

Mandarin Language Program



Gowrie at The Harbour Kinder Room is proud to participate in the Victorian Government's Early Childhood Language Program, offering children the opportunity to explore Mandarin through playful, meaningful and everyday learning experiences.

Momo the Panda

Each week on Mandarin Day, children are welcomed by Momo the Panda, our Mandarin learning buddy. Momo helps create a warm, playful and low-pressure space where children feel comfortable listening to, copying and trying Mandarin words and phrases. Through greetings, songs, stories, movement, games, creative arts, role play and simple conversations with Momo, Mandarin becomes part of children's shared routines, relationships and everyday play.

Learning through play

The program is designed around children's interests, daily routines and natural moments of communication, rather than formal language lessons. Children are encouraged to revisit familiar words and phrases through repetition, imagination and meaningful use, supporting their confidence, communication, listening skills, memory and social connection.



Celebrating cultural diversity

Our Mandarin program also reflects the diverse languages, cultures and experiences within our learning community. It supports children to develop curiosity about language, respect for cultural diversity and a positive attitude towards learning about the world around them.

Extend learning at home

Families are invited to continue the Mandarin learning journey at home by practising simple greetings, words, songs and phrases introduced during Mandarin Day. These small everyday moments help children connect their kinder learning with family life and see language learning as fun, meaningful and shared.

Learn more

[Early Childhood Language Program](https://www.gowrievictoria.org.au/early-childhood-language-program)