



Early Life Foundations
Education Consultancy, Research & Parent Support

Professional Development Live Online



Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

Walker Learning
PERSONALISED & HOLISTIC LEARNING

2023

Welcome to our Professional Development Program for 2023

We offer professional development and support for educators and parents.

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.



Walker Learning

Internationally acclaimed and implemented for over 25 years across Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the United Kingdom.



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
Victorian DoE Approved Provider SRF 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

We look forward to meeting and working with you in 2023. 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, an Australian designed, evidence-based play and inquiry pedagogy. It is internationally acclaimed and has been implemented across Australia and worldwide for 25 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 or year 7 in South Australia). Professional learning, text books and online resources provides underpinning theory and step by step practical strategies on how to implement the approach. 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 uppers 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.

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Professional Development
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Scheduled Professional
Development Sessions

2023

PRIMARY	<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 8px; font-weight: bold;">LIVE WEBINAR</div> </div>	WALKER LEARNING	WALKER LEARNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - JANUARY INTENSIVES
Dates		<p>Australian Professional Teaching Standards</p> <p>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</p>	<p>This 2 or 3 - day intensive kick starts your Walker Learning journey. Complete up to 16 hours (excluding breaks) of PD, some of which can be put towards your Walker Learning Accreditation. To complete your Accreditation, all you would need to do is attend Planning & Documentation and Linking Literacy, Numeracy & Subject Areas to Investigations and then contact us to arrange mentoring.</p> <p>Day 1 Full Day: Walker Learning Virtual Study Tour</p> <p>Day 2 AM Session: Walker Learning Overview PM Session: Creating Engaging and Intentional Learning Environments</p> <p>Day 3 AM Session: Introducing a Nature Pedagogy including a Virtual Study Tour of Investigations Outside PM Session: Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives</p> <p>Walker Learning Virtual Study Tour (18/01/2023): The Virtual Tour takes you to a school where you will observe students and teachers in action, demonstrating the Walker Learning Approach. You will observe: tuning in, reflection, the learning environment, focus children and reporter and photographer. Further professional learning by our consultant follows, including unpacking the core elements of the pedagogy and using virtual showcases of the core elements from Walker Learning classrooms across Australia.</p> <p>Play Matters - A Walker Learning Overview (19/01/2023 - AM): This session is an introductory presentation of the key elements of Walker Learning in the early years (ages 5 - 8). This session includes an overview of the following; the research and philosophy of Walker Learning, how to set up inspiring learning environments, the investigation session, how to authentically link literacy and numeracy into Investigations, implementation strategies for teams and schools and an introduction to Walker Learning documentation which links to the existing curriculum framework</p> <p>Creating an engaging and Intentional Learning Environment (19/01/2023 - PM): How do we 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.</p> <p>Linking Literacy & Numeracy to Investigations (20/01/2023 - AM): The session focuses on the variety of ways literacy, numeracy, and subject areas can be strengthened and enhanced during Investigation time. We examine how literacy and numeracy links are made through planning, documentation, and conversation, and how explicit instruction continues during formal teaching throughout the day.</p> <p>In addition, we review the importance of creating open-ended learning spaces that nurture and inspire whilst facilitating learning and linking to the curriculum framework.</p> <p>Introducing a Nature Pedagogy - Curriculum Connections (20/01/2023 - PM): Research tells us that the outdoors provides the best environment to address wellbeing, development, and deeper learning. All of which matter more than ever to teachers and students. Build your children's understanding of the importance of nature in their daily lives to contribute to more sustainable ways of living. Let us inspire you with nature learning opportunities in your context and see how a nature pedagogy addresses curriculum outcomes.</p>
WEBINAR	<p>18/01/2023 & 19/01/2023 & 20/01/23</p>		
NEW!	<p><i>* Completing Play Matters - A Walker Learning Overview will contribute 3 hours of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Accredited PD in the priority area of delivery and assessment of NSW Curriculum/Early Years Learning Framework addressing standard descriptors 1.2.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.</i></p>		
NESA ACCREDITED	<p><i>* Completing Creating Engaging and Intentional Learning Environments will contribute 3 hours of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Accredited PD in the priority area of delivery and assessment of NSW Curriculum/Early Years Learning Framework addressing standard descriptors 1.1.2, 2.5.2 & 3.3.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.</i></p>		
NSW	<p><i>* Completing Linking Literacy, Numeracy and Subject Areas to Investigations & Learning Environments will contribute 3 hours of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Accredited PD in the priority area of delivery and assessment of NSW Curriculum/Early Years Learning Framework addressing standard descriptors 2.5.2 & 3.3.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.</i></p>		
<p>Book one of our combined PD days for a discounted price.</p>			

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2023 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

WEBINAR PD

- EARLY CHILDHOOD
- PRIMARY
- WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

WALKER LEARNING VIRTUAL STUDY TOUR (F-YR 2)

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
18/01/2023
02/11/2023

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 Approach. 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.

