

Introducing the Oac *Grow* Music Program

Our Oac Music Program is delivered via the Oac *Grow* Curriculum. It is developed by our in-house Music Program Manager and tailored specifically for the nursery, toddler and preschool age groups.

Feel the rhythm and beat!

Exploring voice, expression, music, beat and dance - The program focuses on introducing the five musical areas of pitch, rhythm & tempo, dynamics, timbre and movement, as well as encouraging an appreciation of music as an art form and exploring one's own creativity and expression.

The program focuses on children being introduced to music each and every day that they are at Oac. Early introduction to music education is so important for building a lifelong interest in music.

Benefits to Oac's Music Program

Music is integrated into the daily life of a child in an Oac campus and in carefully designing our amazing program there are targeted benefits for all ages!

Nursery

Singing is the single most important activity the caregiver can do with the infant; it can aid in language acquisition, self-regulation and feeling secure, joint attention, and bonding, among many other aspects of the infant's life.

Toddler

The Toddler Music Program focuses on early language and numeracy acquisition, understanding of rhythm, tempo and dynamics, understanding of self, and positive social interaction.

Preschool

The Preschool Music Program supports the development of confidence, social skills, inclusion, rhyming words, auditory discrimination skills and creative language development. Children learn to use their bodies purposefully to cross the midline and develop hand-eye co-ordination, gait and core strength.

How is the program delivered?

Incorporating into the daily program through immersion and delivered by passionate early childhood educators

The Music Program has been developed by a qualified Music professional. This program has been carefully designed with early childhood learning principles in mind to ensure the program is delivered across Oac in a consistent and professional manner.

The Nursery, Toddler and Preschool age groups participate in the music program and each age group's program and focus is tailored specifically to the age group. This includes fun and planned activities that include:

- » Introducing rhythm and beat
- » Speaking and singing voice and expression
- » Dance and movement
- » Confidence and social skills
- » Language development and listening skills

Tools and resources are incorporated into the program such as core education guides, monthly activity guides, musical sounds, specially recorded music, songs, musical instruments, activities and books.

Delivered daily

Children will experience music **each day** incorporated into the day to day experiences and routines. Carefully designed to enable qualified early childhood educators to be able to deliver the program through their daily practices.

As part of the daily and weekly curriculum planning, the Campus Educational Leader (Campus Director) and qualified educators follow a set Music Program which guides activities enabling music to be consistently and professionally delivered daily.

Specially recorded music and songs and provision of instruments are provided and Oac has developed professionally produced songs to guide activities and link to other curriculum areas.

How does Oac immerse music into the daily curriculum?

The most effective delivery of any program is to ensure it is fully immersed into the daily curriculum – this is best practice and something that Oac is firmly committed to. As a result, the program is delivered daily via early childhood educators who are working with Oac children each and every day.

Oac's fantastic educator team are provided with the skills, training, resources and support to deliver the Music program daily into their room programs.

What support is provided?

- » An Oac team of Music Program facilitators who support our great educators.
- » A comprehensive Music Program guide including quarterly and monthly activity guides.
- » A full resources kit used within the program.
- » Comprehensive support from our in house specialist Music Program Manager through campus visits, emails and phone calls with opportunity to deliver feedback or request advice.
- » Monthly themed Oac CONNECT messages for families which reinforces development and learning based on the activities.

