



Living In Perth: Complete Guide For Young Families



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Abstract

Perth, the vibrant capital of Western Australia, offers a fantastic lifestyle for young families. Known for its sunny climate, pristine beaches, and expansive parks, Perth provides ample outdoor activities that kids will love. The city boasts excellent educational institutions, from reputable public and private schools to top-tier universities, ensuring quality education from early childhood through higher education. Family-friendly suburbs like Subiaco, Mount Lawley, and Fremantle offer safe, community-oriented environments with plenty of amenities. Perth's healthcare facilities are top-notch, and the city's efficient public transportation system makes commuting easy. With a rich cultural scene, diverse dining options, and a strong sense of community, Perth is an ideal place for young families to thrive.



1. Introduction

Perth is an idyllic city for young families seeking a balanced and fulfilling lifestyle. The city combines the allure of urban living with the tranquility of nature, offering numerous parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas such as Kings Park and the Swan River. Families can enjoy a plethora of activities including beach outings, visits to the Perth Zoo, and weekend markets. The city's education system is robust, with a range of highly-rated schools and childcare centers catering to different needs. Suburbs like Cottesloe, South Perth, and Leederville are particularly popular for their family-friendly atmosphere and accessibility to amenities. Perth's vibrant community events, safe neighborhoods, and high standard of living make it a perfect place for young families to grow and prosper.

2. Awesome Reasons to Live in Perth



Interested in heading to Australia's sunniest capital city? Aside from enjoying the most sunshine each year out of all Australian cities, Perth has so much to offer international students. From world-class education providers to beautiful beaches, here are some of the best reasons to live and study in Perth.

Perth's liveability is second to none

Natural wonders, thriving nightlife and over 3,000 hours of sunshine each year? It's no surprise that Perth has been ranked as one of the top 10 most liveable cities in the world. It's both refreshingly laid-back and excitingly vibrant. Not to mention, it's super affordable! To find out exactly how much it costs to live in Perth, check out our breakdown of living expenses here.

While living in Perth, you'll have 19 glittering beaches, lush green parklands and a clean cityscape to enjoy. Of course, these spaces are hard to immerse yourself in unless the weather allows. So, what is the temperature in Perth? In addition to heaps of sunshine, Perth's climate is comfortably warm year-round, making it the perfect spot to enjoy outdoor experiences – consult our guide to get you started.

Keen for a day trip? You'll be spoiled for choice

Wondering what to see in Perth and surrounding areas? While the Perth cityscape is beautiful, there are plenty of fun adventures to be had outside the city as well. Seek out

quokkas (tiny Australian wallabies) on the idyllic Rottnest Island or explore spectacular limestone caves and historic lighthouses around Margaret River. Wander through the fascinating desert sculptures at the Pinnacles or go dolphin-spotting at Busselton. You can even indulge in some wine-sipping at the beautiful Swan Valley, which is famous for its gorgeous vineyards and delicious wine, cider and ginger beers.

Perth is an educational hub

Education is at the heart of Perth. The city has not one, but five world-class universities and a variety of TAFE and vocational institutions to choose from, all with flexible study pathways. In fact, with so many education providers scattered throughout, sometimes Perth can feel like a bustling 'student city'. That means you'll have lots of support from both the local and international students around you.

In Perth, you'll be welcomed with open arms



Diverse and multicultural, Perth locals value the fresh perspective that international students bring to the city. In fact, roughly 35 per cent of Perth's population was born overseas, with the majority coming from England, China, India, New Zealand and Malaysia. With communities from all around the world, you will find plenty of cultural activities and festivals happening during the year. In other words, you'll have no trouble finding a little piece of your home in Perth.

Perth is home to booming employment opportunities

Western Australia's current unemployment rate is the lowest in Australia, sitting at only 3.4 per cent. Whether you're looking for a casual job or a full-time career, Perth's small size

means that there are fewer competitors vying for the same positions. This may mean you get more opportunities to undertake more dynamic, hands-on jobs, even while you're studying. Not sure which industries are hiring? You can learn more about Perth's most in-demand careers here. For extra job-hunting tips, check out our handy guide on launching your career in Perth, or check out how to get a job in hospitality, where we spoke to employers in Perth to get their top tips.