- PRIMARY
- WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

INTRODUCING A NATURE PEDAGOGY (F-2)

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR
20/01/2023
18/05/2023
17/10/2023

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.2, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 6.2

Research tells us that the outdoors provides the best environment to address wellbeing, development, and deeper learning. All of which matters more than ever to teachers and students. Using video footage, PowerPoint presentation, and expert commentary we will immerse you in the benefits of introducing a nature pedagogy. Explore how learning outcomes and links to the curriculum can be met naturally as children fully engage in their learning and investigate in the outdoor environment. See how regular visits to the ever-changing outdoor environment provides a canvas for children’s learning, problem solving, and creative expression. You will experience children learning holistically across the curriculum whilst demonstrating a deep respect for the natural environment and their place in it across all Primary year levels. Hear from practicing teachers about the positive results the introduction of a nature pedagogy has created. Watch children and teachers authentically immersed in learning and how this provides opportunities for linking and connecting to formal learning and content. You will see:

- > Investigation sessions at local bush/beach settings
- > How links to the curriculum can be met
- > How to manage learning experiences in a nature setting
- > Tuning in, Focus Children, Reporter, and Photographer
- > Evidence and rationale for taking learning outdoors
- > The integration of indoor and outdoor learning and formal teaching
- > Examples of connecting to the curriculum and meeting learning outcomes

Let us inspire you to incorporate your natural setting with a pedagogy that suits our times, our teaching practice, and our children.



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*

LIVE WEBINAR

PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

Dates

WEBINAR
23/11/2023

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

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

WALKER LEARNING VIRTUAL STUDY TOUR (YR 3-6)

Book Webinar

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 including Walker Learning consultant, practicing teacher and leader 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.

LIVE WEBINAR

PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

Dates

WEBINAR
19/01/2023
27/07/2023
16/11/2023

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

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

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

Book Webinar

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.

MORNING SESSION
Conveniently grouped to offer a full day PD opportunity.



* Completing Play Matters - A Walker Learning Overview will contribute 3 hours of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Accredited PD in the priority area of delivery and assessment of NSW Curriculum/Early Years Learning Framework addressing standard descriptors 1.2.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

LIVE WEBINAR

PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

Dates

WEBINAR
19/01/2023
27/07/2023
16/11/2023

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

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

CREATING ENGAGING & INTENTIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS (F-2)

Book Webinar

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

AFTERNOON SESSION
Conveniently grouped to offer a full day PD opportunity.



* Completing Creating Engaging and Intentional Learning Environments will contribute 3 hours of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Accredited PD in the priority area of delivery and assessment of NSW Curriculum/Early Years Learning Framework addressing standard descriptors 1.1.2, 2.5.2 & 3.3.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

2023 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

WEBINAR PD

PRIMARY WALKER LEARNING	LIVE WEBINAR	FAST TRACK WALKER LEARNING (F - YR2) Book Webinar
Dates	Australian Professional Teaching Standards	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.
WEBINAR 23/02/2023	APTS 1.1, 1.2, 1.5, 3.5, 4.1, 4.2, 6.2	This morning session outlines the key elements of Walker Learning F - Year 2 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Tuning In> Investigation time> Reflection> The Learning Environment> Focus Children> Reporter and Photographer.
TWILIGHT SESSION 08/02/2023		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 the Walker Learning approach or changing from higher year levels.

PRIMARY WALKER LEARNING	LIVE WEBINAR	WALKER LEARNING PLANNING & DOCUMENTATION (F-2) Book Webinar
Dates	Australian Professional Teaching Standards	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.
WEBINAR 04/04/2023 23/08/2023 11/10/2023	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	In this session we review Walker Learning documentation that enhances and streamlines planning, observations, assessment and reporting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Planning templates (Statement of Intent)> Daily/weekly record sheets> Individual observation records
MORNING SESSION Conveniently grouped to offer a full day PD opportunity.		This session focuses on the variety of ways curriculum areas can be strengthened and deepened during investigations and formal teaching.
THIS IS A PRIMARY EDUCATOR PD		This PD session reviews the documentation, planning and reporting that doesn't take away your weekend or interrupt your interactions with the class. <i>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).</i>

PRIMARY WALKER LEARNING	LIVE WEBINAR	LINKING LITERACY, NUMERACY & SUBJECT AREAS TO INVESTIGATIONS Book Webinar
Dates	Australian Professional Teaching Standards	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.
WEBINAR 04/04/2023 23/08/2023 11/10/2023	APTS 1.2, 2.1, 3.4, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 5.4, 6.2	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.
AFTERNOON SESSION Conveniently grouped to offer a full day PD opportunity.		A range of practical strategies and ideas are covered to assist Walker Learning primary teachers enhance curriculum through investigations.

