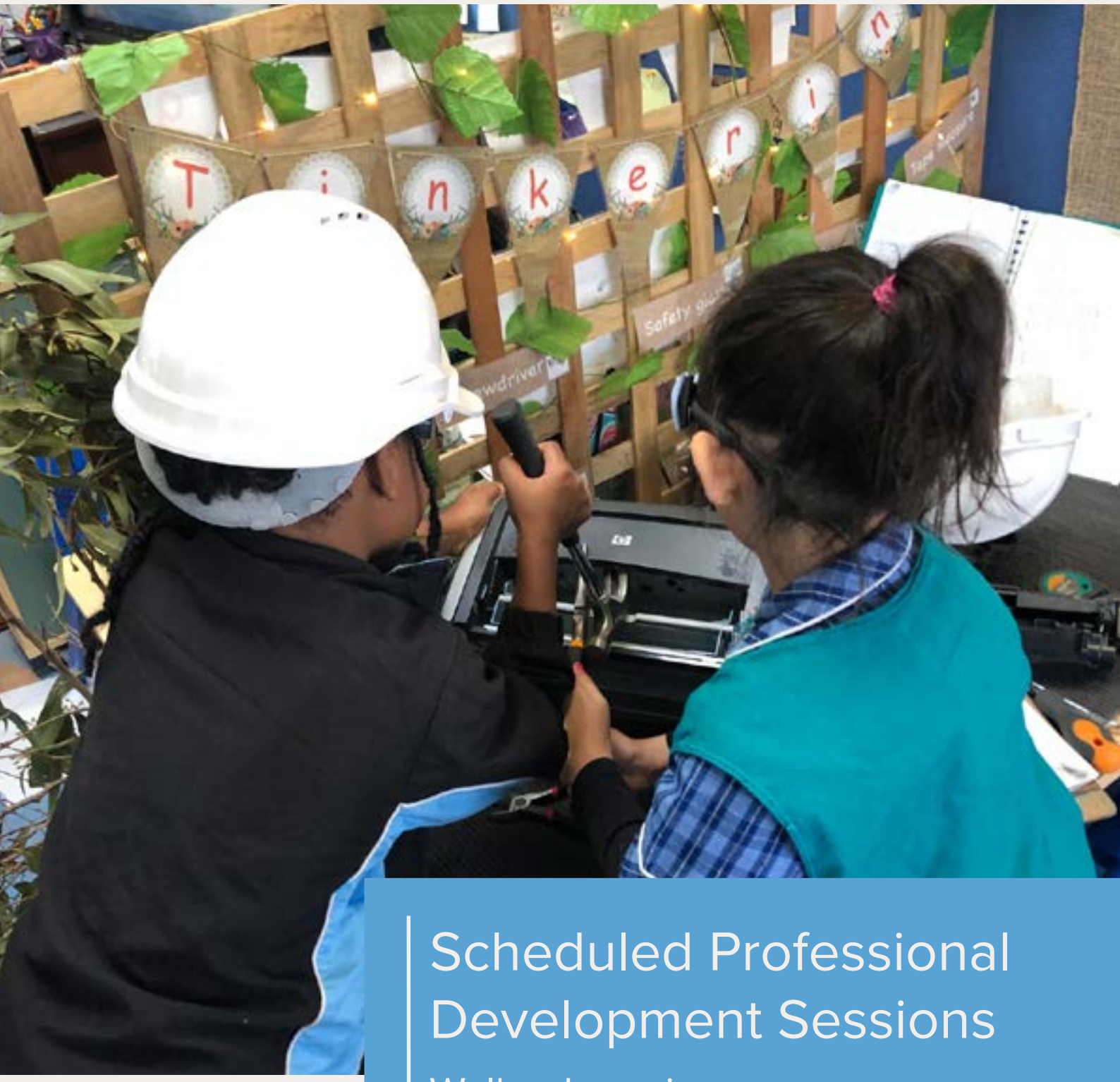

Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

Walker Learning

2027

WALKER LEARNING

PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

Dates

WEBINAR

20/01/2027 & 21/01/2027

NSW NESA RECOGNISED Provider

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS

1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.5, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 4.1, 4.2, 5.4, 6.2, 6.3

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Book Days 1 & 2

15% discount applies
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Book Day 1

Book Day 2

Book eLearning Pathway

20% discount applies
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WALKER LEARNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - JANUARY INTENSIVES

Kick start your Walker Learning Journey in 2027!

