

# choklits

child care



**Tour  
Information**

In anticipation of your visit, here's a little preview of Choklits and the wonderful world of early learning before you come to visit us...





## Hello from Sue, Choklits Director

Hello!

I'm Sue and I'm the Director here at Choklits. That's me above on the left, and that's my daughter Megan on the right. Megan works in our Pre-Toddler Room; she actually got me my job here!

Part of my responsibility as the Choklits Director is to ensure that your time visiting us will be a valuable and an enjoyable experience for both you and your children.

Being the mother of 4 children and a grandmother of 14, I understand the decision to enrol pre-school children in early education is rarely an easy one for parents to make. The decision about who and where to enrol your child is an even harder one.

Will my child be safe? Will my child be happy? Are the educators going to look after my child with love and affection? Will my child continue to develop into a happy, healthy young person?

Of course, no other person can replace a mother or father in the eyes of a child, and we don't attempt to replace any parent. We work in conjunction with families to create a safe, healthy and happy environment for each and every child who attends Choklits.

Communication is one of our core beliefs at Choklits. To ensure parents and carers stay fully informed and involved in their child's activities and learnings throughout the day we share photos, videos and written content within a private mobile app. We also encourage parent participation where possible.



We believe that learning is everywhere, so we help to develop our early learners physically, mentally, emotionally and socially. Our aim is to see your child grow from dependence to independence and develop an active, positive and constructive approach to life.

The social skills your child develops will leave him/her in good stead when it comes time to start school. We will provide practical support, assistance and information to parents on childhood development and aim to build mutual trust between all children and between children and staff.

We develop in children a sense of their own personal uniqueness and respect for others, and ensure they enjoy access to a wide range of creative expression, and more importantly, have fun.

Choklits is a privately-owned Centre and our owner Jade also works here. People often tell me that Choklits is like being at home, with a bigger backyard!



Here at Choklits, your child will be involved in small groups and have lots of individual attention. Because I run the Centre, and our Chef Helen cooks all the sugar free meals, snacks and co-ordinates mealtimes, the educators can remain focused on your child's needs at all times.

One of the things you'll quickly notice about Choklits is the sense of community. Believe it or not, we've had children attend Choklits who have later returned to enrol their own children!



In 2019, we started our "Fence Project" to formally remember Choklits children. We give each of our graduating kindergarten class a paling from our fence for them to design...

I really look forward to meeting you, your family and your children, showing you all around Choklits and introducing you to our educators. I've been here for over 24 years and I can assure you Choklits really is an exciting place to be!

Never forget, Learning Is Everywhere!

**Sue Brewer**  
Choklits Director



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**Some of our  
favourite  
things ...**