PRIMARY

LIVE
WEBINAR

WALKER LEARNING

FAST TRACK WALKER LEARNING (YR 3-6)

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

23/02/2023

TWILIGHT SESSION

09/02/2023

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 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 3-6 new to the Walker Learning approach or changing from lower year levels.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

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WALKER LEARNING

PLAY MATTERS - THE POST-PANDEMIC
CLASSROOM AND WHY PLAY MATTERS
MORE THAN EVER

Book Webinar

Presented by Dr Dee O'Connor & Walker Learning

Dates

WEBINAR

09/11/2023

SYDNEY

09/11/2023

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

Join Dr. Dee O'Connor and Walker Learning for a one-day symposium to address the impact of the pandemic on our children, their learning, and how to best address the new challenges. You can attend this NESA Accredited PD in person (Sydney) or online.

After 2 years of rolling lockdowns, online learning and disruptions to classrooms and schools, teachers, principals, and psychologists are reporting changes in children's behaviour. This includes a reduced ability to focus alongside increased anxiety for many children and a regression in social and emotional development. There is no doubt, that the post-pandemic classroom can be a challenging place. So, what can you do to engage your children and address reluctance and anxiety post-pandemic?

During our NESA Accredited morning session, Dr. Dee O'Connor will share research on the post-pandemic classroom and discuss the importance of child-initiated, self-directed play experiences. Dee will inspire educators to optimise children's engagement through relationships and a play-based pedagogy. Our Educational Consultant will follow Dee with a presentation on how to implement an Investigative learning pedagogy that meets children's development and wellbeing needs whilst still addressing curriculum outcomes.

The morning session is followed by our NESA accredited PD Creating Engaging and Intentional Learning Environments. The morning session addressed WHY & HOW a play-based pedagogy is the answer to meeting children's needs. Known as the third teacher, the environment is brought into focus when Dr Dee O'Connor introduces the afternoon session. Following this, our Educational Consultants will guide participants with practical ideas on how to create interesting and meaningful classroom environments that promote, engage, and sustain children's learning and development through play.

Dee is a published author and regularly speaks at national and international conferences.

NESA
ACCREDITEDGUEST
PRESENTERS

NSW*

* Completing Play Matters and Creating Engaging and Intentional Learning Environments will contribute 6 hours of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Accredited PD in the priority area of delivery and assessment of NSW Curriculum/Early Years Learning Framework addressing standard descriptors 1.1.2, 1.2.2, 2.5.2 & 3.3.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

2023 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

WEBINAR PD

<p>PRIMARY</p> <p>WALKER LEARNING</p>	<p>LIVE WEBINAR</p>	<h2>WALKER LEARNING OVERVIEW (YR 3-6)</h2> <p>Book Webinar</p>
<p>Dates</p> <p>WEBINAR 04/05/2023</p>	<p>Australian Professional Teaching Standards</p> <p>APTS 1.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 4.1, 4.2, 5.4, 6.2</p>	<p>Are you ready to examine how 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> 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 Yrs 3-6 from classrooms across Australia. <p>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.</p>

