



# Playgroup Policy

The Maryborough Education Centre (MEC) Playgroup brings together young children, parents, families to learn and develop through informal play activities and social interaction. Parents and caregivers have the opportunity to meet other people going through similar experiences and find out about local community, health and support services.

At playgroup children can:

- develop physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually
- make new friends
- have new experiences
- gain self confidence
- develop cooperation skills
- develop communication skills
- extend their experience of literacy in a social environment.

## GOALS

The MEC Playgroup aims to:

- help parents and caregivers build social and support networks that encourage and assist them in their valuable parenting role
- support families to have fun, relax and build friendships that last beyond playgroup
- include all, creating an open, welcoming and friendly environment for all children and their families
- build the oral language capabilities in preschool aged children
- build children's foundation literacy and school readiness skills.

## GUIDELINES

- The MEC Playgroup will run on Thursdays 9:00am - 11:00am during Victorian school terms
- It will take place in Moonlight Room 4 (MO4).
- Will be advertised on the school's newsletter, social media platforms and the *Maryborough Advertiser*.
- MEC will pay Playgroup Victoria family Memberships and provide an Education Support (ES) staff member or volunteer to support the Playgroup.
- The ES staff member or volunteer will:
  - set up and pack up equipment
  - maintain a literacy focus including oral language development and modelled reading activities
  - manage the sign in and sign out process that all parents and caregivers must complete
  - maintain a safe and orderly program
- Parents and carers who attend will be offered the chance to make a gold coin donation. Collected funds will be used to support the purchasing of resources and materials.
- All volunteers are required to have a valid [Volunteer Working with Children's Check](#)
- The Principal has the right to exclude any child, parent or caregiver from the Playgroup program.

## REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 and is scheduled for review as part of the school's 3 year review cycle.

***This policy was last ratified by School Council on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2021***

**Signed:**



**Anita Ford**  
**School Council President**

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