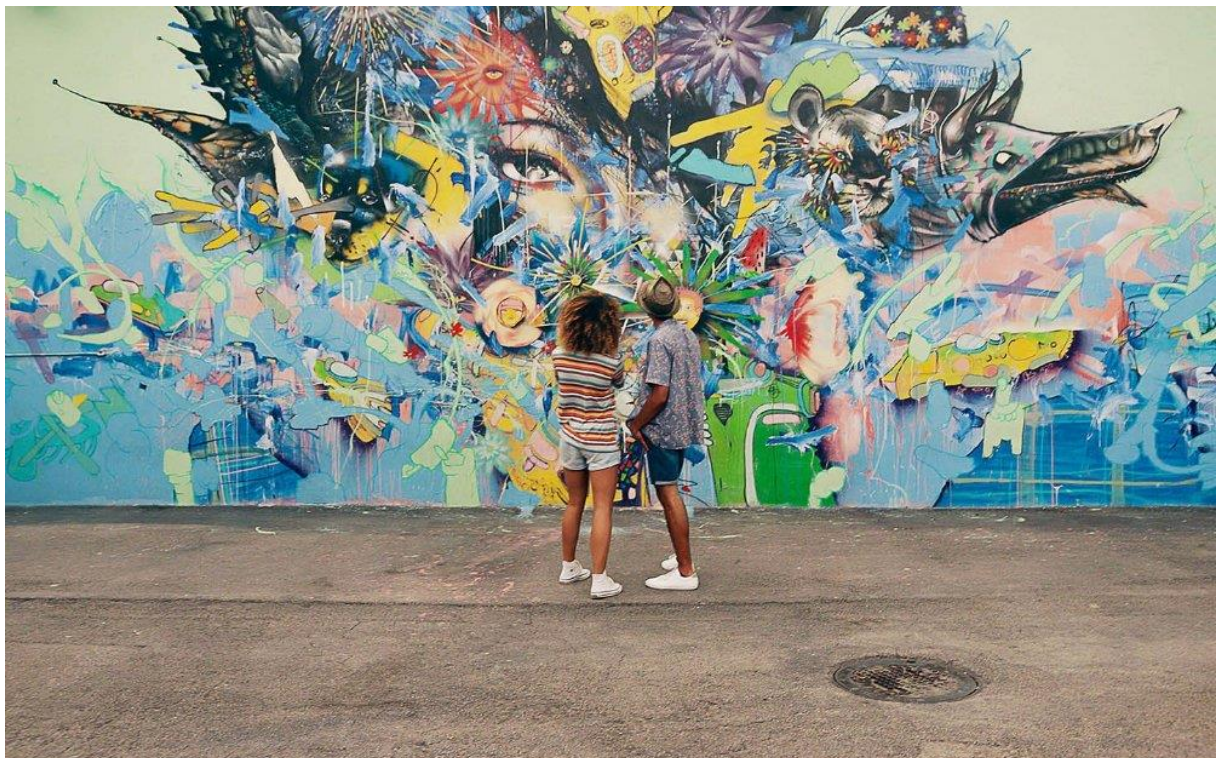
You'll be supported throughout your studies

As an international student, it's important to know you're not alone. Fortunately, there are heaps of support services available to you. Students in Perth can turn to StudyPerth, which provides international students with various support services such as career guidance, workshops, education resources, social and networking events.

Studying STEM? Perth is the place for you

Universities in Western Australia are recognised world leaders when it comes to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Students pursuing a degree in Perth will have a diverse range of specialisations to choose from, such as conservation biology, cybersecurity, physics, marine and freshwater science, and mathematics. Perth universities are also well-known for their award-winning, state-of-the-art research facilities and specialist laboratories.

A thriving arts and culture scene



If you're wondering what to do in Perth, you won't be for long. Featuring a rich tapestry of arts and cultural attractions, you don't need to look far to find incredible art studios, theatre, live music events and multicultural festivals. To give you an idea of how much Perth values its arts industry, there are over 255 events held annually. Look out for the fantastic Perth Festival each February, which features shows by both local and international artists. You can also check out the WA Museum Boola Bardip, the Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (PICA), the Art Gallery of Western Australia and the State Theatre Centre of WA.

