



The Briars Special Early Learning Centre

... a vibrant, safe and nurturing learning community
for children with disabilities

Early Intervention Foundation Program

The Early Intervention Foundation program provides children the opportunity to access an early intervention specialised preschool program for 6 months prior to preschool. This exciting program is highly focussed on the development of effective communication for early learners. The sessions are 2 hours long and include a fifteen minute music session based on the children's favourite songs, rhymes and stories. With a play based approach these children are given opportunities to explore, engage and participate in specialised learning experiences and activities. The program provides these children with time to play, laugh, sing and enjoy the experiences with their peers.

We know from research that the earlier children are exposed to intervention the greater their learning outcomes.

The Early Intervention children are immersed in The Briars preschool and are supported to engage in a specialised, child led curriculum. As the caregiver is required to remain on site, The Briars offers them a program to build on their understanding and knowledge. This is balanced with the opportunity to relax and network with other families in a supported environment.

Our goals for the program are...

To expose the children to a learning environment where they will be encouraged to:

- develop relationships and social skills (using a *DIR Floortime* approach)
- experience positive separation from families
- develop independence
- engage in play based learning opportunities
- access communication programs

For families to have the opportunity to:

- experience positive separation from their child
- network with other families
- enhance their confidence and skills around their child's learning
- develop an understanding of The Briars, programs and learning experiences

Participating in The Early Intervention Foundation Group does not guarantee a child a place in The Briars Preschool program. The official application process must be adhered to and families will be supported through this process at the end of Term 1.