**Sandpit**



**Sport**



# Veggie Garden



# Library Visits



**Music**



**Building**

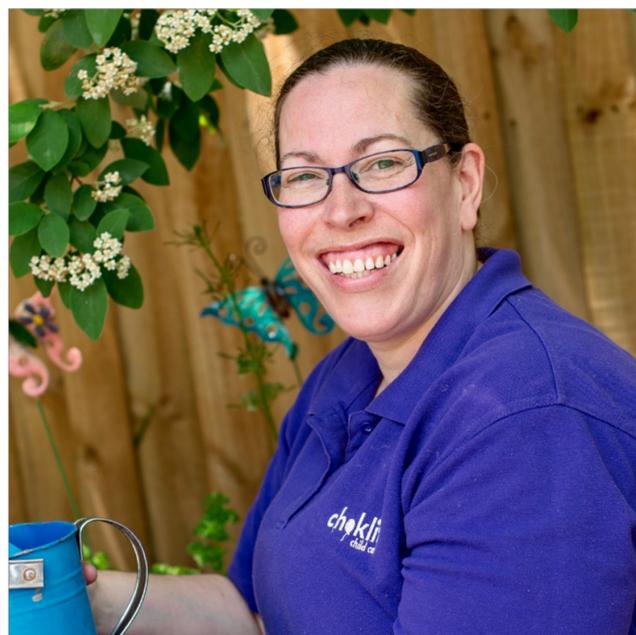


# Outdoor Play

## Leadership Team



**Jade**  
Choklits Owner



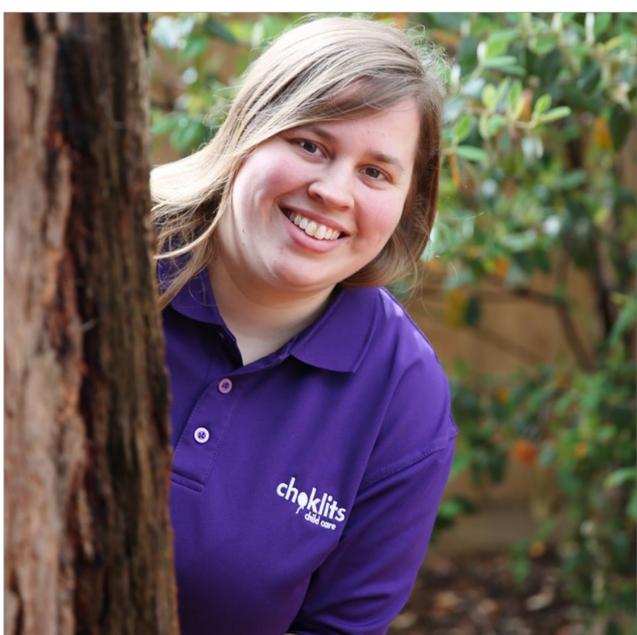
**Jodi**  
Educational Leader &  
Nursery Room Leader



**Amy**  
Pre-Toddler Room  
Leader



**Helen**  
Choklits Chef



**Cassie**  
Pre-Kindergarten  
Room Leader



**Elena**  
Kindergarten  
Teacher

# What to look for...

*If you are new to early learning or are currently weighing up your different options for care, these practical “what to look for” hints may be helpful as you make the right decision for your family.*

## **Do you feel welcome?**

While simple, it's important to trust your instincts when it comes to choosing care. How are you treated when you first arrive? Do the educators take time to answer your questions? Can you see yourself leaving your child in the environment you see and do you feel good about it?

## **How is the curriculum taught and what happens throughout the week?**

Beyond the basic government mandated curriculum requirements, each centre does things differently. While many centres stick to the minimum, some centres have regular classes facilitated by outside specialists teachers including music and movement, sport, yoga, history, water safety, animal education and aboriginal culture. It's important to ask how the curriculum is applied and what the basic daily routines are to learn more about the experience your child will have and type of education you can expect.

## **What do the fees include?**

Subject to your personal circumstances and a centre's eligibility, the government will pay for part of your fees under the scheme called the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). While the CCS works the same way for everyone, how each centre arrives at their chargeable fee is very different and includes different things.

The main difference is the all-inclusive versus pay-as-you-go models. For example, centres using the pay-as-you-go model often charge a daily fee and then charge extra for consumables like nappies and food and for activities including incursions and excursions. Unfortunately, if you don't pay the extra charges for each activity when they occur then your child won't get to participate. All-inclusive centres can seem more expensive at first glance, but actually cost less if you want your child to be involved in every activity.

### **Do you feel you are missing anything at home?**

We all want the best for our children but it's not always possible to give them everything we wish for at all times. Consider looking for a centre and educators who complement your life at home. For example, if you have limited outdoor space, a big play area may be important to ensure your child has plenty of space to run, to play and to burn off energy. If you'd like your child to learn a second language, you may be best looking for a centre whose curriculum supports language development.

