

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT – SCSA 7 – WOW WEDNESDAY

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KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 2

A time for awe and wonder, imagination and joy

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This is our Wednesdays of Wonder, our WoW Wednesday big play afternoon with all of the children from Kindergarten through to Year 2.

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One of the things that WoW Wednesday really fosters and nurtures is the relationships that the kids build. So we find that a lot of the Kindy and Pre-primary kids, they get exposure to building friendships and connections with kids in Year 1 and Year 2.

So we find that when they do transition into a more formal setting at the top there, they've already built those relationships. They have trust and they have really good, solid friendships and foundations that they can build on that just really helps nurture that transition.

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We bring in the Kindies, Pre-primaries, Year 1s and Year 2s. We all come together for a really big intentionally and very well facilitated play session where all the teachers are facilitating play.

Okay, here we go. Here's the bucket.

All the children are playing together right across early childhood Kindy to Year 2, which is just a really fabulous afternoon.

We started with just Kindy and Pre-primary but the benefits of this rich playtime were so good that we have brought in Year 1s and recently added Year 2s.

We try and apply areas from the curriculum. We mirror what we're doing in the classroom out here or we're really focusing on the cross-curricular priorities of the Western Australian Curriculum. It brings together all of the principles and practices of the *EYLF* because we can really get to know the children.

Slosh it.

We're following their lead. We're extending their play. We're challenging their thinking. It really brings everything all together.

Whoa! Push, push, push, push, push. Tip it right out.

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Later in the year they'll be transitioning into the bigger school and that can be quite a daunting task for them because it is quite a different area and further away.

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Probably one of the biggest things that we've seen is that our Kindies and Pre-primaries get to play with their siblings who are in the older school, which really changes the type of play. It's also great for those Year 1s and 2s that traditionally don't have this rich play during their normal morning recess or lunch. They get to really engage in a lot of the great experiences that we have out here on a WoW Wednesday.

It's wonderful to be supported by admin that really see the benefits of this rich play session for our children, particularly with our multicultural cohort of children. Over 70% come from an EAL/D background, so this is even more important for them. It's really wonderful.

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It's much more than teachers just supervising children playing. We're working on facilitating really rich play experiences. So we take the children's lead on what they're interested in and then we try and work with that to create activities that engage them right across from Kindy through to Year 2.

Pack away time. Super fun. Everyone helping. Teamwork.

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