Perth is a foodie's dream destination

Do you consider yourself a foodie? If so, you'll love Perth. The city's laneways are home to trendy small bars, cafés, food trucks and restaurants boasting a wide range of cuisines from around the world. You will find cooking masterclasses, food and drink events, and workshops being held every day of the week. On Sundays, you can even pick up all of your fresh produce from the local farmer's markets. Be sure to check out our guide to eating out in Perth for more fun ideas.

Living in Perth could be a stepping stone to permanent residency

You may already know that the Australian Government offers migration incentives to international students who live and study in regional areas. So, you might be wondering: is Perth regional? As a matter of fact, it is! That means that studying and living in Perth could bring you one step closer to permanently settling in Australia after you complete your studies and calling Perth your forever home.

3. What Is The Cost Of Living In Australia?



It's no secret that Australian consumers are struggling under the weight of inflation, which peaked at 7.8% last year, but remains stubbornly high at an average of 7% for the year to March.

The most recent Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data reveals that over the past 12 months, food and non-alcoholic beverages are up 8%, travel and accommodation has risen by 25%, and medical services are up 6.7%. Electricity has risen by a whopping 15.5%, the largest annual rise since 2013.

What these figures translate to in real terms is higher prices at the supermarket, petrol prices nudging the \$2-a-litre mark, and airfares that are above pre-pandemic levels. It means that renters are paying over 20% more each week compared to a year ago, and many consumers will be faced with bill shock over winter, with electricity prices expected to rise again by around 20% due to new maximum retailer charges set by the energy regulator.

To put that into context: the RBA aims for an inflation target of between 2 to 3%. So if you're feeling that things are getting more expensive, you're not wrong. The good news is, paying less for living expenses and building financial resilience is possible. Here is our Forbes Advisor guide to the cost of living in Australia: what you can expect to pay, how to budget better, and ways to blitz your winter bills.

How Is the Cost of Living Measured?

While there's no definitive measure of cost of living in Australia, one of the key indicators used is the consumer price index (CPI)—which is designed to measure the average change over time in the prices of goods and services that people need to maintain an adequate standard of living.

The CPI is calculated by the ABS based on a fixed, and therefore limited, number and type of goods and services that an average Aussie household might purchase. It supports an analysis of inflation in the economy, but it's not comprehensive.

In the 12 months up to March 2023, Australia's CPI rose 7.0%, with notable rises across housing, gas and electricity, health and medical services, food, education fees, and insurance and other financial services.

How many Aussies Need Cost of Living Relief?

Keeping up with price rises is challenging if your income isn't moving in the same direction. A recent poll of 3,000 Australians by the Australian Council of Trade Unions found more than 50% of people had reduced spending on essentials or dipped into savings to get by, with one in four people being forced to skip meals or look for a side gig to make ends meet.

A report on poverty in Australia in 2023 by the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) shows one in eight people live below the poverty line (where a household's disposable income is below one-half of the median level for Australians). People relying mainly on government social security payments were more likely to be in poverty, but 37% of people in poverty come from wage-earning households.

Financial educator, director of online training site Money School and author of the Money School book, Lacey Filipich said the number of Australians who were financially strained exceeded the three million Australians living below the poverty line.

“The poverty line is defined by the median wage, and wages have been slower to grow than inflation-driven prices,” Filipich says.

“This means the proportion of people meeting the technical definition may not have changed, but with inflation hitting basics like housing and food, it’s likely more people are living in poverty in practise now.

“Then you have those who might be above the poverty line as defined by income, but still struggling because of those inflation-driven price rises and the accompanying interest rate rises. According to Roy Morgan research, over a million mortgage holders are in the ‘at risk’ category for mortgage stress.”

How Much Does it Cost to Live In Australia?



ABS figures show the average weekly earnings for a full-time worker in Australia is \$1,807.70. For people earning the minimum wage (currently \$21.38 per hour), a standard 38-hour working week equates to a salary of \$812.60.

One of the biggest causes of financial stress is housing affordability. In addition to home owners being hit by rising rates, low availability of rental properties has pushed rents to record highs. According to research by SQM Research released in May 2023, the national median weekly asking rent for a dwelling is \$568 a week, and the most expensive median asking rent is for houses in Sydney at \$963 a week.

