



PRE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Pre Kindy is an educational program available to children who have already turned three years of age. The program is an introduction to our school community and the start of our home / school partnership. The program provides an environment that caters for the development of each child across the spiritual, social, emotional, language, cognitive, creative and physical domains. As part of catering for the wellbeing of our children, a wellness session will be run after lunch (this is in lieu of sleep/nap time).

The program offers meaningful learning experiences and fosters learning through planned and spontaneous play, based on the interests, needs and strengths of each child. Our environment will nurture your child as they wonder, explore and construct meaning about the world in a caring, safe, and stimulating environment.

St Peter's Pre Kindy offers a class size with a maximum of 20 students only. Mrs Rita Panebianco (an Early Childhood Teacher) and an Education Assistant will teach the class.

Hours - Pre Kindy will operate on a Friday. Classroom doors will open at 8.45am, and parents are invited to stay until mat time at 9am. At 2.45pm, we will ensure your child is safely placed back in your care at the end of the day.

Clothing - as no school uniform is required in Pre Kindy, we encourage your child to dress in comfortable clothing and closed shoes (Velcro tabs recommended), suitable for climbing, painting, playing, etc. (Please see note below regarding Toilet Training)

Toilet Training – it is preferred that your child is toilet trained so it is suggested you begin the process well before your child is due to begin Pre Kindy. However, if your child is in the process of toilet training, he/she must wear “pull-ups”. Please ensure that you supply extra “pull-ups” and wipes for each session. It is essential to dress your child in clothing that allows them to easily manage independent dressing for the toilet.

Regulation prevents a child commencing this program until he/she turns three years of age. If your child has not turned three years old when the program commences at the beginning of the year, he/she may be enrolled and we may be able to hold a place for him/her after his/her third birthday (depending on enrolment numbers). Acceptance into our Pre Kindy Program does not guarantee enrolment into the Kindergarten program (siblings of current families exempt), and normal enrolment procedures will need to be followed, as per our School Enrolment Policy.

Fees - the Pre Kindy Program is completely self-funded as there are no government benefits available to support it – therefore no discounts will apply (ie, sibling, Health Card, etc). Pre Kindy fees will be \$75 per day. Students commencing at the beginning of Term 1 will be charged \$750 for a full term (this is calculated on a 10 week term only). The fee will be invoiced and is to be paid in advance. A non-refundable amount of \$500 will apply, should you withdraw your child from this program at any stage throughout the term.

Should you have any questions with regard to the Pre Kindy Program, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Liz Cunningham on 9338 9904 or at elizabeth.cunningham@cewa.edu.au .