



Welcome to Hive's Bee-School

With a primary focus on the creative arts,
it's our aim to nurture creative thinking and
develop talent in Visual Art, Musicianship and Performing Arts.



Bee-School

Preschoolers have incredible imaginations and amazing creative potential. Exploring their emotions, abilities and their role in the big world around them is an amazing part of the preschool age development.

At Hive we strive to guide every little bee through a discovery of creative outlets that set foundations for the creative skills, talents, attributes and neural pathways that will support them as they grow and make the progression into the school years.

Did you know? Pre-Schoolers who experienced just 30 minutes of music class each week demonstrated 32% greater gains in language and literacy skills.

Bee-school is an immersive creative learning program where pre-schoolers:

- * Explore emotions, improve language and learn to express themselves through music.
- * Channel their physical energy and build motor skills through movement and dance.
- * Extend their imaginations through guided dramatic play.
- * Build their confidence, emotional and social intelligence in a group setting.
- * Build strong fine motor, problem solving skills, and self expression through creating amazing artworks.

What is the difference between Bee-School & Preschool?

We are often asked by new parents, "What is the difference between Bee-School and preschool?". Whilst your child is going to learn all the same skills as at preschool, they learn so much more during their Bee-School journey. The three main differences are outlined below:

STRUCTURE

Each Bee-School session includes three structured learning classes with intentional teaching presented in a playful teaching manner. The structured class creates routine and predictability which empower younger children to become confident learners. Teachers present the classes in a playful manner which engages children's imaginations and creates instant opportunities to participate. This is the perfect learning environment for children to thrive in.

CREATIVE LEARNING

Our programs are specifically designed and written to form talent and skill in each subject. Research shows that the optimum time for a person to form talent is between the age of 0-7yrs while the brain is still rapidly growing and developing neural connections. Repeated exposure to creative learning over a long time period forms the basis of talent.

OUR GOALS

Our goals are what really set Bee-School apart from a traditional preschool approach. We aim to develop creative thinkers and a love of learning: children who feel empowered to confidently explore creativity, problem solve and try new experiences.

Program Structure

Bee-School offers 3 different learning opportunities. You can enrol in just the 'Bee-School Basics' morning session, or make a full day of creative learning and add either the **Creative Performers** or **Creative Thinkers** afternoon session.

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BEE-SCHOOL BASICS

Ages 3-4 & 4-6 years (teachers divide children by age into two classrooms)

Morning Session

Drama | Visual Arts | Music

2

CREATIVE PERFORMERS

Ages: 3-6 years

Afternoon Session

Musical Theatre | Dance | Mini Makers

3

CREATIVE THINKERS

Ages: 4-6 years (for children attending school next year)

Afternoon Session

Piano Prep | Creative Science & Art Design | Brain Buzz

Timetable

DAY	TIME	SESSION
MONDAY		
AM	9.30am - 12.15pm	Bee-School Basics 3-6 yrs
PM	12.30pm - 3.00pm	Creative Performers 3-6 yrs
TUESDAY		
AM	8.45am - 11.30am	Bee-School Basics 3-6 yrs
PM	11.45am - 2.45pm	Creative Performers 3-6 yrs
PM	11.45am - 2.45pm	Creative Thinkers 4-6 yrs
WEDNESDAY		
AM	8.45am - 11.30am	Bee-School Basics 3-6 yrs
PM	11.45am - 2.45pm	Creative Performers 3-6 yrs
PM	11.45am - 2.45pm	Creative Thinkers 4-6 yrs
FRIDAY		
AM	8.45am - 11.30am	Bee-School Basics 3-6 yrs
PM	11.45am - 2.45pm	Creative Performers 3-6 yrs
PM	11.45am - 2.45pm	Creative Thinkers 4-6 yrs

Program 1 Bee-School Basics

(3-6 Yrs)



Our Bee-School Basics program is a great starting point for new students. It gives them creative learning foundations in a half-day morning session, which they can build upon by combining with an afternoon of either 'Creative Movers' or 'Creative Thinkers' to make a full day of learning.

