

# Social Story™

A visit to Koolaanga  
Waabiny Playground





# Guidelines

A Social Story™ uses storytelling to explain new experiences and environments, helping people feeling nervous when attending a new place or event for the first time.

- Read the social story preferably two weeks in advance of visit.
- If reading to someone, help the person to understand key points.
- Once the visit has taken place, re-read the social story to celebrate achievements.



I am going to the Koolaanga Waabiny Playground on the Western Foreshore.



There is an ACROD parking bay next to the gated playground which can be accessed from Leighton Place.

I can park in an ACROD bay if I have an ACROD parking permit.

There is general parking close to the playground.



I should wear a hat and sunscreen to stay safe from the sun.



There is a gated playground. This area has a variety of equipment suitable for all ages.



There are different swings for all ages and abilities.



There is even a swing that two people can use.





There is a wheelchair accessible carousel.

This can be fun for everyone.



At the playground, there are tactile objects and musical equipment to explore.



The sensory equipment has been designed to provide access for everyone.



There are wood carvings to touch and explore.



I might play the drums at the park. I don't have to use the sensory equipment if I don't want to.



If I prefer more active activities I could try climbing the ropes.



There are also rope activities for young children.



If I need a break from the playground, I can retreat to one of the cubby pods.





Inside the cubby pods, there's a bench seat.

These pods offer some shade, and I can also look out from them to feel connected to the surroundings.



Beyond the gated playground, there's another play area filled with exciting things to discover.



The tall tower provides a great view, with a ramp for accessing the first cubby pod and stairs and slides for added fun.



If I'm able to, I might decide to go down the slide from the top of the tower.



I might prefer to go down the tower using the stairs with the handrail.



I could try the rope log if I want to.

I might choose to go on something else instead.



There is even a life-sized hamster wheel.



There is a basketball half court to enjoy.





Next to the basketball half court there is a skate park with wheelchair access to the lower level. It's great fun for all ages and skill levels.

It is important to wear a helmet and protective gear for safety.



There are BBQ facilities and shaded areas to have a picnic.



There are lots of places to sit for a short break, like a log, bench seat or at a picnic table.



If I need a drink, I can use the wheelchair-accessible water fountains operated by a push lever.



Pathways connect all spaces, ensuring an accessible and seamless experience throughout the area.



There are two universal access toilets available, along with other toilet facilities.



A continuous accessible pathway from Koolaanga Waabiny Playground to the Mandurah Bridge leads to the Eastern Foreshore, providing additional areas and cafes for exploration.



To support my communication needs during a visit to the Koolaanga Waabiny Playground I can download a communication board from the City of Mandurah's website or click on the links below.

- [Chat and Play Communication Board](#)
- [Snack and Chat Communication Board](#)





The Koolaanga Waabiny Playground is an accessible and inclusive space for people of all ages to enjoy!

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