<p>EARLY CHILDHOOD</p> <p>PRIMARY</p> <p>WALKER LEARNING</p>	<p>LIVE WEBINAR</p>	<h2>TAKING LEARNING OUTSIDE - PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHING THE CURRICULUM OUTDOORS</h2> <p>Book Webinar</p>
<p>Dates</p> <p>WEBINAR 17/08/2023</p>	<p>Australian Professional Teaching Standards</p> <p>APTS 1.2,3.4,4.2,6.2</p>	<p>Studies suggest outdoor curriculum experiences pose a lower infection risk than those done indoors, so moving learning outside post-COVID lockdown could be just the ticket for health, wellbeing, and engagement.</p> <p>This practical, workshop-style PD will look at taking play and investigations outside. We will look at how to engage children and enhance learning experiences outside. We will present you with practical strategies for creating outdoor learning opportunities. In this session we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Discuss why learning outdoors is so beneficial to wellbeing> Inform you of relevant research> Develop an understanding of the benefits of incorporating loose parts into the school playground> Share techniques to create a culture of positive behaviour and well being> Support you to access, accumulate and incorporate a range of recycled and natural resources into your school playground <p>We will be introducing Niki Buchan, our expert outdoor learning consultant, who will provide plenty of practical tips and suggestions to help you integrate learning outdoors into your daily teaching practice. Topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Rethinking learning spaces – your outdoor classroom> Investigative play> Urban outdoor activities> Problem-solving & creative thinking> Strategies for supporting literacy, numeracy, and STEM curriculum objectives <p>In addition, we will also bring you Landscape Designer, Jenn Reed who will provide a host of practical strategies for developing your outdoor space with budget in mind and how to maximise opportunities for grants to further enhance the space.</p> <p>PD suitable for leaders, teachers, and educators in Primary School (Children 5-12 years of age)</p>
<p>GUEST PRESENTERS</p>		

PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

LIVE
WEBINAR**WALKER LEARNING PLANNING &
DOCUMENTATION (YR 3-6)**

Book Webinar

Dates**WEBINAR**20/06/2023
19/10/2023**MORNING SESSION**Conveniently grouped to offer
a full day PD opportunity.**Australian Professional
Teaching Standards****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 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 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 (7 in SA)

PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

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

Book Webinar

Dates**WEBINAR**20/06/2023
19/10/2023**AFTERNOON SESSION**Conveniently grouped to offer
a full day PD opportunity.**Australian Professional
Teaching Standards****APTS**

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

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.

LIVE
WEBINAR

PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

WALKER LEARNING INTENSIVE YEARS 3-6

Book Webinar

Dates**WEBINAR**

14/11/2023

**Australian Professional
Teaching Standards****APTS**1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6,
3.7, 4.1, 4.2, 5.4, 6.2, 6.4, 7.3

Join us for a full-day intensive focusing on inquiry learning in the middle and upper years of primary school. This day will focus on Walker Learning core elements in upper primary, Planning and Documentation and Education Research Projects.

Walker learning Core Elements (Years 3-6)

This session outlines the key elements of Walker Learning Year 3 - 6 including Focus students and tuning in, communication boards in action, the learning environment and explanations of class meetings and aspects of Education Research Projects.

Walker Learning Planning & Documentation Years 3-6

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. Documentation templates are provided with this session.

Education Research Projects in Walker Learning

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.

2023 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

WEBINAR PD

EARLY CHILDHOOD

PRIMARY

WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

EMBEDDING ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVES

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

22/02/2023

17/08/2023

GUEST PRESENTERS

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS

1.3, 1.4, 3.4, 3.7, 4.1, 5.4, 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 presenters Mikayla King and Preston Culbong. Mikayla has a Masters of Aboriginal Studies and is a Kalkadoon/Dutch woman, Early Childhood Teacher and Private Aboriginal Education Consultant. Preston is a Nyoongar man and works in areas such as Youth Work, Research, Human Rights, Advocacy, and Development. In this PD, they share first-hand knowledge and experience with you. The Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives Professional Learning session 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 quality, responsive, and appropriate resources, this session provides inspiration and practical ideas you can start using in your preschool and 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.](#)

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN PRE-SCHOOLERS

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

15/03/2023

27/04/2023

14/06/2023

02/08/2023

06/09/2023

25/10/2023

SCHOOL READINESS FUNDING APPROVED VICTORIA

KINDY UPLIFT QUEENSLAND

GUEST PRESENTERS

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS

1.1, 1.3, 1.5, 4.1, 4.3, 6.2

Resilience and well-being have become more important than ever, so what can we do to build children's resilience and self-concept? Research shows that social and emotional learning has significant academic and lifelong benefits. Children who are self-aware and confident, try harder and are more successful in navigating the ups and downs of life. Completing this webinar gives a practical overview on the importance of Social and Emotional Learning with a focus on how individualised and holistic pedagogies support:

- > **Relationships**
- > **Personalities and stages of social and emotional development**
- > **Self-awareness, self management and responsible decision making**
- > **Emotional IQ**

Walker Learning consultants will be joined by guest presenter Dr. Peggy Kern (Associate Professor at the Centre of Positive Psychology, University of Melbourne's Graduate School of Education) to 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 well-being 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
WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAY MATTERS

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

02/03/2023
17/05/2023
9/08/2023
26/10/2023

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
1.1, 3.7, 6.4,7.3

National Quality Standards

QA
1, 3, 5, 6, 7

SCHOOL READINESS FUNDING APPROVED

VICTORIA

KINDY UPLIFT

QUEENSLAND

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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. They learn innovative ways to 'add value' to the teaching of literacy, numeracy, STEM and life skills.

