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Lyndhurst Early Learning Centre: The crème de la crème of child care

Brisbane's only child care centre with a French immersion program the *Lyndhurst Early Learning Centre* will open its doors to the public on Saturday 13th of December from 9am to 1pm announced Children First Director of Operators Ms Chris Sciffer.

'The open day will give incoming parents and children and other interested parties an opportunity to explore *Lyndhurst* prior to its opening on Monday 15th December,' said Ms Sciffer.

'Situated in the grounds of Clayfield College the *Lyndhurst Early Learning Centre* is simply state of the art in child care.

'From the moment the children arrive, they are surrounded by care and beauty with our highly skilled staff ensuring a quality learning experience within a warm and supportive environment,' said Ms Sciffer.

Recognising the advantages of early language learning in young children, *Lyndhurst* incorporates a French immersion program into the children's daily activities. Delivered by native French speakers, the program is play-based with children learning songs, rhymes and games designed to encourage good pronunciation and retention.

'Learning another language has so many advantages and as very young children incorporate new languages effortlessly, the early years are the best time to provide them that opportunity.

'Even if the children don't have the chance to develop their French further after they leave *Lyndhurst*, they will carry with them positive attitudes about learning languages and about other cultures in general,' said Ms Sciffer.

Attention to detail is exact and no expense has been spared to ensure that the children at *Lyndhurst Early Learning Centre* will receive the very best care available.

'The children's every need is anticipated from their daily cuisine prepared by the chef, to learning good manners and consideration for others, and appreciating the ways in which technology can enrich their learning.

'The building itself is a work of art. Designed by renowned architect RS Dodds of *Hall and Dodds* fame in 1867, *Lyndhurst* has been meticulously renovated to its former glory, while adapting the premises to its present use,' said Ms Sciffer.

An experiential learning approach is embraced encouraging children to develop their skills through investigation, exploration, problem solving and negotiation. Children learn by listening, seeing, imitating and practicing and the capacity for absorbing languages is at its peak in these early years.

Ranges of learning disciplines are explored including art, music and environmental sustainability; children can gather produce from the vegetable garden and feed organic waste to the worm farm.

Other facilities at *Lyndhurst* include a separate dining room for the older children, colour schemes coordinated by an interior designer, and a state of the art integrated technology that brings the sounds of the rainforest and bush into the centre while providing parents with a slide show of the children's daily activities.

Lyndhurst Early Learning Centre enjoys an excellent relationship with its neighbour Clayfield College, and their close proximity provides for a seamless transition from child care, to schooling and after school care.

Lyndhurst will be from open from 15th December 6:30am to 6:30pm Monday to Friday all year, and offers programs for children aged from 6 weeks to 5 years.

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