



# PARENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK



# Welcome to Mini Minds School Readiness Academy

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout their learning journey at Mini Minds. For your convenience, all policies and procedures are available on our website.

## Our Mission

Our mission at Mini Minds is to create a positive, supportive and enriched learning environment where every child feels confident, capable and is excited to learn. Through purposeful play, meaningful routines, engaging learning experiences and gentle guidance, we help little learners build the skills they need to thrive in their first year of school and beyond.

## ENROLMENT

1. Head to the enrolments section on our website [www.minimindsacademy.com.au/fees-enrolment](http://www.minimindsacademy.com.au/fees-enrolment)
2. Kindly fill out the enrolment form.
3. We will contact you to finalise your days, booking preferences and any particular needs for your child.

We can assist at any time throughout the process, so please reach out at your convenience.



# Our Program Overview

At Mini Minds School Readiness Academy, we provide a nurturing and enriching learning experience designed to support children as they prepare for school with confidence and independence. Our program is led by a qualified early childhood educator and is thoughtfully designed to support early learning through developmentally appropriate, evidence-informed practices.

**Early Literacy & Numeracy Skills**

**Focus & Attention**

**Dance and Movement**

**Fine-Motor Development**

**Gross-Motor Skills**

**Self-Help/Independence**

Learning is delivered through a multi-sensory, play-based approach, allowing children to explore, move, create, and engage in meaningful ways. Each activity is carefully planned to build foundational skills while keeping learning fun and engaging. Through this approach, children develop essential school readiness skills naturally—often without even realising how much they are learning along the way.

# Elements of Literacy

## Oral Language

Oral language is the foundation of all learning. Through conversations, storytelling, songs, group discussions and play, children build listening skills, confidence, and the ability to express their thoughts and ideas clearly. Strong oral language supports communication, social skills, and future reading and writing development.

## Phonological Awareness

Phonological awareness helps children hear and play with sounds in language. This includes recognising rhymes, syllables, and beginning sounds in words. These skills support children to notice how words sound and prepare them for early reading and spelling.

## Early Phonics

Phonics introduces children to the connection between sounds and letters. Children begin to understand that spoken sounds can be represented by written letters. Through fun, hands-on activities, children learn to recognise letters, hear sounds, and begin blending sounds together in an age-appropriate way.

## Vocabulary Development

A rich vocabulary helps children understand what they hear, read, and say. At Mini Minds, vocabulary is developed through stories, conversations, themed learning, and real-life experiences. When children understand more words, they feel more confident expressing themselves and making sense of the world around them.

## Fluency & Confidence

As children grow in confidence, their skills become smoother and more automatic. Fluency means children can focus on understanding, participating, and enjoying learning rather than struggling with the basics. This stage supports confidence, independence, and a positive attitude towards learning.

## Understanding & Comprehension

Comprehension is about making meaning. Children learn to think about what they hear and see, ask questions, make connections, and share ideas. This deeper level of understanding supports school readiness, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills.

# Elements of Numeracy

## Number Sense

Children develop an understanding of what numbers mean and how they work in everyday life. Through play, movement, and real-world experiences, children begin to recognise quantities, compare amounts, and think flexibly about numbers.

## Counting

Children explore counting forwards and backwards, recognising numbers, and matching numbers to quantities. Activities also include counting through songs, games, and play-based experiences that build confidence and enjoyment.

## Early Number Skills

Children are introduced to simple number relationships through hands-on activities. This includes exploring addition and subtraction in meaningful ways, such as sharing, grouping, and problem-solving during play.

## Mathematical Language

Understanding maths language helps children follow instructions and explain their thinking. Children are introduced to words such as more, less, first, last, equal, and full through everyday learning experiences.

## Problem-Solving & Thinking Skills

Children learn to think, explore, and try different strategies when solving simple problems. This builds persistence, confidence, and flexible thinking—important skills for school and beyond.



# What to Bring?

Students are required to wear their Mini Minds polo shirt uniform, fully enclosed shoes and something warm to wear in case of weather changes.

**They will be required to bring with them a small backpack with the following:**

- Water bottle.
- Fruit/snacks and a healthy lunch for a Full/Half-Day Session for recess and lunch (please make sure all food is nut-free)
- Spare change of clothes, including underwear and socks

*All food must be stored with an icepack in your child's bag, just like it would be done in Kindergarten. Please ensure all items are clearly marked with the student's full name.*

# 2026 Fee Schedule

## Full-Day Session

**\$99 per day**

\$85 per day for 2 or more days per week

## Half-Day Session

**\$50 per day**

\$37.50 per day for 2 or more days per week

## Before/After School Care

**\$10 per hour**

8:30-9:30am or 2:30-3:30pm

## Enrolment Fee

**\$100**

Deducted from first fortnightly fees

## Uniform

**\$20**

Mini Minds Polo Shirt

**Tuesday**

9:30-2:30

**Wednesday**

9:30-2:30

**Thursday**

9:30-2:30

**Friday**

9:30-2:30

**Half-Day**

9:30pm-12pm

or

12pm-2:30pm

*Available Tuesday-Friday*

# Daily Routine Guide

<b>9:30am - 10:00am</b>	<b>Arrival and Table Activities</b>	Children settle into the day through calm table-based activities that support fine motor development and revise early literacy and numeracy concepts.
<b>10:00am - 11:00am</b>	<b>Literacy Block</b>	Early literacy development including phonics, reading, writing and oral language skills.
<b>11:00am - 11:30am</b>	<b>Recess and Playtime</b>	Children engage in supervised outdoor play experiences that promote social interaction, creativity, physical movement and emotional regulation, supporting a smooth transition into learning.
<b>11:40am - 12:40pm</b>	<b>Numeracy Block</b>	This block supports early numeracy development through counting, number recognition, patterns, shapes and foundational number concepts.
<b>12:40am - 1:10pm</b>	<b>Fine and Gross Motor Activities</b>	Children participate in structured fine motor and gross motor experiences to support strength, coordination, posture, pencil control and body awareness.
<b>1:10pm - 1:50pm</b>	<b>Lunch and Playtime</b>	Children enjoy lunch in a relaxed, supportive environment that encourages independence, social interaction and positive routines.
<b>1:50pm - 2:30pm</b>	<b>Story time and Wind down activities</b>	The day concludes with story time and reflection, supporting a calm, confident transition to home.



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