Two days to inspire your practice. One pathway to deepen your understanding of Walker Learning.

Start the new school year with two concentrated days of professional learning designed specifically for teachers working in Early Primary. Our January Intensives provide an opportunity to immerse yourself in the Walker Learning pedagogy, explore practical classroom approaches and progress towards Walker Learning Certification, all before the school year begins. Whether you are new to Walker Learning, looking to strengthen your existing practice or ready to complete your certification pathway, there is a booking option to suit you. Choose a 1 or 2-day live online session, supported by flexible e-learning modules you can complete at your own pace or if you prefer to learn at your own pace, our new eLearning offering provides the opportunity to complete the entire Walker Learning Early Primary Certification pathway through self-paced online learning.

This exciting new hybrid model gives you the best of both worlds—flexibility, convenience, and the hands-on learning Walker Learning is known for. Complete all five modules and earn your Certification in Walker Learning Digital Credential. You can follow this up with Mentoring and earn your expert practitioner credentials with Accreditation in Walker Learning for Early Primary educators.

Day 1: 20/01/2027

Day 1 will begin with a special pre-recorded introduction from Pasi Sahlberg, internationally recognised educator, author, researcher and policy advisor. Drawing on his extensive experience in education systems and reform, Pasi is a strong advocate for the importance of play in learning. His thinking and research connect closely with the principles underpinning the Walker Learning Play Pedagogy, providing an inspiring foundation for the two days of professional learning. This will be followed by our Walker Learning Virtual Study Tour which lets you observe students and teachers demonstrating the Walker Learning pedagogy in action, including Tuning In, Reflection, Focus Children, and Reporter and Photographer roles. Follow-up professional learning with our consultant explores the core elements of the pedagogy, using virtual showcases from Walker Learning classrooms across Australia.

Day 2 21/01/2027

AM Session: Creating Engaging and Intentional Learning Environments. In this session we look at how to create engaging and meaningful environments that promote and sustain children's learning through play? This session explores the importance of creating spaces that nurture and inspire whilst facilitating learning.

PM Session: Linking Literacy and Numeracy to Investigations which session explores how literacy, numeracy, and subject areas are enriched during Investigation time, through planning, documentation, and conversation. It also highlights the role of explicit teaching, and the value of open-ended learning spaces that inspire, support learning, and connect to the curriculum framework.

Play Matters - A Walker Learning Overview (SELF-PACED E-LEARNING MODULE): This module covers the key elements of Walker Learning, including its research and philosophy, creating inspiring learning environments, running Investigation sessions, linking literacy and numeracy authentically, team and school implementation strategies, and an introduction to documentation aligned with the curriculum framework.

Walker Learning Planning and Documentation (SELF-PACED E-LEARNING MODULE): This module deepens your understanding of Walker Learning documentation, showing how it can streamline planning, observations, assessment, and reporting. It also explores ways to strengthen curriculum areas during Investigations and formal teaching.

New for 2027: Complete the entire Certification Pathway ONLINE!

If you prefer to learn at your own pace, our new eLearning offering provides the opportunity to complete the entire Walker Learning Early Primary Certification pathway through self-paced online learning.