FORMAT

Drama | Music | Visual Arts



Drama

Is structured to provide students with opportunities that explore and challenge familiarities in their lives through dramatic play and storytelling. The activities are designed to increase their imagination, cognitive, social and emotional skills simultaneously while developing new capabilities in meaningful vocabulary, independent thinking and self regulation.

Drama assists in growing confidence and we guide students in their understanding of interpreting body language, social interaction & role play which aid in their emotional intelligence as they approach school age.



Visual Arts

Not only assists in students fine motor skills and sensory experiences, but also their cognitive thinking and expression. Often focusing on a known illustrator or theme, students are challenged to utilise the fundamentals of remaking, reinventing and adapting to take what has been already done as a framework and create their own version.

Skill development is equally important in approaching creative challenges. Our teachers mentor through a process of planning, practice and execution, providing tools for students to explore new materials, different art forms and techniques to produce a range of unique artistic solutions throughout the term.



Music

Music provides creative learning that ignites all areas of childhood development as the mind and the body work together. Children who study music before school are proven to accelerate in areas of reading, writing and mathematics throughout their school years as they have already established the neural pathways necessary for these tasks to be easily executed.

Our Bee-Schoolers explore instruments such as the ukulele, drums and xylophone and gain important skills such as:

- Listening
- Memorisation
- Counting
- Recognising and playing musical patterns
- Playing rhythms
- Communication
- Improvisation
- Coordination
- Sequencing
- Singing in tune



Program 2 Creative Performers

(3-6 Yrs)



Taking Dramatic play to the next level, Creative Performers is a program that focuses on developing confidence and communication skills through performance-based activities such as Musical Theatre, Dance and Mini Makers. Students in this program will participate in an IN CLASS performance through the year, to build their confidence in performing.

FORMAT

Musical Theatre | Dance | Mini Makers



Musical Theatre

Musical Theatre combines the three aspects of drama/acting, dance and song into one action-packed class! Children learn to sing songs from Broadway Musicals, along with learning choreographed movements and exploring dramatic expressions and movements that fit with the song.

A great class for creative expression through movement, and development of gross motor, language and social skills. Students also gain so much confidence through the performance aspect of the program.



Dance

Musicianship starts with moving your body to a beat!

Dance classes are enjoyed equally by boys and girls. The class is designed to teach movements and positions from ballet and jazz dance styles and is presented in an active, high energy manner to keep children moving and engaged with learning. Our dance teacher is an RAD experienced dance instructor.

There are so many benefits to learning dance in the preschool years. Dance is proven to build the skills and strength to assist in any physical activity or sport they might choose to do. In addition, it provides skill development in coordination, spatial awareness and confidence through self expression.



Mini Makers

Mini makers classes involve children in creating artworks using a range of mixed media.

With a focus on art that combines popular culture, role play and character exploration, each term even includes costuming artworks that fit with the musical theatre songs learned in the program. This allows students to have creative involvement in every part of the 'performing arts' experience.



Program 3 Creative Thinkers

(4-6 Yrs)



Creative Thinkers further enhances creative problem solving through development of a more diverse skill set including Piano Prep, Creative Art Science and Brain Buzz. This program is recommended for students who will be attending school the following year.

FORMAT

Piano Prep | Creative Science & Art Design | Brain Buzz



Piano Prep

In order for children to enjoy playing an instrument and to experience success in their learning, they need to have first developed confidence in a wide range of musical skills. The piano prep program is taught by skilled, experienced musicians and develops:

Tune/pitch/aural learning:

- Singing in tune
- Reading and writing simple tunes
- Playing back simple tunes by ear
- Hearing and recognizing specific instruments heard

Rhythm:

- Playing back rhythmic patterns
- Reading and writing simple rhythms

Patterns & Musical emotion:

- Recognizing and responding to patterns in music
- Recognizing and responding to musical moods



Brain Buzz

Getting a child ready for school involves so much more than simply learning the alphabet and numbers. Whilst our entire Bee-School program prepares children to be lifetime creative learners, the Brain Buzz subject is specifically designed to prepare children to have the underlying skills to begin big school successfully.