A copy of the book, Early Childhood Play Matters by Kathy Walker & Shona Bass is included in scheduled sessions booked at earlylife.com.au

* Completing Early Childhood Play Matters will contribute 3 hours of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Accredited PD in the priority area of delivery and assessment of NSW Curriculum/Early Years Learning Framework addressing standard descriptors 1.1.2 & 1.5.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

VEYLDF Alignment

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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

COMMUNICATION

ACCESS & INCLUSION

WELLBEING



2023 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

WEBINAR PD

EARLY CHILDHOOD
WALKER LEARNING

LIVE
WEBINAR

CREATING ENGAGING ENVIRONMENTS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

24/02/2023
26/04/2023
26/07/2023
30/08/2023
18/10/2023
15/11/2023

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS

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

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 open-ended learning spaces**
- > **Supporting children to resource their own learning**
- > **Planning for ongoing modifications**
- > **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.

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UPLIFT
QUEENSLAND

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

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

ACCESS &
INCLUSION

WELLBEING



EARLY CHILDHOOD

WALKER LEARNING

LIVE WEBINAR

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING & LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

23/03/2023

21/06/2023

13/09/2023

08/11/2023

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS

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

National Quality Standards

QA

1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Early Childhood Play In Action looks at child development in more detail and explores the importance of connection with families as well as build skills and confidence to involve and communicate effectively with parents. Participants view segments of video footage and commentary of pedagogy “in action” to deepen understanding and provide inspiration. Opportunity for guided professional conversation and discussion around play based pedagogy and the priority areas of wellbeing, communication and inclusive practice concludes the session.

An e-booklet The Importance of Play will be available for centres to share with families on the completion of this session.

This session complements and builds wholistically on the skills and knowledge covered in Early Childhood Play Matters and Creating Engaging Environments for Preschoolers.

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KINDY UPLIFT QUEENSLAND

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 PLAY IN ACTION 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 good 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.

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

COMMUNICATION

ACCESS & INCLUSION

WELLBEING



2023 Scheduled Professional Development Sessions

WEBINAR PD

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

BUSH KINDER - STARTING AN OUTDOOR LEARNING PROGRAM

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

01/03/2023
15/06/2023
16/08/2023
12/10/2023

VIC (In person)

05/05/2023
(Venue TBC)
07/09/2023
(Venue TBC)

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
4.1, 6.2

National Quality Standards

QA
1, 2, 3, 6

SCHOOL READINESS FUNDING APPROVED
VICTORIA

KINDY UPLIFT
QUEENSLAND

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 by our Walker Learning Consultants 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 well-being.

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 provides follow-up support caching for initiating and developing programs

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

ACCESS & INCLUSION

WELLBEING

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LIVE WEBINAR

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

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

24/05/2023

Australian Professional Teaching Standards

APTS
5.1, 6.2, 7.3

National Quality Standards

QA
1, 6

KINDY UPLIFT
QUEENSLAND

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**
- > **School expectations**
- > **Decision making process and planning ahead**

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.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

WALKER LEARNING

LIVE
WEBINAR**WANT YOUR LIFE BACK? EFFECTIVE AND TIME
EFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION (HALF DAY)**

Book Webinar

Dates

WEBINAR

15/02/2023

08/06/2023

31/08/2023

10/11/2023

**Australian Professional
Teaching Standards**

APTS

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 3.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7,
5.4, 6.4.7.3**National Quality
Standards**

QA

1, 3, 5, 6

How do you currently plan and document for the children in your group? Join us from the comfort of your home or work environment for our NEW online webinar which focuses on effective documentation and planning 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 doesn't take away your weekend or interrupt your interactions with children
- > Document children's learning using a practical range of strategies that link to the National Quality Framework

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.

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EDUCATOR PD

Opportunities for Mentoring & Customised PD



Early Childhood and
Primary Educators

Walker Learning
PERSONALISED & HOLISTIC LEARNING

2023

WALKER LEARNING MENTORING

Mentoring can be delivered Online or Face to Face.

MENTORING PACKAGES

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.

EARLY LIFE FOUNDATIONS

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

CUSTOMISED SESSIONS

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.