*** Discount applies to registrations booked and paid for by 30th November 2026**

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

PRIMARY EDUCATORS

WALKER LEARNING

EARLY CHILDHOOD
PRIMARY
WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

WALKER LEARNING VIRTUAL STUDY TOUR (F-YR 2)

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
20/01/2027
11/03/2027
19/05/2027
28/10/2027

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.1, 1.2, 1.5, 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 4.1, 4.2, 5.4, 6.2, 6.4

Walker Learning Study Tours are a “must do” for educators and leadership who are just beginning or already implementing Walker Learning. The Virtual Tour takes you to a school where you will observe students and teachers in action, demonstrating the Walker Learning pedagogy. You will observe:

> Tuning In

> Reflection

> The Learning Environment

> Focus Children

> Reporter and Photographer

Further professional learning by our consultant follows, including unpacking the core elements of the pedagogy and using a virtual showcase of the core elements from Walker Learning classrooms across Australia. This PD provides the ideal mix of classroom observation underpinned by the theory and practical application of Walker Learning as a whole school approach.

WALKER LEARNING STUDY TOUR (F-YR 2)

Book Now

Dates

QLD (P-2)
TBA

NSW (K-2)
TBA

WA (K-2)
TBA

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 4.1, 4.2, 5.4, 6.2

This one-day tour visits a school where you will observe students and educators in action, demonstrating aspects of Walker Learning.

You will observe:

> Tuning In

> Reflection

> The Learning Environment

> Focus Children

> Reporter and Photographer

Further professional learning on the core elements of the pedagogy follows in the afternoon. You will also have the opportunity to meet and discuss these elements with educators and leaders at the school.

This inspirational Study Tour is for leaders and teachers interested in this approach or those already implementing play-based learning wishing to refine and clarify practice.

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

PRIMARY EDUCATORS

WALKER LEARNING

Testimonials from our Virtual Study Tour

I liked the clarity around the presentation and the step by step guide showing us how the Walker Learning pedagogy and investigation sessions worked. I enjoyed seeing the videos of Walker Learning in practice in the classroom

PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

PLAY MATTERS - A WALKER LEARNING OVERVIEW (F-2)

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

27/05/2027
11/08/2027
04/11/2027

MORNING SESSION
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NSW NESA RECOGNISED Provider

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 4.1, 4.2, 5.4, 6.2

A fabulous session for educators and leadership wanting to optimise young children's learning through a play-based pedagogy. This session is an introductory presentation of the key elements of Walker Learning in the early years (ages 5 - 8) including:

> The Investigation session

> An introduction to setting up inspiring learning environments

> The research and philosophy of Walker Learning

> How to authentically link literacy and numeracy into Investigations

> Implementation strategies for teams and schools

> Introduction to Walker Learning documentation which links to the existing curriculum framework

Ideally suited for educators who are new to or early in their Walker Learning journey.Included is video footage and photos of key elements of the pedagogy in F-2, from classrooms across Australia.

*Full or half day customised introductory overviews for individual schools or teams can be arranged on request.

PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

CREATING ENGAGING & INTENTIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS (F-2)

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

20/01/2027
27/05/2027
04/11/2027

AFTERNOON SESSION
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Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.5, 3.4, 6.2, 6.3

How do we set up interesting and meaningful environments that promote, engage and sustain children's play? Creating spaces that nurture, inspire and scaffold children's learning is the foundation of this session. You will learn about:

> The key elements of quality learning environments indoors and outdoors
> Considerations for design, set up, materials and equipment
> The importance of open ended learning spaces
> Supporting children to resource their own learning
> Planning and ongoing modifications
> Intentional teaching

This is suitable for teachers and educators working with children aged three to eight years of age.

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

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

PRIMARY EDUCATORS

WALKER LEARNING

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WALKER LEARNING PLANNING & DOCUMENTATION (F-2)

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
03/03/2027
18/08/2027
11/11/2027

MORNING SESSION
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THIS IS A PRIMARY EDUCATOR PD

****NEW** DIGITAL PLANNING DOCUMENT TEMPLATES**

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APTS
1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 5.4, 6.4, 7.3

An informative PD session for educators who are implementing Walker Learning and want a deeper understanding of Walker Learning documentation to streamline planning. This is the next level for teachers and leadership who have attended a Study Tour or Walker Learning Overview.

