

Snowy Mountains Care and Early Learning Centre

KidSmart program

Our Centre



The Journey Begins

Introducing Computer Technology into the classroom

- The introduction of the KidSmart Computer into the preschool has extended learning for the children. The teaching staff agreed that to gain the most from the computer, as a teaching tool in the classroom it needed to be connected to the internet. Using Wireless connection allowed the computer's position within the environment to be flexible. The space can be small and contained and invite small groups of children or it can be moved to a central location for larger group work.
- The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) has 5 Learning outcomes. The children have the opportunity to achieve a wide of learning outcomes through integrating technology into the play based curriculum framework. For example - Outcome 2 Children are connected with and contribute to their world. Outcome 4 Children are confident and involved learners . Outcome 5 Children are effective communicators.
- The EYLF refers to the work of a range of theorists including Howard Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligence which acknowledges that children learn in a variety of ways and computer technology can connect many visual learners. Also Vygotsky believes that children learn best if they are in their zone of proximal development, computers can meet the children that already have an interest in technology and offer further opportunities for investigation.

Technology and Child's Play



The children created their own cityscape using a variety of technological tools after receiving photos from Sarah and her family. Sarah has been touring London and sent photos to our computer. This has led to dialogue and discussion about cities and the differences between our rural and urban landscapes. The experience extended to block play and map making.

Cityscapes more 2D to 3D



Exploring the world –
using blocks to create a
different perspective



Extending ideas to street scapes



The London Eye

- Sarah emailed us a photo of the 'London Eye'. Cassidy said 'It looks like a Ferris Wheel' and she created this artwork.
- To expand our exploration of London we found a web cam showing cars crossing London Bridge. This real time experience created interest in time differences and our morning time being London's evening.
- The journey continues.



The pre school children have begun exploring their place in the world. The Kidsmart computer has given the children hands on experience that encourages their active investigation, this reflects our belief that children are capable and competent and challenges the teachers and educators to embrace new learning opportunities.