2023 SCHEDULED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

PRIMARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

January			
Jan 18,19	Online webinar	Walker Learning Professional Development Option 1 - January Intensive (F-2)	Walker Learning
Jan 18, 19, 20	Online webinar	Walker Learning Professional Development Option 2 - January Intensive (F-2)	Walker Learning
Jan 19, 20	Online webinar	Walker Learning Professional Development Option 3 - January Intensive (F-2)	Walker Learning
Jan 18, 20	Online webinar	Walker Learning Professional Development Option 4 - January Intensive (F-2)	Walker Learning
Jan 20	Online webinar	Walker Learning Professional Development Option 5 - January Intensive (F-2)	Walker Learning

February			
Feb 8	Online webinar	Walker Learning - Fast Track (F-2) Twilight time slot	Walker Learning
Feb 9	Online webinar	Walker Learning - Fast Track (3-6) Twilight time slot	Walker Learning
Feb 15	Online webinar	Want Your Life Back? Effective & Time Efficient Documentation (Early Childhood)	Early Childhood
Feb 22	Online webinar	Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Feb 23	Online webinar	Walker Learning - Fast Track (F-2)	Walker Learning
Feb 23	Online webinar	Walker Learning Fast Track (3-6)	Walker Learning
Feb 24	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning

March			
Mar 1	Online webinar	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
Mar 2	Online webinar	Early Childhood Play Matters (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
Mar 9	WA	Walker Learning - STUDY TOUR (F-2)	Walker Learning
Mar 15	Online webinar	Building Resilience in Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
Mar 23	Online webinar	Early Childhood - Teaching & Learning through Play (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
Mar 28	SA	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (R-2)	Walker Learning
Mar 28	SA	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (3-6)	Walker Learning

April			
Apr 4	Online webinar	Walker Learning Planning & Documentation (F-2)	Walker Learning
Apr 4	Online webinar	Linking Literacy, Numeracy and Subject Areas to Investigations (F-2)	Walker Learning
Apr 26	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Apr 27	Online webinar	Building Resilience in Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood

May			
May 3	VIC	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (K-2)	Walker Learning
May 4	Online webinar	Walker Learning OVERVIEW (3-6)	Walker Learning
May 5	VIC	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (School Readiness Funding - Victoria)	Early Childhood
May 17	Online webinar	Early Childhood Play Matters (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
May 18	Online webinar	Introducing a Nature Pedagogy (F-2)	Walker Learning
May 24	Online webinar	Ready, Set Go! Is this child ready for Kindergarten or School? (Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
May 24	QLD	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (P-2)	Walker Learning
May 25	QLD	Investigating Outdoors - Walker Learning Outdoor Study Tour (P-2)	Walker Learning
May 30	WA	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (K-2)	Walker Learning

June			
June 8	Online webinar	Want Your Life Back? Effective & Time Efficient Documentation (Early Childhood)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
June 14	Online webinar	Building Resilience in Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
June 14	FNQ	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (P-2)	Walker Learning
June 15	Online webinar	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood
June 19	NT	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (F-2)	Walker Learning
June 20	Online webinar	Walker Learning Planning & Documentation (3-6)	Walker Learning
June 20	Online webinar	Walker Learning Education Research Projects (3-6)	Walker Learning
June 21	Online webinar	Early Childhood - Teaching & Learning through Play (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning

2023 SCHEDULED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

PRIMARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

CALENDAR

July			
July 18	QLD	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (P-2)	Walker Learning
July 19	QLD	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (3-4)	Walker Learning
July 26	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
July 27	Online webinar	Walker Learning OVERVIEW (F-2)	Walker Learning
July 27	Online webinar	Creating Engaging and Intentional Learning Environments	Walker Learning

August			
Aug 2	Online webinar	Building Resilience in Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Aug 3	SA	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (R-2)	Walker Learning
Aug 8	NSW	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (K-2)	Walker Learning
Aug 9	Online webinar	Early Childhood Play Matters (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Aug 16	Online webinar	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Aug 17	Online webinar	Taking Learning Outside - Practical Techniques for Teaching the Curriculum Outdoors	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Aug 17	Online webinar	Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives (Kindy UPLIFT)	Walker Learning Early Childhood
Aug 23	Online webinar	Walker Learning Planning & Documentation (F-2)	Walker Learning
Aug 23	Online webinar	Linking Literacy, Numeracy and Subject Areas to Investigations (F-2)	Walker Learning
Aug 30	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Aug 31	Online webinar	Want Your Life Back? Effective & Time Efficient Documentation (Early Childhood)	Early Childhood Walker Learning