A 2023 report by Anglicare Australia highlighted that many workers on award wages—like nurses, childcare and aged care workers, hospitality workers, and teachers—are paying significantly more than a third of their income on rent. In capital cities, qualified workers in these essential roles may need to allocate more than 80% of their income to keeping a roof over their heads.

Money-saving expert and author of *Kill Bills* and *Easy Money*, Joel Gibson, says in addition to rate rises hurting borrowers, ongoing power price hikes were starting to bite, and few people had avoided the impact of rising food costs.

“Grocery bills are probably the one area where every household has felt it so far—it’s a big bill, over \$12,000 on average, so a 10% increase in the past year means a \$1200 average increase in the household budget,” Gibson says.

Filipich says that while Australia wasn’t prohibitively expensive compared to other countries, there were major differences between the costs of living in cities like Sydney and Melbourne compared to the rest of the country.

“The biggest factor stopping people getting ahead is secure work with decent wages. Getting paid enough to cover living costs with some left over to save and invest for the future is what makes it possible to get ahead financially,” she says.

“We’ve seen work become less secure, both through changing technology and companies moving to casualisation or contracting arrangements. We’ve also seen wages fail to rise at a rate commensurate with inflation.”

Cost of Living for Students in Australia



The challenge for young people and students is that they're more likely to have insecure, casual jobs and lower paid roles due to being less qualified. There's also a lower hourly minimum wage for workers under 21 years old, and wages may be lower for apprentices and trainees.

While some international students are supported by their families, many also hold down a job to cover their expenses. Earlier in the Covid pandemic, restrictions on how much people on a student visa can work were relaxed, but will be capped at 48 hours per fortnight from July 1, 2023 (with an exemption for visa holders employed in the aged care industry).

Students, both domestic and international, have to account for educational costs (above and beyond tuition fees) like buying books, computers and IT equipment, and special clothing or tools needed for their area of study.

Cost of living varies depending on the university's location too. For example, Charles Sturt University suggests studying at one of its regional campuses could be more affordable than choosing a metro university, citing a 12-month cost of living estimate for a single student at just over \$21,000.

Comparatively, a 2019 report from the Australian Government Department of Education about international students' spending and income found the median annual expenditure for students was \$28,378, which mostly comprises costs like rent, food and other household supplies but also includes around \$2,500 a year for study expenses.

Proactivity and Planning Are Key to Staying Afloat



According to Gibson, many Aussies could be paying less for basic expenses by being more proactive.

“We’re too reluctant to switch to cheaper providers even when our current providers aren’t giving us a good deal,” Gibson says.

“Half of us are with the most expensive telco in the country, for example. Three quarters of us are with just three energy retailers when almost all power companies are selling essentially the same product.

“Our fear of the unknown, or of making a bad decision, means we often put off making any decision at all—which is often the worst decision we can make.”

Gibson says shopping around was worthwhile and not as hard as people think, especially once you get into the habit.

“I think most households can find hundreds or even thousands of dollars of fat in their budget if they look in the right places. You can search for those savings in an afternoon so even if it was paid work, the hourly rate would be good.

“And then you can forget about it for 6 months or a year—or at least until the next price rise!”

Filipich agrees with focusing on ‘big ticket’ expenses.

“I think there’s often too much emphasis placed on discretionary costs when fixed costs may be the best pay-off for your time because they are so big by comparison.”

She also recommends automating good money habits so you don’t have to think about them or rely on self-discipline, to give yourself a better chance of success.

“For that reason, I think a saving process that automatically sends money to an account that’s not visible on your online banking—hit the ‘hide’ button—or is with another bank and not connected to any cards or online accounts is the number one money action to take.”

Filipich points to research that shows financial stress drops your IQ by 13 points as a reason to get your financial worries out of your head and onto a written plan to help you make better decisions.

“Write down what you’d do if something specific went wrong financially. Include what you can do in advance to prevent it happening, and what you’d do in response if you couldn’t prevent it.

“Then you can stop letting it occupy brain space, knowing that if the thing you’re worried about does happen, you know what you’ll do.”

4. Best & Most Liveable Suburbs In Perth For Families

What makes a family friendly suburb?