Every Brain Buzz Class includes playful activities to strengthen the following skills.

Core muscle strength:

Core muscle strength is needed for your child to be able to sit still and attend to what their teacher is teaching. Without this structural foundation, school can be fatiguing and the mind cannot focus on the presented learning. We teach our students how to use their core strength to anchor and sit to support drawing, cutting and to assist them to develop a strong pencil grasp. Through playful activities, we increase eye to hand coordination and grasp strength.

Auditory discrimination:

This is the ability to hear and respond to changes in music, verbal instructions, observe and respond to social cues and eventually, follow multi-step instructions. Developing listening skills will help your child isolate and respond to the teachers voice in a busy classroom.

Emotional Intelligence:

Being able to work with others, express ourselves, communicate our own needs and create lasting connections with friends are the skills that make up emotional intelligence. We teach our students to recognise, name and communicate facial expressions and body language, and self-regulate difficult emotions such as sadness and anger through playful role play experiences.

Recognising Patterns and Sequences:

Students learn to replicate patterns, place story cards, quantities or sizes in order, match and group objects. These activities teach basic strategies to remember, hold an idea in the front of the mind, then act based on the memory. These cognitive skills will help them approach new information at school with curiosity and pleasure.



Creative Science

Children are naturally curious about the world around them and how things are made and work. Creative science provides experiences that stimulate young children's curiosity and motivate them to become interested in their environment and in the mechanisms of nature. Each class involves a hands-on science experiment with a learning focus. Children then continue the learning focus into an artistic experience that visually depicts the science experiment.

Meet the Team

MELISSA BOX

Bee-School Director | Music Teacher | Brain Buzz Teacher



Melissa has a background in early childhood teaching, singing, acting and performing – bringing a complete educational and creative experience to her students. Before joining Hive, Melissa taught in local preschools and performed in Musical Theatre shows. With her expertise in Musical Theatre and acting she brings a vibrancy to all her classes that is infectious and engaging for kids and adults! While living in South America, Melissa developed a love for the Spanish language and brings this same enthusiasm for language to her Spanish classes which are full of songs, games, stories and fun.

RAECHELLE WESTON

Art Teacher



Raechelle is a local artist but studied fine arts at University in North Queensland. She also has certificates in Graphic Design and Photography from Newcastle TAFE. Her work is broad, ranging from fine detailed scientific drawings linked to her former career as a Geologist to vibrant and bold acrylic paintings for children's bedrooms. You may recognise her colourful art from markets and venues around town.

NATASHA GIBBS

Musical Theatre Teacher | Drama Teacher | Piano Prep Teacher | Music Teacher



Natasha grew up “on the stage” surrounded by music, dance, art and theatre. Natasha is a qualified dance teacher, has performed in many musicals as an actress and singer, and she is a qualified Simply Music Piano teacher. A ‘natural’ teacher, Tash is a firm favourite amongst the Bee-School teachers with our littlest students and she has a beautiful way of engaging young children in meaningful learning through happy structured play experiences.

SUMMER VISOCCHI

Bee-School Assistant



Summer is an assistant of bee-school and has been apart of this beautiful team since 2019. *“I was gifted with the chance to make my dream come true with an amazing opportunity to do what I have always loved to do, which is working with kids”.*

She has always loved building and forming relationships with children and thrives to help and assist them in growing and developing. She has always had a passion for both dance and art, and to be able to combine her hobbies and dream, she believes, is the best combination ever!

LEE SEAMAN

Art Teacher



Lee wears many pants. Wife, mum, Artist, Graphic Designer and published Children's interior stylist. She finds inspiration for her art/design from all facets of life but mostly from the sheer beauty of kids and her fondness for all things that are colourful, fresh and fun. She is beyond passionate in helping the next generation of little humans find their creative spark by providing them the tools to create projects that push their capabilities so they are continually growing and developing.