In this session we review Walker Learning documentation that enhances and streamlines planning, observations, assessment and reporting, including:

> Digital planning templates (Statement of Intent)

> Daily/Weekly Record sheets

> Individual Observation Records

This session focuses on the variety of ways curriculum areas can be strengthened and deepened during investigations and formal teaching.

This PD session reviews the documentation, planning and reporting that doesn't take away your weekend or interrupt your interactions with the class.

This session is suitable for all teachers implementing Walker Learning in the early years of primary school working with children aged 5-8 years. (Foundation/Prep to Year 2).

PRIMARY | WALKER LEARNING | LIVE WEBINAR

LINKING LITERACY, NUMERACY & SUBJECT AREAS TO INVESTIGATIONS

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
21/01/2027
03/03/2027
18/08/2027
11/11/2027

AFTERNOON SESSION
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Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
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Connecting your curriculum to Walker Learning practice. This session is for early years primary teachers implementing Walker Learning and seeking to refine and consolidate practice.

This session focuses on the variety of ways literacy and numeracy can be strengthened and deepened during Investigations. We examine 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 Walker Learning primary teachers enhance curriculum through Investigations.

PRIMARY | WALKER LEARNING | LIVE WEBINAR

FAST TRACK WALKER LEARNING (F - YR2)

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
TWILIGHT SESSION
24/02/2027

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.1, 1.2, 1.5, 3.5, 4.1, 4.2, 6.2

Fast Track PD's are ideal if you are commencing at a Walker Learning school or moving into a different year level and are required to implement Walker Learning in the new school year. This session outlines the key elements of Walker Learning including:

> Tuning In and Reflection

> Investigation time

> The Learning Environment

> Focus Children, Reporter and Photographer.

Resources and texts are also discussed and available to support the transition into Walker Learning. This session is suitable for teachers in F-2 new to Walker Learning or changing from higher year levels.

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

PRIMARY EDUCATORS

WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

WALKER LEARNING VIRTUAL STUDY TOUR (YR 3-6)

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

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Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS

1.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 4.1, 4.2, 5.4, 6.2

Join us for an up, close and personal look at Walker Learning pedagogy in action across the middle and upper levels of primary school. Through video footage you will see real classrooms demonstrating personalised, relevant teaching and learning through the use of Focus Children, Tuning In and Reflection sessions as well as Class Meetings and Educational Research Projects. Discover more about how the pedagogy matches the developmental age and stage of 8-12 year old students and how curriculum links are made.

A live panel discussion with our Walker Learning consultants will conclude the session and provide opportunity to ask questions around their Walker Learning journey and the impact they see it having on students.

Don't miss this chance to be inspired and deepen your understanding of Walker Learning in the middle and upper primary levels.

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WALKER LEARNING STUDY TOUR (YR 3-6) (1 DAY)

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Dates

QLD

TBA

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

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1.1, 1.2, 1.5, 3.2, 3.5, 6.4

Are you ready to examine how the Walker Learning pedagogy extends into middle and upper primary years?

This one-day tour visits a school where you will observe students and educators in action, demonstrating aspects of Walker Learning.

You will observe:

> Focus Students and teachers demonstrating Tuning In and Reflection

> Class meetings, Clinic groups and Communication Boards

> Aspects of Education Research Projects (ERP's)

> Professional learning in the afternoon to look at key elements in more detail

You will also have the opportunity to meet and discuss these elements with educators and leaders at the school.

This session is suitable for teachers and leaders implementing Walker Learning and wanting to continue the pedagogy through to the middle and upper years of primary.