The top priority was access to schools. Buyer’s Agent for Cohen Handler in Perth, Ryan Lobik, told The Property Tribune: “Some of Perth’s top schools are located in family-friendly suburbs including Subiaco, Shenton Park, Applecross, Willetton, Rossmoyne, Churchlands, and Carine.”

Cedar Woods’ WA State Manager, Ben Rosser, also said access to schools was a major factor in making a family friendly suburb, highlighting other educational opportunities also elevated a suburb’s profile, including childcare.

Safety was also a major consideration. Low crime rates make a family friendly suburb, said Rosser, which has the potential added benefit of promoting active transport; Lobik noted that with good access to schools, “... kids can generally ride or walk with friends in a safe environment.”

For some suburbs, sun safety was a bonus. Lobik said: “Prime motivators for Perth buyers chasing a family-friendly property are the block size, enough room for a trampoline or to kick a ball, and good tree canopy so kids can play outside without getting sunburnt.”

The home itself is also important, with some suburbs home to many larger lot options.

“People are looking for multiple living zones, adult separation, and of course a pool! Suburbs that cater to this are generally the older, gentrified suburbs that have had large homes built, or older homes renovated and extended. Suburbs that cater to this exceptionally well are Dalkeith, Nedlands, Claremont, Floreat, and Attadale.” said Lobik.

Everything you need on your doorstep

Aside from schools and safety, family-friendly suburbs have excellent amenity. Cedar Woods’ Ben Rosser said great family suburbs have:

- A wide variety of recreational activities,
- Access to a variety of public transport options and main roads (e.g. freeways and highways),
- Access to shopping centres, restaurants, and everyday amenities,
- Affordable house prices,
- A range of housing options to suit all family types,
- A walkable neighbourhood with wide footpaths and well-maintained or variety of parks where neighbours can meet and mingle, and
- Strong community spirit and connections with neighbours.
- We explore some of the suburbs listed, below.

Subiaco



This suburb is a mere five-kilometre hop across Kings Park to the CBD and is coincidentally home to The Property Tribune.

The leafy green suburb was chosen by both Rosser and Lobik, with the suburb well regarded for having access to Perth's best schools, preeminent dining institutions, healthcare, and proximity to the CBD. The suburb is also home to the renowned shopping strip Rokeby Road and the suburbs own Subiaco Farmers Market.

Shenton Park

Close to Subiaco, and merely two train stations away, Shenton Park is known for its leafy green streets, Shenton College, and more.

Asking prices for the postcode 6008, which includes Shenton Park and Subiaco, are around \$1.2 million, according to SQM Research.

Harrisdale

This is truly a place for families, Rosser noted that almost 60% of the suburb comprised young families, making it "... the perfect place to settle down amongst other like-minded neighbours."

Harrisdale is a convenient 20-kilometre hop away from Perth City, located south of the river and close to major centres including Cockburn Central, Canning Vale, and Jandakot.

Baldivis

This locale has recently seen rapid growth, with many attracted to the relaxed lifestyle that can be enjoyed in the semi-rural suburb.

Asking prices for postcode 6171 is also very affordable, and while climbing, has risen from \$400,000 at the onset of the pandemic to just under \$500,000.

Byford

Heading further south, the hillside suburb of Byford offers a rural charm and a rich history, according to Rosser. Offering a relaxed lifestyle, Rosser said, "Byford offers growing families the opportunity to make the most of both nature and urban living. A network of public open spaces throughout the suburb, including bike and hike trails, contributes to the rural and bushland feel of the area."

"The Byford Town Centre is close by and offers all the essential services you'll need including varied shopping options, quality health and wellness provides, inclusive country clubs, welcoming schools and convenient transport links," said Rosser.

Byford is also expected to soon have improved public transport access as METRONET is extended to the suburb.

Madeley

This suburb north of the river has been chosen for its enviable amenity and access to both the city of Perth and the satellite city of Joondalup.

Madeley is a short distance away from major roads like Mitchell Freeway and the train line, and it includes ample, wide-open spaces for families to play in. The suburb also borders the Yellagonga Regional Park, affording families a superb bushland experience despite being in the middle of suburbia.