OVANIA MCCLELLAND

Music Teacher



Ovania is a passionate Musician and Artist. She holds a Bachelor of Music Performance (Honours) from the Sydney Conservatorium and has travelled the world performing in orchestras, playing the Oboe.

She has a real passion for music therapy and loves guiding children on finding their connection to music.

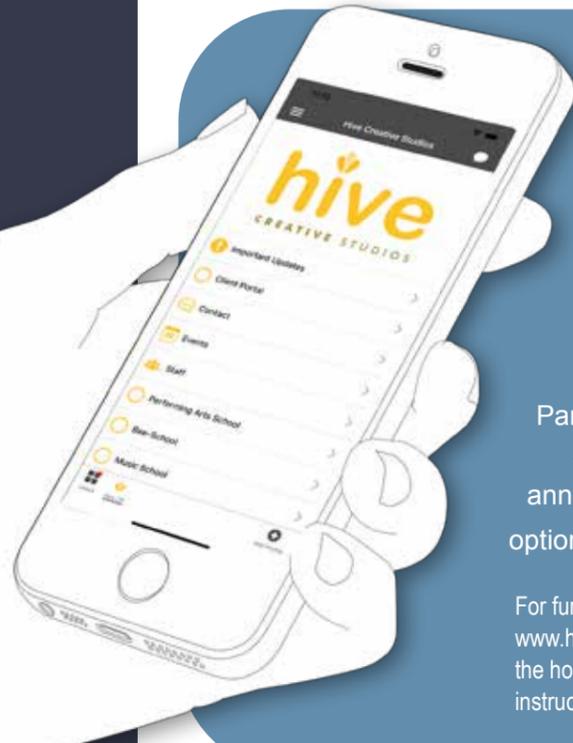
Communications

We use 2 different channels of communication for Bee-School parents.

1. The **School Stream** app which allows you to follow your child's Bee-School Journey.
2. The **Client Portal** which is accessed via the Hive website and is used to manage your enrolment details.



Hive is now using the new 'School Stream' app to communicate with parents. Keep in the loop with the latest news and your Child's class updates, including photos and lesson outlines.



HOW TO JOIN:
Download **School Stream** app to your mobile.

SETUP:
Start typing your school into the search then
SELECT *Hive Creative Studios*

MANAGING NOTIFICATIONS:
Parents can expect to receive posts on the days their child attends with information about their class/es plus any announcements Hive need to communicate. Users have the option to turn their notifications on or off to receive these posts.

For further assistance, visit our website www.hivekids.com.au and scroll down the homepage to view more detailed instructions on how to download.

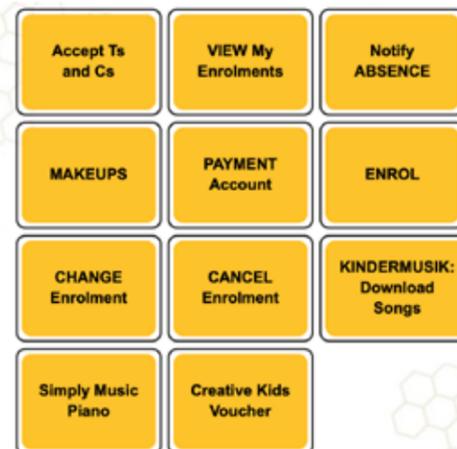


CLIENT PORTAL

Change your enrolment, notify an absence, book a makeup class, download class music (Kindermusik students only), pause or cancel your enrolment and update account information plus much more!

HOW DO I LOG INTO THE CLIENT PORTAL?

1. The **CLIENT PORTAL** can be accessed from the Hive website www.hivekids.com.au
2. **LOG IN** using your username and password:
USERNAME: (Your email)
PASSWORD: (Surname in CAPS)
3. Use the **MENU** (see to the right) to manage your enrolment details.



Enrolment Information

Bee-School Fees

\$48/Half Day

- We offer 2 payment options for members:

A monthly payment plan (3 equal installments) **OR** upfront term payment.

