**Marrung Koorie Kids Shine**

**A Day in the Life: Yappera video transcript**

**Stacey, Centre Manager:**

We will always value the family as the most important educator, the first educator of the child, but we feel that kindergarten builds the identity, confidence, resilience, so the child can get some of the absolute best start in life.

Our aim in the children is to ensure they feel a sense of belonging. That confidence and resilience is particularly important in kindergarten, and they are developing a love of learning.

**Samantha, parent:**

My son’s very excited to be going to kinder, so we have his breakfast, he’s happy to get dressed, you know, and carrying his little bag off.

**Gary:**

Well, the main reasons for enrolling Emmanuel were to develop his social skills, confidence and to put him in a setting where he has to learn how to interact with other kids and other people.

**Samantha:**

He’s definitely shown us that he’s happy to be going to kinder.

**Lyndi, teacher:**

So a normal day at kinder for kinder children is they arrive with family, their parents sign them in. And then we start off with a morning group time. We do Acknowledgement to Country.

**Samantha:**

I think kinder’s very important for Emmanuel …

**Gary:**

… so that he is prepared for school and life in general.

**Samantha:**

They’re learning about who they are and they’re learning to be proud of who they are.

**Aunty Esme:**

Because kinder is free for our children if they turn three or four before April 30, they can get 15 hours’ free kinder, and that’s fantastic. So go to the kindergarten armed with that knowledge, let them know that you understand that you have access to 15 hours’ free kindergarten for three- and four-year-olds, and that you’d like to enrol your child.

**Samantha:**

If you’re thinking about enrolling your children in kinder is to just do it. It’s something that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives and it teaches them skills and life skills that they will need.