



Little Leapers Pre-Prep

## RESULTS FROM SURVEY GIVEN TO ALL PARENTS ON 14/10/17

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### Q1 What do you love about Pre-Prep?

The program in its entirety. It's the perfect transition to school.

The social skills component of the program has been great as it's benefited the whole family by giving us language and skills with which to understand acceptable behaviours.

That my child is learning new things all the time and has gone from showing little interest in school work to being excited about learning new things

My child loves the environment. It also gives her the extension she doesn't receive from kinder.

Structured programs, less "free time", constantly supervised and children are actively learning and taught how to behave socially etc, even on free time / lunch breaks. The environment also more "school-like" compared to day-care so it prepares the children for school environment.

That my son is happy when he comes home and often chats about what he has been up to or the jokes that have been shared.

The learning that takes place is so much more advanced from kinder.

The teaching staff, the program and how it builds resilience and confidence in children and prepares them for school. The Prep Program also encourages independence both socially and personally.

It provides an exceptional step between kindergarten and prep, for children who are not ready for school and need a bit of extra support. It gives these children the chance to further develop their skills, so that when they do go to prep, they are better equipped.

It offers far more than a kindergarten program in preparing a child to enter the education system.

The wonderful supportive and caring learning environment which allows students to extend their learning. All the staff always make my child feel welcome in the classroom and have established a strong connection with the whole class.

How it is a step towards school readiness but still has a fun and secure learning environment. My son is more confident and settled each time he attends.

## Q2 What makes us unique and special compared to other early years' services?

The constant communication.

The passion and commitment of the teachers, the calibre of the curriculum and it's targeted approach to preparing the children for prep, the teacher/ student ratio.

Rather than the usual learn through play all day there is structure and actual work. I feel the children are being well prepared for what Prep will actually be like.

Teachers are more attentive to the child's educational needs and more one on one time with teaching staff.

Specifically prepares the children for school, packed with programs to keep the children busy (unlike day-care which only gives you half-baked kinder programs). Also limited amount of students allowing the teachers to give more attention to each child.

What is taught in terms of literacy and social skills, and the way kids are expected to be respectful and part of the group.

Explicit Social skills taught in class.

Pre Prep is a combination of Prep and kinder. It still celebrates play based learning while also engaging children in table tasks.

The focus on building social skills, as well as early learning of numeracy and literacy skills. Also the staff are incredible.

The educative components and exceptional communication...daily board and weekly newsletters.

The additional structure and similarities to the school day make this a wonderful transition program. Sessional kindergarten is fabulous but this program allows students to experience more of what will occur when they begin school in a way that they feel supported.

A warm and fun environment where pre-schoolers can develop their love of learning; before transitioning into more structured education.

## Do you have any other comments about the service we provide?

LAL offers a much needed program for children who truly require an extra year of early learning before starting school. Keryn and her team offer an excellent program that allows children to further develop their skills in their 2nd year of 4YO kinder in order to give them the best possible start at school. I see this program becoming a more valuable service to families each year, as the LAL settle into their new surroundings in Montmorency. In future years, I would like to see the program offered exclusively to those children who have already completed 4yo kinder and preferably have all children attend full time.

We are so impressed with this program and the quality and dedication of all the teachers. I can't think of anything to make it better only that we would love more of it.

It is brilliant! Staff go above and beyond! Location is great, program is fantastic!

Our child has developed and grown so much in such a short space of time since attending LAL, it's a wonderful program!

The program is amazing and we are lucky to be a part of it.

You all do a beautiful job.

Keryn is AMAZING!

Every child deserves this amazing program. I could not think of a better way to get our children ready for prep. The leap from kinder to school is too big. This is the perfect transition!

We have seen marked improvements in our child just after he attends LAL for just a very short period! If only every kinder in Melbourne have the same high standard and care as Keryn and other teachers at LAL, we would have significantly less instances of kids being not ready for prep / school. Many thanks to Keryn and the teachers for their excellent teaching, care, and guidance for our child!

We are so grateful that our daughter has this wonderful opportunity to prepare for school with LAL. She has come leaps and bounds with her confidence both socially, emotionally and academically. Our friends and family are blown away with how much she has grown and developed since doing LAL. Amazing work, Keryn and team.

This service is fantastic. My child has come along in leaps and bounds since working with Keryn. So glad I made this decision to send him here! Cannot recommend it highly enough!!

Exceptional alternative to second year of funded kindergarten. Offers far more school preparedness. Should be evaluated with view to state-wide rollout for all children completing kinder consolidation year.

Thank you so much for creating such an amazing program! The children have all settled into the sessions so well and the LAL program is the perfect way to prepare them for school, especially for those doing a second year of 4yo kinder.

Very happy. Love the small class size and having 3 teachers is brilliant! You don't get this kind of kinder program anywhere. There should definitely be more of them. The communication between staff and families is also wonderful. So professional. Thank you.

Fantastic program that is making a big difference in my child's development.

**(See page 6 below for more survey question results)**

## Other Parent Survey Question Results 2017

- *My child enjoys attending LAL.* – 100% responded strongly agree or agree.
- *I am happy with how my child seems to be settling in at LAL.* – 95+% responded strongly agree.
- *The learning environment is well presented and inviting to children.* – 95+% responded strongly agree or agree.
- *My child and I feel welcome at LAL.* – 100% responded strongly agree or agree.
- *I feel I have adequate communication in regards to my own child from the staff at LAL.* – 100% responded strongly agree or agree.
- *There is enough play based learning offered.* – 96+% responded strongly agree or agree.
- *There are enough structured activities, i.e. table work offered.* – 100% responded strongly agree or agree.
- *There is enough communication, i.e. newsletters, emails, notes, etc. to the parents.* – 100% responded strongly agree or agree.