PAYMENT OPTION 1: Payment Plan	PAYMENT OPTION 2: Term Upfront
3 equal payment installments (See below)	Upfront payment (By week 9 of the previous term)
Enrolment auto-renews each term	Enrolment auto-renews each term

2022 Member Payment Options & Schedule

Bee-School	JAN (Term 1)	FEB (Term 1)	MAR (Term 1)	APR (Term 2)	MAY (Term 2)	JUN (Term 2)	JUL (Term 3)	AUG (Term 3)	SEP (Term 3)	OCT (Term 4)	NOV (Term 4)	DEC (Term 4)
Number of weeks/term	12 weeks for Mon-Thurs classes (Open Australia Day) 11 weeks for Fri classes			9 weeks for Mon classes (Closed Anzac Day) 10 weeks for Tue - Fri classes (Open Queens Birthday)			10 weeks for all classes			9 weeks for all classes		
Bee-School Monthly Payments (Based on 1 session/week)	JAN 10 th Installment 1	FEB 1 st Installment 2	MAR 1 st Installment 3	APR 1 st Installment 1	MAY 1 st Installment 2	JUN 1 st Installment 3	JUL 1 st Installment 1	AUG 1 st Installment 2	SEP 1 st Installment 3	OCT 1 st Installment 1	NOV 1 st Installment 2	DEC 1 st Installment 3
	\$192 (Mon-Thurs Classes)	\$192 (Mon-Thurs Classes)	\$192 (Mon-Thurs Classes)	\$144 (Mon Classes)	\$144 (Mon Classes)	\$144 (Mon Classes)	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$144	\$144	\$144
	\$176 (Friday Classes)	\$176 (Friday Classes)	\$176 (Friday Classes)	\$160 (Tue-Fri Classes)	\$160 (Tue-Fri Classes)	\$160 (Tue-Fri Classes)						
Bee-School Upfront Payments (Based on 1 session/week)	Full Upfront Payment Due: Monday Jan 10th			Full Upfront Payment Due: Monday Apr 4th			Full Upfront Payment Due: Monday Jun 20th			Full Upfront Payment Due: Monday Sep 19th		
	\$576 (For Mon-Thurs Classes)			\$432 (For Mon Classes)			\$480 (For all classes)			\$432 (For all classes)		
	\$528 (For Fri Classes)			\$480 (For Tue -Fri Classes)								

- Auto-renew enrolment every term.
- NO cancellations during the term. All cancellations must be submitted in week 9 for the following term. You will be notified via email, text message and the School Stream App as this date approaches.
- Your spot is always held for you.
- **Unlimited makeups.**
- 10% off holiday workshops.

Bee-School Uniform

New students must purchase a Hive Bee-School uniform to wear class each week. These can be purchased by visit the online STORE or from reception.



FAQ'S

1

How do I know if my child is Bee-School 'ready'?

Bee-School is a series of learning classes with a set start time and finish time. Therefore children are expected to be dropped off and picked up at those times. Children need to be fully toilet trained and able to use the toilet independently without assistance.

2

Can I claim the Childcare subsidy if my child attends Bee-School?

We are not a childcare facility, and accordingly, we do not qualify for Child Care Subsidies. Our rates are based on quality learning resources and experienced teachers providing creative education programs.

3

What does my child need to pack for either a half day or a full day?

Half Day sessions will need:

Morning tea | Water bottle | Spare clothes

Full Day sessions will need:

Morning tea | Water bottle | Spare clothes | Lunch | Afternoon Tea

FYI:
WE ARE A
PEANUT-FREE
SCHOOL

4

I need to discuss my child's needs with a teacher before we attend

Our Bee-School teachers are experts at settling children into their new environment in a calm, nurturing manner. They also have a wide range of skills for involving children with additional needs in learning. If you have any concerns about your child, or information that our staff need to know please email us or call us so we can assist you.

5

Do you provide updates on how my child is going through the day?

So that our teachers can focus 100% on your child's learning, photos and updates will be communicated to families by the end of each day. You can receive these updates via our communications app, 'School Stream' (more info on page 11).

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