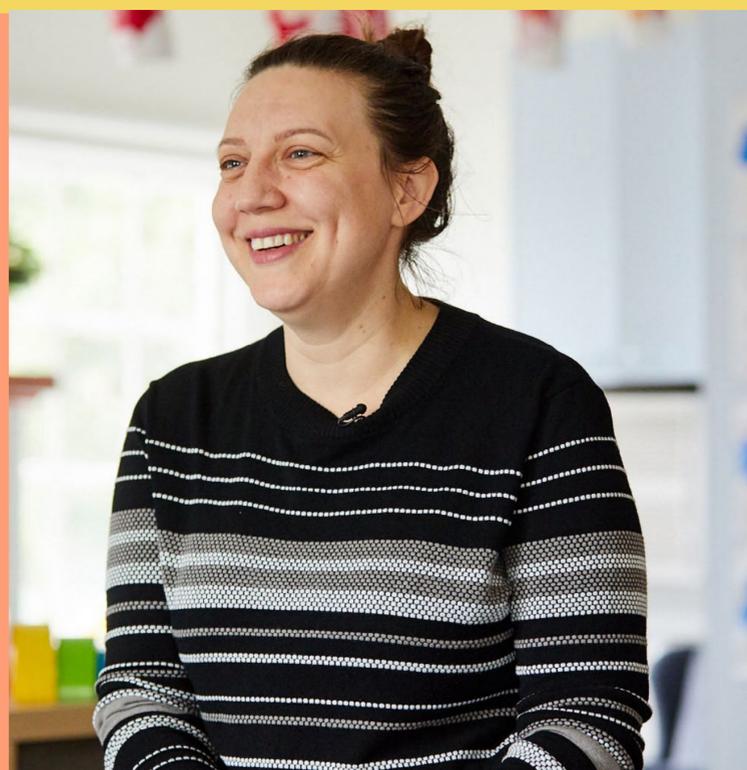
### **Who owns the centre?**

There are approximately 7000 long day care centres in Australia. The ownership types range from small families who run their own centres to corporate giants who own hundreds of centres and work for their shareholders. It goes without saying that a child's experience at each type of centre is very different because they are run differently. It's worth considering the pro's and con's of both.

# From Choklits Parents

“My son has been attending Choklits for a little over 18 months, we love it. The Staff in the Pre Kinder and 4 year old Kinder room are amazing. The children are shown patience, respect, care and are given many opportunities to do things for themselves. The activities vary and the educators know which children like what activity eg, painting, sandpits, play doh, paper cutting, drawing just to name a few. There is one large common outdoor play area and three more separate outdoor play areas - age group appropriate. All the staff including their chef Helen know my sons name and all say hello or goodbye when they see us walking in or out on the days we attend. They offer inclusion to ensure the children have outside stimulations eg sports, music, yoga, library etc. The sugar free policy also stops my son having that sugar crash when we arrive home, allowing one less issue just before dinner. The educators are all fantastic, they share stories about my son with me and I can hear the enthusiasm, care and happiness in their voices. The owner of Choklits Jade is very much hands on and takes pride in her business, quality of staff, environmental ethos, respect to the original landowners. I highly recommend Choklits”.

**- Neecia, Google Review.**



Google Rating

5.0 ★★★★★

“When we moved to Ringwood East we searched for the right place to leave our little boy. I was instantly comfortable with the staff and the



yard was amazing at Choklits, perfect for my active boy. I didn't hesitate to enrol my baby girl when I returned and she was six months old as the Nursery staff were fantastic. I recommend Choklits, especially to those families who are nervous about leaving their precious ones for the first time”.

– ***Kitty, [choklits.com.au](https://www.choklits.com.au) review***

“Very educational teachers and staff, my child improved a lot during this year. Thanks for Wei, Christine and other teachers.”

– ***Linda, Google review.***

“Our 2-year-old son has been at Choklits for nearly a year. We have always felt at ease that we are leaving him in the best of care. The educators are warm and knowledgeable, the food is great and the activities they provide are exceptional!”

– ***Jacqui, [choklits.com.au](https://www.choklits.com.au) review.***

“As first time parents putting our child in care was a huge decision. We looked at a number of centres and could not go past Choklits. It's simply a home away from home, the owner knows every child's name and all the educators are warm and most importantly they know my child. I feel very comfortable leaving my baby at Choklits and know she is receiving the best education and care possible”.

– ***Lisa, [careforkids.com.au](https://www.careforkids.com.au) review.***



## Did you know?

### Outdoor space

Space is a big deal in child care. Centres are actually built to specific sizes, usually to squeeze the most amount of children in to the smallest space possible to maximise a centres capacity. Choklits is licensed for 90 children per day, but we actually have enough space for 122.

### Language

While our kindergarten children learn Chinese as part of their curriculum, collectively our educators actually speak 5 different languages fluently.

### Kindergarten

Our kindergarten program is government funded, which means it's a recognised kindergarten curriculum.

### Plant to plate

We have 2 vegetable gardens at Choklits and grow seasonal fruits, veggies and herbs. The gardens are both part of our "Plant to Plate" program. Our early learners learn about, plant and care for the food that eventually forms part of their meals (some meals they even help cook themselves).



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We love sharing all the latest happenings at Choklits. Please connect with us to learn more about who we are, what we do and why we do it!

See you at Choklits.

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