2027 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

PRIMARY EDUCATORS

WALKER LEARNING

PRIMARY | WALKER LEARNING | LIVE WEBINAR

WALKER LEARNING OVERVIEW (YR 3-6)

Book Webinar

Dates

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Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 4.1, 4.2, 5.4, 6.2

Are you ready to examine how the Walker Learning pedagogy extends into middle and upper primary years? This presentation introduces you to the key elements of Walker Learning in Years 3-6 and includes:

> Research and philosophy of Walker Learning

> Engaging classrooms

> Class Meetings, Clinic Groups, Communication Boards, Education Research Projects and sharing learning.

> Implementation strategies for schools

> Photos of the pedagogy in Years 3-6 from classrooms across Australia.

This session is suitable for teachers and leaders implementing Walker Learning and wanting to continue the pedagogy through to the middle and upper years of primary.

*Full or half day customised introductory overviews for individual schools can be arranged on request.

PRIMARY | WALKER LEARNING | LIVE WEBINAR

WALKER LEARNING PLANNING & DOCUMENTATION (YR 3-6)

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
18/11/2027

MORNING SESSION
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1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 5.4, 6.4, 7.3

An informative and practical PD session for educators who are implementing Walker Learning and want a deeper understanding of Walker Learning documentation to streamline planning in the middle and upper levels of primary school. This is the next step for teachers and leadership who have attended a Study Tour or Walker Learning Overview.

In this session we review Years 3-6 Walker Learning documentation that enhances planning, observations, assessment and reporting, including:

> Planning templates (Statement of Intent)

> Individual Observation Planning Records (IOPR)

> Assessment options

This PD combines slide presentation with an interactive, workshop style session, suitable for all teachers implementing Walker Learning in schools from Years 3-6

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EDUCATION RESEARCH PROJECTS IN WALKER LEARNING (YR 3-6)

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
18/11/2027

AFTERNOON SESSION
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ERP's are the study and research of a major curriculum area over the course of one term. Participants will learn how to provide immersion experiences and teach skills for students to explore and learn through a research project.

The role of learning intentions of the main subject focus will be explored relating to conceptual understandings, demonstration of skills and knowledge.

Integrating the ERP with other curriculum areas will be reviewed so that teachers can facilitate and personalise the planning and negotiations of the ERP with the student.

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FAST TRACK WALKER LEARNING (YR 3-6)

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Fast Track PD's are ideal if you are commencing at a Walker Learning school or have moved into a different year level and are required to implement Walker Learning in the new school year.

This afternoon session outlines the key elements of Walker Learning Year 3 - 6 including:

> Focus Students and Tuning In

> Communication Boards in action

> The learning environment

> Explanations of Class Meetings and aspects of Education Research Projects will be explained

Resources and texts are also discussed and available to support the transition into Walker Learning. This session is suitable for teachers in Years 3-6 who are either new to the Walker Learning or changing from lower year levels.

MENTORING PACKAGES

WALKER LEARNING MENTORING

Mentoring can be delivered Online or Face to Face.

Mentoring supports Walker Learning implementation for teachers and teams who have previously attended our scheduled or customised professional learning. Mentoring is an important part of your Walker Learning journey and is an essential component of the Walker Learning Accreditation pathway. We can provide mentoring strategies for individuals, teams or whole school implementation.

Mentoring can be delivered in person or online and is undertaken by a senior Walker Learning consultant who will personalise their support and guidance to your requirements and setting.

Contact Us to discuss your needs and to arrange a quote.

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LIVE WEBINAR

EMBEDDING ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVES

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

20/05/2027

27/10/2027

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS

1.3, 1.4, 3.4, 3.7, 4.1, 6.2

QA 1,3,5,6

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 context 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 LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0

NSW NESA RECOGNISED Provider

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LEARNING EXPERIENCES

GUEST PRESENTERS

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

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PRIMARY
WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

THE POWER OF STORYTELLING WITH ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVES

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

22/07/2027

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.

ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0
NSW NESA RECOGNISED Provider
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LEARNING EXPERIENCES
GUEST PRESENTERS

EARLY CHILDHOOD
PRIMARY
WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

TEACHING SUSTAINABILITY, SEASONS AND STEM WITH ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVES

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

17/03/2027
12/08/2027

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1.3, 1.4, 3.4, 3.7, 4.1, 6.2

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.

