KORA CENTRE
Sponsored by the Servite Sisters
54 Lawrence Street, Bayswater WA 6053

Up to three (3) students at a time
On a Monday, 8:30am to 3:30pm
You will need to find your way there and home
Bring everything you wish to eat and drink for the day

Project information

KORA CENTRE, a non-profit organisation, in accordance with the Servite Charism of “Compassion”, provides meaningful activities and services for children from all backgrounds. After celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2017, Kora continues to be a vibrant centre, reaching out to many disadvantaged families in the neighbouring suburbs. Kora currently operates an Occasional Child Care service for indigenous and refugee families who cannot afford to send their children to mainstream child care centres.

The aims of the Kora Centre are to:

• develop spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual growth.
• provide a caring environment, to develop healthy habits and to bring forth a people proud of their culture and heritage.
• provide an environment where young children can enjoy their childhood and be prepared for entry to school.
• nurture and maintain the diverse and individual culture and tradition of children through appropriate programs and activities.
• develop literacy and numeracy skills.

The families that access Kora are mostly Aboriginal families, refugee families from Africa as well as children from nearby refuge centre. There is a growing number of refugees, especially from Africa who are living in the nearby areas of Bayswater, Lockridge and Bassendean. These people have experienced horrendous suffering and adjusting to a new life in Australia is also difficult. They have to cope with language problems, obtaining employment, housing and schooling for their children. But they are strong and resilient, willing to work hard for the future of their families.

Many of the parents work part-time or are studying to obtain qualifications that will help them to get jobs. By taking care of their children, the Kora Centre is helping these women to take on part-time work or to further their studies. Parents also are able to learn language or to settle in their new atmosphere.

KORA childcare caters for about 20 children between the ages of 2 and 6. The centre offers a high quality program that caters for children’s developmental needs, prepares them for entry to school and encourages parent participation. They are given a fruit time break in the morning and a hot lunch in the afternoon. The children also develop good social skills by participating in our program which enables them to mix with other children and to learn good habits of sharing and co-operation.

The daily program includes both indoor and outdoor activities, helping the children with their garden, storytelling, singing, art and craft and besides being fun-filled, it gives children the necessary preparation for entry to school. Servite students who attend the Centre will help out with food preparation and these activities.

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