

# The Heart Behind B4 Big School

I didn't start B4 Big School because I wanted a business - I started it because I believed in children - students and people and I also wanted to influence and inspire other educators to go down the same road.

From my earliest memories as a child, I remember how much being seen, understood and encouraged meant to me especially while having to migrate back to Australia at the age of 9 years old. School wasn't always easy because English was my second language, but the moments when someone believed in me made all the difference. Those early experiences showed me that confidence and connection matter just as much as academic learning.

When I became a mother and later an educator, that belief only deepened. I saw how children light up when they are supported - not just academically, but socially, emotionally and creatively. I watched their confidence grow when they were given space to explore, and their voices were truly heard. And equally, I saw the strain on parents and educators who wanted the best for children but didn't always know how to help them thrive.

There was a problem I kept returning to: too many children and the adults who care for them were navigating learning and life without the support systems and environments that truly nourish confidence, curiosity and wellbeing. I knew there had to be a better way - one grounded in joyful learning, human connection and belief in each child's potential.

This is what led me to create B4 Big School.

I started with one simple desire: to make foundational education feel human again. To help every child feel seen, heard and confident - not just academically capable but socially resilient and emotionally empowered. I wanted a place where learning wasn't narrowed to benchmarks and scores, but where children could engage, connect and thrive.

Over time, that small idea became a suite of intentional programs blending playful learning, meaningful connection, foundational skills and community support. I've watched hundreds of children grow in confidence, communication, engagement and joy. I've seen parents relieved and empowered. And I've seen educators inspired to bring more heart into their classrooms.

Today, B4 Big School exists because children deserve to enter life confident and connected, and caregivers - whether parents or educators - deserve support, clarity and tools that are grounded in love, understanding and evidence-based practice. This is why I get up every morning - to help rebuild education from the heart outward, to help every child become a confident, happy human, not just a test result.

Thank you for being here, and for caring about the future of our children as much as I do. Let's grow confidence, curiosity and connection - together.

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