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Bloom Early Learning Centre is an 80 place child care centre located on Glen Iris Road in Glen Iris, Victoria. The facility has been designed to accommodate children up to the age of 4 and includes a babies room, a toddlers room, a pre-kinder room, and both a 3-year-old kindergarten and 4-year-old kindergarten facility.

Located in a residential area, two houses were demolished to make way for the centre. After demolition, the site was partially excavated for the construction of the open basement car park; the foundations were laid for the supporting concrete filled block work wall at the north end and the formed concrete pillars at the south end in readiness for the structural steel supports for the Bondeck slab.

The structure is mainly timber with some steel and has been built to accommodate as much natural daylight as possible. Most of the internal rooms feature over head windows as well as windows within walls to create an open feel whilst separating the rooms and age groups.

The babies' room has its own outdoor covered play area with safety grass and hand painted murals depicting the park and beach. Other outdoor play areas feature a number of finishes allowing children to experience different natural and man-made textures including pebbled walkways, 'sleeper' walkways, decking and fall safe rubber roads to encourage road awareness. The open plan design allows monitoring from every room in the centre.

Owing to the residential location, works were timed to coincide with regular street activity, ensuring deliveries and noise intrusive works were carried out between 9am and 3.30pm.

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