

A young child with dark hair, wearing a grey bucket hat, a bright yellow long-sleeved shirt, and black and white checkered pants, is sitting on a dark brown rubber mat. The child is smiling and stacking a tall tower of colorful plastic blocks. The blocks are primarily red and yellow, with some green and blue ones scattered around. In the background, there are green trees and a yellow building, suggesting an outdoor play area. A blue circular graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

SDN House at Pooh Corner

Early childhood
education and care
and preschool

sdn
children's services

Welcome to **SDN**



Caring hearts, healthy bodies, curious minds

Growing hearts need to play and mix with others. Growing bodies love movement.

Growing minds need stimulus and exploration.

At SDN early childhood education and care centres we nurture the whole child. Our supportive approach is not a secret, it's simply what every child needs and we make sure they get it. It's why parents choose SDN.

We have been educating and caring for young children since 1905. We are a not-for-profit, which means the quality of your child's education and care always comes first.

Over our 110+ years we have developed a unique, child-focused practice that recognises education and care is about nurturing your child's whole wellbeing including their emotional, physical and intellectual development.

Everyday acceptance and support

Every child in our care is given the emotional support they need. Being accepted and feeling supported builds confidence in children, and that confidence turns play into learning. And, when the time comes, this makes the transition into 'big school' and beyond an exciting adventure they are well-prepared for.

At SDN we support all children to thrive, and support children with physical, learning or other needs to be included.

About

SDN House at Pooh Corner

We are situated on the beautiful university grounds of UNSW and are part of the community.



What age do you cater for? At SDN House at Pooh Corner, Kensington at UNSW, we offer early childhood education and long day care with an integrated preschool program for children aged 6 weeks to school age.

How many children? SDN House at Pooh Corner Kensington at UNSW offers early childhood education and child care for 72 children.

Operating hours We're open Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 6.00pm

A quiet sanctuary SDN House at Pooh Corner is situated within a natural environment and provides a quiet sanctuary of learning, as well as opportunities for children to learn and explore the UNSW campus.

Who works at SDN House at Pooh Corner? Our experienced team includes university trained early childhood teachers and educators with diplomas and certificates from universities and other tertiary institutions. We pride ourselves on having a team of educators from diverse backgrounds.

We encourage the use of loose parts in our play-based educational program, for children to have the opportunity to create their own learning.


We also celebrate all important events throughout the year.

learning through play

Children deserve to feel that they belong, that they're understood, valued and safe to be themselves. Children are encouraged to make their own choices and decisions, with the support of educators to challenge and extend their learning and development.

Throughout the day, your child will have opportunities to explore, experiment and express their understanding of how the world works. Our professional staff will use your child's interests to help them plan for your child's learning. We value the importance of play-based programs which are centred on teaching in a way that encourages your child. We know that children are capable and active learners who create their knowledge and understanding through their interactions with, and explorations of their physical and social environments.





Activities are varied and focus on the development of each child according to their age and interests. Social interaction and listening to stories are a large part of the day.

storypark

It takes a village to raise a child

Our educators use the Storypark app to share moments from your child's day and milestones in your child's learning and development with you through photos, comments and new information.

a typical day

At SDN House at Pooh Corner Kensington at UNSW, we have specific approaches for each age group.

0 to 2

Focus on building relationships and developing secure attachments. We use primary care groups to establish strong relationships between educators and children as well as between children and their peers.

2 to 3

Focus on children developing self-help skills and their independence. We provide a balance of self-selected and planned learning experiences.

3 to 5

Focuses on a school readiness program for transition to school by arranging activities that involve developing children's cognitive and social skills along with their literacy and numeracy aptitude.

Morning

Children and families are warmly welcomed in the morning by our friendly staff.

Indoor and natural outdoor areas are open to children for play. Free play allows children to develop their gross motor skills and explore their curiosity.

We organise one on one and small group experiences to form children's interests and encourage a holistic development.

There are programmed learning experiences for each age group as well as inclusion of children's voices in the program.

Afternoon

We have a dedicated rest period for children to regenerate their bodies and minds.

Children have an opportunity for indoor and outdoor play in the afternoon to develop their social and emotional skills and invent their own games.

Children are ready to greet their families during pick up after a fun-filled day of learning.



All dietary requirements are catered for, including vegetarian and gluten free

Sample menu

morning tea

banana smoothies and rice crackers

lunch

fajitas with cheese and salad

afternoon tea

*orange chia cake with fruit
or veggie muffins*



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we believe
that the first five
years matter and
last a lifetime



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