Homes here are reasonably affordable too, with SQM data showing asking prices floating around the \$600,000 mark.

Ellenbrook



The locale north of the river was awarded the world's best master-planned community, in 2015, or to give it the proper title: FIABCI (International Real Estate Federation) World Prix d'Excellence Award for 2015 in the Master Plan Category.

Ellenbrook is located 30 kilometres north of Perth along the Tonkin Highway and will soon have improved public transport access with the METRONET Morley-Ellenbrook Line.

Affordability also comes to mind, with the postcode of 6069 typically fetching around the \$500,000 mark.

Willetton

Another locale south of the river, Willetton borders Rossmoyne to the northwest, both enjoying excellent access to both major roads and public transport.

Asking prices for the postcode of 6155 were most recently around \$800,000, according to SQM.

Rossmoyne

This suburb is home to a high-ranking high school, Rossmoyne Senior High School. The riverside suburb has a median house price of \$1.38 million, according to REIWA data, and is serviced by the Bull Creek train station.

Churchlands

This suburb enjoys superb green amenity, with the Wembley Golf Course bordering the suburb to the southwest and Herdsman Lake bordering the suburb to the east.

According to Domain data, the population is just shy of 3,400, with 59% of the suburb comprising families. The median price for a four bedroom home in Churchlands is \$1.52 million, according to Domain.

Attadale

Another riverside suburb, this locale is to the west of Applecross. The suburb has plenty for families to enjoy, including the enviable Point Walter Reserve and Attadale Reserve, and for the parents, Point Walter Golf Course.

The median price for a four bedroom home in the suburb is \$1.56 million, according to Domain. The suburb is also mostly comprised of families, at 56%.

Eglinton

This affordable coastal location is set to become a superb location for families.

According to Cedar Woods' Ben Rosser, "Eglinton is already home to a thriving and diverse population. Situated within Perth's fast-growing North-West corridor, Eglinton will soon be home to a range of planned infrastructure and amenities that will make life here even more fulfilling for families."

Cedar Woods has recently launched a master planned community in the heart of Eglinton, Eglinton Village, which will benefit from exciting future growth, including the future Eglinton train station situated just 500m from the development.

“This will create a direct connection to Joondalup, Perth CBD and beyond,” said Rosser.

“The Mitchell Freeway extension from Hester Avenue to Romeo Road in Alkimos will also make life more connected.

Among the other benefits, Rosser noted that Eglinton is located amongst a collection of established local suburbs. With Yanchep just a short drive north and Alkimos, Butler, Mindarie and Clarkson all nearby via Marmion Avenue, there is already a huge array of local amenities and services on offer.

“Eglinton Village will be home to a future primary school of its own perfect for young families and you’ll also find a thriving collection of public and private schools and childcare facilities close by. There are also plenty of parks and playgrounds on the doorstep and Eglinton Beach is a short 3-minute drive away.”

Brabham



The suburb is another up-and-comer, with Rosser noting, “Future infrastructure plans including the future Whiteman Park train station delivered by METRONET are creating demand for residential, retail, and commercial space where residents know they’re onto something special.”

“Surrounded by established hubs like Ellenbrook and Midland, everything you need is already here. The essentials like shops, schools, transport, and medical services are easy to

find within thriving towns and accessible centres just minutes away. Drumpellier Drive connects you to Reid Highway, with Tonkin Highway nearby also making for an easy commute.”

Bushmead

Rosser told The Property Tribune the suburb was established by Cedar Woods and was previously part of Hazelmere.

“The community of Bushmead has fast emerged as one of Perth’s most environmentally sustainable and forward-thinking communities. Conveniently located just 16km from the Perth CBD, Bushmead is only minutes from the bustling town centres of Midland and Guildford, which offer a choice of shopping centres, restaurants, cafés, entertainment options, recreational facilities, medical services and more,” noted Rosser.

“You’ll also be within easy reach of major transport routes as well as the domestic and international airport terminals. And when the kids are ready for school, you’re a short five-minute drive from primary schools in Helena Valley and Maida Vale.”

“All of this is encapsulated by the beautiful natural surroundings of the Perth Hills providing a variety of hiking and bike trails, wildflower trails and more. The opportunity for family fun at Bushmead is endless.”

