Preschool
Sessions
Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:40 am - 3:00 pm and alternate Mondays of Week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
Wednesdays & Fridays
8:40 am - 3:00 pm and alternate Mondays of Week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

Children need to bring:
A clearly named bag for Preschool
A morning snack to be the type of food that you as parents want to promote for healthy eating (eg. fruit, cheese, crackers, yoghurt.)
Lunch boxes and drink bottles (water only) that are clearly labelled.
Clothing that allows your child to go to the toilet without adult assistance. Comfortable, non-restrictive clothes to foster self-help skills and greater independence.
Spare change of clothes (labelled) in their bag.
Lunch each day for Preschool and a piece of fruit ready to place in the basket to eat.
Preschool is a nut-free environment

Pre-Entry Program in November
Pre-Entry is a transitional time allowing your child to gain confidence in separating and participating in a new social situation with adults and children outside the home environment. There are three sessions in consecutive weeks, the term before your child begins Preschool. You will be informed of the dates and times.

Daily Routines
Daily arrival at 8.40 am and pick up at 3.00 pm. Preschool starts in the Library on Mondays where parents/carers bring their child in for a morning activity. There is a choice of different indoor activities each day before Gathering time and Prayer time daily. Individual eating time and shared fruit time each daily.

Communication
Parent Information Board. Electronic Preschool Newsletter emailed home. School newsletter emailed directly on a fortnightly basis. Preschool notes and information are in your child’s info, pocket/bag. Please ring if you or your child will be late or absent. The Preschool Blog provides the latest information. A comprehensive Preschool Parent Information Book and Preschool Information Session take place before your child starts Preschool.

COST
$330 per school term for Koalas & Kangas
$550 per school term for High-5 Group

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No matter where you come from, everyone is welcome
Early Years Learning Framework

- Single Intake Policy (starts in Term 1)
- Indoor & Outdoor Learning Centres
- Both formative and summative reports
- Literacy & Numeracy focus (Jolly Phonics)
- Individual Learning Folders
- Learning and Well Being Programs
- Belonging, Being, Becoming Framework
- Graduation Liturgy & Celebration

Play Based Learning

- Welcoming and multicultural atmosphere
- Wide range of learning experiences
- Learning to make choices
- Special Needs Program
- Lots of new equipment
- Investigating our world Learning
- Social skills – Program Achieve
- Enjoying Local excursions
- Sustainability focus

Growing into Reception Program

- For children who turn 5 years of age from 1st May – 31st October
- 5 days each week in Term 3 & Term 4
- See separate brochure

National Quality Standards

- Exceeding in 5 out of 7 quality areas
- Committed to continuous improvement
- Safe and effective learning environment
- Preschool Quality Improvement Plan
- Indoor / Outdoor learning areas
- Teacher: child ratio of 1:11
- Caring and professional staff
- Children need to be 4 years of age before 1st May (Universal Access)

Using School facilities

Using Library / Resource Centre every Monday.
Playing on the school playground.
Buddy class activities each term.
Sports Day at SANTOS Stadium.
Using the school gymnasium & oval.
Visits to Reception areas for school induction.
Use of Music room and musical instruments.

Reggio Emilia Approach

- Encouraging a child-centred approach
- Many sensory experiences
- Sharing fun times together
- Exploring natural play spaces
- Unfolding a child's full potential
- Fostering a love of learning
- Re-imagining the child's capabilities
- Instilling a sense of identity and belonging

Family Involvement

- Fostering partnerships to support learning.
- Becoming a Preschool parent representative.
- Joining in learning experiences (Cooking, craft etc).
- Volunteering on committees (P&F, Board etc).
- Making literacy / numeracy games.
- Helping with weekly activities / jobs.
- Preschool working bee/fundraising.
- Sharing learning stories/folders.
- Reading stories to the children.
- Family / Community events.