ALIGNS TO EYLF LEARNING OUTCOMES VERSION 2.0
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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. Several of these sessions are School Readiness Funding Approved 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 and 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).

Contact Us to discuss your needs and to arrange a quote for either customised professional development for your team or parent presentation opportunities.

BUSH KINDER CERTIFICATION

Introducing our Bush Kinder Certification
by Early Life Foundations

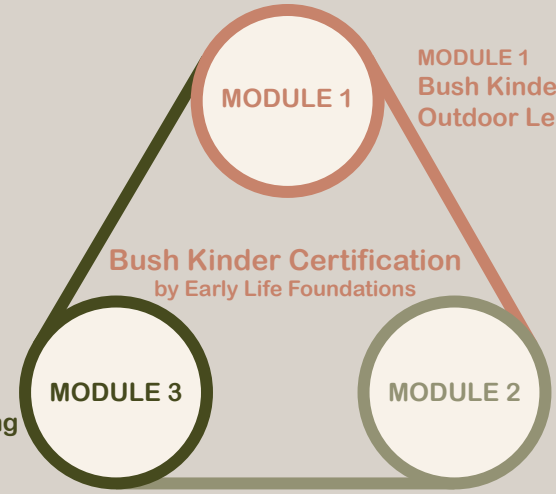
Step into the world of nature-based learning with Early Life Foundations! Our Bush Kinder micro-credential program offers educators a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding and practice in outdoor education.

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

Start earning your digital credentials:

EARN THIS BADGE
Certification

Please refer to our website for more information on Digital Badges - CLICK HERE
Book any session from our scheduled events or contact us to book a custom sessions for your centre

2027 SCHEDULED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

PRIMARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

CALENDAR

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

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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
Aug 18	Online webinar	Linking Literacy, Numeracy and Subject Areas to Investigations (F-2) (NESA Accredited)	Walker Learning
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
Oct 20	Online webinar	Building Resilience in Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
Oct 21	Online webinar	Early Childhood Play Matters (SRF VIC, Kindy UPLIFT QLD, NESA Accredited)	Early Childhood
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

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2027 Study Tour Calendar - Dates TBC

January

ONLINE
Virtual Study Tour (F/K/P or R to Year 2)
Wednesday 20 January 2027

February

March

NSW
Middle Harbour Public School (K to 2)
Date TBC

QLD
Chapel Hill State School (P to 2)
Date TBC
Chapel Hill State School (3-6)
Date TBC

ONLINE
Virtual Study Tour (F/K/P or R to Year 2)
Thursday 11 March 2027

April

May

ONLINE
Virtual Study Tour (F/K/P or R to Year 2)
Wednesday 19 May 2027

WA
Southern Grove Public School (K to 2)
Date TBC

QLD
Belgian Gardens State School (P to 2)
Date TBC
Belgian Gardens State School (3-6)
Date TBC

June

July

August

WA
Glendale Public School (K to 2)
Date TBC

September

October

ONLINE
Virtual Study Tour (F/K/P or R to Year 2)
Thursday 28 October 2027

QLD
Chapel Hill State School (P to 2)
Date TBC

Chapel Hill State School (3-6)
Date TBC

November

December

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

BOOK ONLINE earlylife.com.au

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.

Contact us for a quote.

Teacher Resources

Text books and professional learning provide underpinning theory and step by step practical strategies on how to implement the pedagogy. Meets all requirements of state, national and international frameworks.
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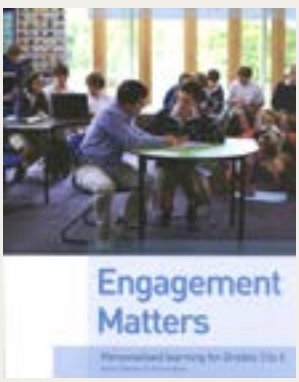

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