5. How to Choose a Good School (for Parents)



It can be daunting to find and choose the right school for your child. The school you choose can have an impact on their development, earliest friends, and even the types of

extracurricular activities available to them. By doing your research and knowing what to look for, you can make sure you choose a great school for your child.

Narrowing Your Choices

Define your ideal school. Before you even start looking, it's important to decide what is most important to you for your child. You can use criteria like foreign language opportunities, strength in arts and sciences, or a variety of other factors you find important to narrow down your choices. Once you decide what is important use the school's website, information available in pamphlets, or in-person visits to make sure the prospective school has proper offerings.

Keep an open mind to multiple options. If your area has a variety of school types ranging from public, private, or charter schools, don't limit yourself. How a school receives its funding, whether government or privately funded, does not necessarily correlate to quality of education. Look around online, go to a school district office, or attend an information fair to get a closer look.

Know the numbers. Schools should have statistics available to prospective parents that demonstrate performance on tests, student-teacher ratio and how many of the students continue on to college or employment, depending what you find important. Contact the school's main office and request this information. For public programs, states will make available school district performances.

Visit your possible choices. No amount of research, reading, or calling can substitute for an in person examination. Call the school and ask for a tour. Bring your child with you when you go to the school, and make sure you talk to the principal, teachers, and if possible other parents. This is a great time to get an overall feel for what sorts of people run and attend the school to decide whether it's a good fit. Look at the classrooms, the artwork on the walls, and if possible watch a teacher in action so you can see what sorts of interaction and activities your student will get.

Ask the right questions. Before you visit the school, create a list of questions based on the values you think are important. When you visit the school, ask your questions. Make sure you know about the school's hours for your own schedule, what sorts of lunches they serve, their foreign language offerings and sports teams.

Ask around for school recommendations. You may have friends who already have children in a particular school. Find out from them. You may want to consider enrolling your child into the same school.

Know the details of application and enrollment. There can be a lot details that help dictate your decision. If it is a private school, find out about financial aid offerings, whether your

child will need to be interviewed or whether admission is lottery based, and whether you'll need to secure recommendations on your child's behalf. Make sure you are able to financially afford tuition prices.

Have a backup plan. Even if you have a dream school, sometimes there are waiting lists, a rigorous application process, or even financial obstacles. Make sure you have other options waiting so that you are not shut out of all your options and forced to send your child to a less than ideal school.

Choosing a School for Young Children



Decide the environment you want for your child. For preschool there are a lot of different options and approaches. You may want something that is more play-centered versus something that is educational. You may also have an opinion about whether you want your child in a busy environment with lots of activity and classmates or more individual oriented environments that focus on developing particular skills.

Decide on the educational structure you want. There are many approaches to young child education.

Decide on the educational philosophy important to you. There are different philosophies for how to best teach children and prepare them for success.

Investigate the staff and administration. This is important because they will be the ones directing the curriculum, instilling values, and disciplining your child. Meet with them and find out their methods and views on things of importance.

6. 10 Fun Things To Do In Perth With Kids



Perth, the capital of Western Australia, is one of the best cities for families and kids. The region is filled with happening places, entertainment hubs, and fun activities for kids of all ages. From wildlife parks to golden-stretched beaches and theme parks, there are plenty of fun things to do in Perth with your kids.

The city has more than 2,000 lush-green parks and playgrounds, sports recreational centres, and picnic spots to keep your little ones engaged and thrilled.

So today, we will explore 10 must-visit places around Perth where you can do fun things with kids and spend quality time with them. Ensure you carry water bottles, healthy snacks and a first-aid kit when travelling with your children.

Let's Get Started!

Ride A Ferry On The Swan River

Are you looking for a truly fun and memorable activity for your kids? Hop on the ferry to South Perth on the Swan River. The Little Ferry's solar-powered boat ride is a perfect thing to do, especially for young kids. The 25-minute beautiful journey, mesmerising river views and exceptional cruising along the Swan River will get you to the Stadium where you can have lunch, explore nature's beauty and discover various picnic spots.

Tip: Book tickets online to reserve your seats on the ferry.

Explore Marine World At The Western Australian Aquarium

Located at 91 SouthSide Street of Hillarys, Perth, The Western Australian Aquarium has become an ideal place to discover the marine world with your kids.