September			
Sept 6	Online webinar	Building Resilience in Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Sept 7	VIC	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (School Readiness Funding - Victoria)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Sept 7	VIC	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (F-2)	Walker Learning
Sept 13	Online webinar	Early Childhood - Teaching & Learning through Play (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Walker Learning Early Childhood

October			
Oct 11	Online webinar	Walker Learning Planning & Documentation (F-2)	Walker Learning
Oct 11	Online webinar	Linking Literacy, Numeracy and Subject Areas to Investigations (F-2)	Walker Learning
Oct 12	Online webinar	Bush Kinder - Starting an Outdoor Learning Program (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Oct 17	QLD	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (P-2)	Walker Learning
Oct 17	Online webinar	Introducing a Nature Pedagogy	Walker Learning
Oct 18	QLD	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (3-6)	Walker Learning
Oct 18	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Oct 25	Online webinar	Building Resilience in Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Oct 26	Online webinar	Early Childhood Play Matters (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Oct 31	WA	Walker Learning STUDY TOUR (K-2)	Walker Learning

November			
Nov 2	Online webinar	Walker Learning Virtual STUDY TOUR (F-2)	Walker Learning
Nov 8	Online webinar	Early Childhood - Teaching & Learning through Play (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Nov 9	Online webinar	Play Matters - The post-pandemic classroom and why Play matters more than ever	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Nov 10	Online webinar	Want Your Life Back? Effective & Time Efficient Documentation (Early Childhood)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Nov 14	Online webinar	Walker Learning Intensive - Years 3-6	Walker Learning
Nov 15	Online webinar	Creating Engaging Environments for Pre-Schoolers (School Readiness Funding & Kindy UPLIFT)	Early Childhood Walker Learning
Nov 16	Online webinar	Walker Learning OVERVIEW (F-2)	Walker Learning
Nov 16	Online webinar	Creating Engaging and Intentional Learning Environments	Walker Learning
Nov 23	Online webinar	Walker Learning Virtual STUDY TOUR (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.



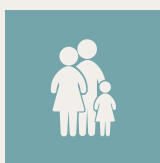
Customised Sessions

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	BOOK ONLINE earlylife.com.au	Customised Session Topics	Contact Us to BOOK
<p>SCHEDULED SESSIONS*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Half day: \$190 - \$310 + GST <p>STUDY TOURS*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > One day Study Tour (in person): \$430 + GST > Virtual Study Tour (LIVE online): \$390 + GST <p><i>*All in person full-day sessions include morning tea and lunch</i></p>	<p>GUEST SPEAKER EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Half day: \$190 - \$310 + GST > Whole day: \$395 - \$550 + GST 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Coaching for early childhood educators and leaders > Mentoring on Walker Learning (personalised learning) (F - Years 6/7) > 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 approach. Meets all requirements of state, national and international frameworks.

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Walker Learning Accreditation Process

The Benefits of Accreditation



Addition to our directory of Accredited teachers and leaders



Formal certificate of Accreditation



Walker Learning Accredited logo for use in email footer



Walker Learning Accredited teachers badge

In addition to the above, schools that achieve whole school Accreditation also receive the following:

