

Finding peace of mind about your child's development

It can be a relief to know that your child is on track for the next year. We often encourage parents to share their concerns with others in the hope that we can see exactly how well our child is learning and growing.

Our Early Learning Centre has taken the guess work and uncertainty out of monitoring your child's learning and development by developing their very own portfolio system to provide all the information you need to know about your child's learning and growth.

A common theme that staff at Yarra Valley Grammar Early Learning Centre encounter with families relates to whether their child is on track for learning outcomes in school readiness. To help answer these concerns, the staff have spent several years developing a range of methods to inform parents about their child's learning progress throughout the year. This information is shared with you at the time your child is enrolled at the centre.

As well as each child having their own portfolio, the Centre also offers parent and teacher interviews and written reports that, together with the portfolio, provide families with a comprehensive picture of their child's development.

The Centre staff realise that each child is an individual and is accommodated and supported in a way that is reflective of what they can do and what is expected of them at their age. The staff understand that each child is unique in regards to their learning and that within each group of children, there are different levels of learning and development. Families at the Centre are therefore encouraged not to compare their child to another, but to see each child as an individual.

The Centre understands that most parents are keen to know what their child is doing each day when they are at home. The Centre also provides information to parents about their child's learning progress. This information is based on the child's learning and development. These additional methods allow us to show families how educational outcomes and learning is occurring.

The portfolios are not only a wonderful memento of the year but provide valuable information for the teachers to plan and reflect on what's next for the child.

Feedback from past and present families shows the value and worth they see in their child's portfolio in helping them to understand what their child is truly capable of and how they can best support and challenge them.

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