

ELSA in Action

Campania District School Tasmania

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prides itself on providing excellent emotional and social support for students through a range of teaching programs. Core learning areas include English, HASS, Literacy, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Visual Art, Music, Dance, Digital Technology, and Wellbeing. Their early year's program is informed by the principles of play-based and inquiry-based learning that helps to build the foundations for an ongoing love of learning and success through school.



Creating patterns on a snake template



Creating patterns with sponge painting



Creating patterns with pegs



Jo Bygraves
Kindergarten teacher

“ I think ELSA in a lot of ways has re-invigorated my teaching. After teaching for 20-plus years, it has given me a new lease of life. It's given me new colleagues to work with, and the opportunity to travel and meet new professionals who have given me great insight into what STEM is in the early years. It's given me wonderful resources that I can use and bring back to my centre. It has actually enabled me to share early STEM learning with my school. ”



Sorting dinosaurs by attributes

“ It has been so valuable to actually participate in something that is focused on the early years, particularly being in a school. We often get skimmed over a little bit, so something that is intentionally directed at these years is fantastic. ”

“ I think ELSA is only going to springboard to more learning as the children go on as well. It is not just helping them in the early years, it is giving them those skills that continue next year and beyond. ”



Creating a map using photos of the kindergarten

“ Trying to juggle everything in a three-day-a-week setting has been tricky. But the professional learning has given me lots of great ideas, as well as little stimuluses that I've been able to actually bring back: looking at what other educators do, sharing things from the online community of practice. ”

