



IL GIROTONDO

Italian Program for Pre-schoolers

Pre-Kinder & Kinder

Program structure



The Italian program follows the Victorian Curriculum. Its duration is 4 Terms, 10 weeks each Term, 1 class per week (45 minutes).

We offer the following morning classes:

- Pre-Kinder class from 9.30am to 10.15am
- Kinder class from 10.30am to 11.15am

Each lesson runs for 45 minutes and follows a structured program:

- Teacher and children's welcoming activity, song, chant, story (5 minutes).

Children will be required to sit in a circle and warm up.

- Introduction to the language (literacy and numeracy) by using flashcards (10 minutes)
Children will be introduced to words by showing them flashcards and involving them in open-ended questions.

The teacher will also take the time to revise the words learnt in the previous week.

- Game Time (15 minutes)

Children will be engaged in different games related to the words they have just learnt.

- Re-enforcement and recycling of language (15 minutes)

Children will be supported to reinforce their learning by colouring the images related to the words just introduced and through activities such as problem solving and higher order thinking skills.

We provide all the art and craft materials (stationery excluded).

Requirements

Working together is essential in order to achieve the best results. Accordingly we ask:

- Educators to help the teacher by keeping the children's focus high, being actively involved during the Italian class (repeating Italian words to children, singing and dancing as part of the lesson).
- Educators to reinforce what has been learnt in class during the week, so that children become familiar with new words and make Italian part of their routine.
- The classroom to have an Italian corner where children are free to immerse in all things Italian such as books, flashcards, art and craft.
- The classroom and children to be prepared for the Italian lesson (children sitting in a circle, tables clean and ready with stationery for art and craft activities).
- The language to be strongly supported by the parent community.