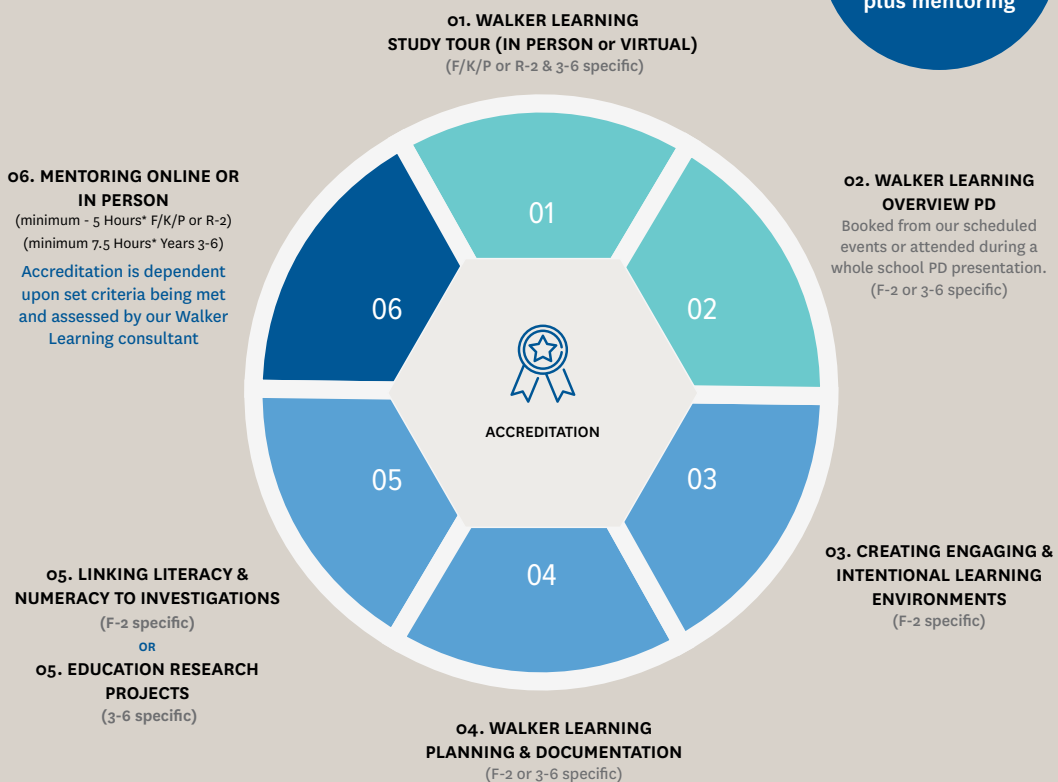


Walker Learning partnership school
 Partnership schools receive complimentary mentoring and are the ONLY schools (in association with Walker Learning) to conduct Walker Learning Study Tours



School website content
 Descriptor of the Walker Learning pedagogy inclusive of branding for use on the school's website

Walker Learning Accreditation Process



BECOME ACCREDITED
 Complete 5 modules plus mentoring

Early Life Foundations and Walker Learning provide evidence-based practice.

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Certification in Walker Learning for Early Childhood

Because QUALITY Early Childhood experiences shape lives for the better.



Broaden your knowledge and learn practical implementation strategies in play-based learning.



Assist our young learners to transition smoothly into the first years of school where the Walker Learning Pedagogy is widely used.



Our certification pathway will embed the knowledge, create the inspiration, and give you the confidence to transform children's experiences in the early childhood setting.

The Walker Learning Pedagogy, designed in Australia for Australian children from birth to 12 years of age. Walker Learning Pedagogy matches children's development and personalises learning:

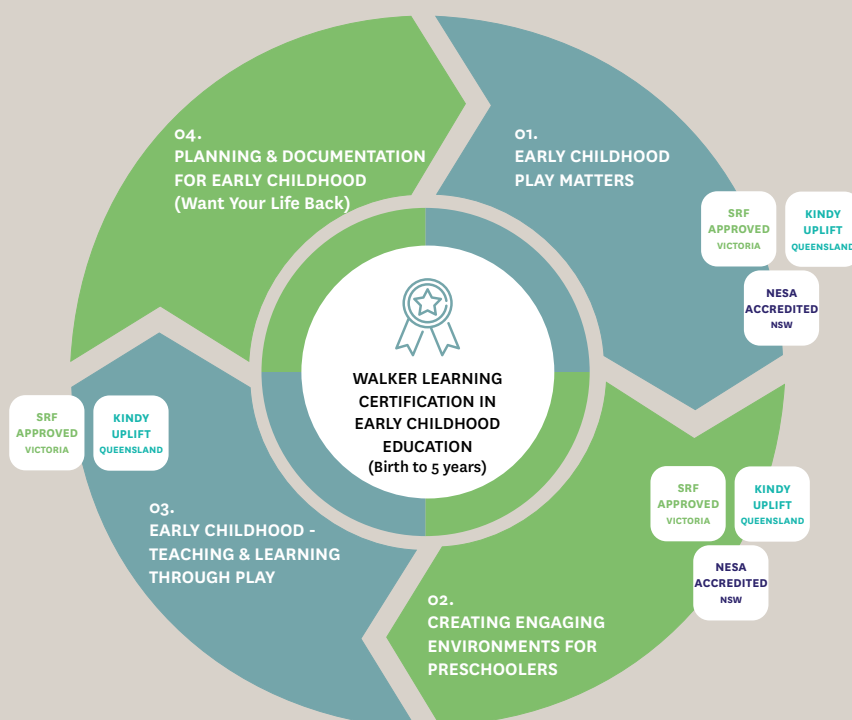


Certification in Walker Learning Early Childhood Education (Birth to 5 years)

The Benefits of Certification
 Ensuring consistency and quality practice in play education

BECOME CERTIFIED
 Complete 4 modules
 Certification requires attendance to be verified.

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