# **ELSA in Action**

# Arnolds Creek Kindergarten Melton, Victoria

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is a modern, purpose-built and sustainably designed kindergarten in the growing Melton community. It offers families high quality and inclusive three and four-year-old kindergarten programs that support each child to realise their potential. The experienced, dedicated and qualified educators provide an emotionally warm, caring and intellectually stimulating environment for your child to enjoy. The educators ensure that each child is safe, secure and happy



Using Bee Bots to navigate the ELSA Zoo Game



Playing instruments according to symbols (louder/softer, faster/slower)



### while at Arnolds Creek

Kindergarten.

Playing on the apps



# Maria Hannah Kindergarten teacher



One child who has very low English language skills just discovered the iPads last term. She has started to say a couple of words because of the repetition of words from Amy or Piper [ELSA characters]. Now she'll repeat some of those words which is great.



Following directions to find the "Green sheep"



Using the positional cards with real materials

I've really enjoyed being part of ELSA and having examples of what STEM can look like. It's been great having the language and having some experiences that we can use and how we can introduce it into the group and just making it more relatable to the children.

Learning about attributes is really good for the children who have struggled with confidence. We play a game of 'Who is Under the Blanket?', and we ask questions about the person's attributes: 'Is this person a boy or is this person a girl?' and 'Does this person have long hair or does this person have short hair?', 'Are they tall or short?' The ones who lack confidence were often the ones who could best pick out the person hiding from the clues.

The children are bringing home the language from ELSA. The sorting, classifying, patterns, they are



doing that at home. I know when we did location and arrangement, a child had worked it out that in her car there is an arrangement in the seating: 'Mummy is there, Daddy is there, my brother is there and here I am'. And she was doing that type of thing at home as well.



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