The aquarium has one of the largest scientific exhibits of coral reefs in the world. Let your little ones learn about turtles, sharks, rays, and other marine animals. Here are some of the key activities you can experience:

- Snorkeling with sharks under professional guidance
- Enrol in children's program to let them swim with sharks
- Scientific classes: kids between 6-12 years old can discover more about the life and care of marine animals

Picnic At Kings Park

Kings Park is one of the world's largest and lush-green inner city parks in Perth. It has rich cultural heritage sites, botanical gardens, kid's attractions, picnic spots and fun play areas.

You can plan your family day out in Kings Park and let your kids discover about native wildlife, indigenous culture and much more.

Tip: Do skip the Rio Tinto Naturescape, where kids can do treetops, climb the Python, and reconnect with nature.

Go For Fruit Picking In Perth's Farms

The northern suburbs of Perth have some of the most renowned farms where visitors can come and pick fresh fruits, such as strawberries, apples, grapes, cherries, mangos, etc.

Allow your kids to enjoy the thrill of plucking fresh fruits from the farm. You can attend the Summer Fruits Festival from December to March or during holidays. Some of the ideal places for fruit picking are:

- S&S Orchard, Wallitson
- Perth Mango Farm, Nowergup
- Kien's Strawberry Farm, Gnangara

Ice Skating At Cockburn Ice Arena

Some young kids are more into adventure and thrill. For then, ice skating is a perfect thing to spend a weekday. The Cockburn Ice Arena offers special school holiday sessions to teach the basics of ice skating.

So, what are you waiting for? Bring your kids and let them roll their ice skates in the most happening ambience.

Treetops Adventure In Yanchep National Park

Are you looking for something thrilling for kids? Must visit the Yanchep National Park and hop on the newest treetop ropes courses in Perth, WA.

Tree Tops Adventure course is an adventurous activity that weaves through long trees of the national park and includes seven different levels, including tight ropes, wooden bridges, cargo nets and ziplines.

Each session is 2.5 hours long, which includes proper training and safety briefing. This particular activity is ideal for kids aged between 4 to 12 years old.

Tip: Advance booking is a must, especially on weekends.

See Little Penguins With Kids



Ride a 10-minute ferry from Rockingham to explore the beautiful Penguin Island. This is a fun place where your kids can see cute little penguins.

Make sure you purchase a day pass to the island for \$25 per kid (aged 2-12 years), and \$35 per adult.

Tip: The Island is closed from early July to September

Surfing At Trigg Beach

Trigg Beach is perfect for surfing and swimming, especially for kids (aged between 5 and 12 years old). Kids can surf in the water with private and group lessons and special programs and develop safe skills.

Do Pottery Painting In Mount Hawthorn

This particular activity will brush up the artistic skills of your kids from an early age. You just need to choose a piece of potter and paint it the way you want. So, visit the Pearson Pottery in Mount Hawthorn to unleash your kids' creative side.

Feed Animals At Caversham Wildlife Park



It has the largest collection of native wildlife inhabitants in Western Australia. This place is a perfect getaway with your kids. You can walk through the Kangaroo enclosure, feed and play with them, cuddle koalas, watch sheep shearing, milk a cow and much more.

Tip: It is good to make an entry before 2 pm to enjoy at least 3-4 hours of a fun outing with native animals.

Bond Cleaning In Perth: Your Trusted Cleaning Partner

Nothing can be more pleasing than returning to a clean, shiny and organised home after a long, hectic day. That's where professional cleaners come into play. You can hire this renowned company, which specialises in vacate cleaning Perth, house cleaning, carpet cleaning and other cleaning services in the city. With their quality and reliable services, you can relax while exploring fun places with your kids.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Perth stands out as an exceptional city for young families, offering a harmonious blend of natural beauty, top-tier educational and healthcare facilities, and a vibrant community spirit. Its family-friendly suburbs, ample recreational opportunities, and safe, welcoming neighborhoods create an ideal environment for raising children. Whether enjoying the sun-drenched beaches, exploring lush parks, or participating in the city's cultural events, families in Perth can look forward to a high quality of life filled with opportunities for growth, adventure, and togetherness.

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