



exploring
& discovering

LIFE IN KINDERGARTEN

THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Our program includes learning in all Key Learning Areas (KLAs), which is a term initiated by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), to describe the various areas of learning they consider important for schools to provide. We have added an additional KLA, in the form of Biblical Studies.

Our KLAs include:

- Biblical Studies
- English
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Human Society and Its Environment
- Creative Arts—Music, Art, Craft, Drama.
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

NESA provides syllabus documents for each KLA (except Biblical Studies), which are now mandatory for independent schools, such as ours. Your child will experience learning from each of these KLAs from a Christian perspective. Our Biblical Studies curriculum is planned and organised by our own staff.

WHAT TO BRING EACH DAY

Please make sure your child has the following items in their backpack every day:

- lunch (including a drink)
- morning tea (including a drink)
- their guided reading book
- a handkerchief or tissues
- a raincoat
- their hat
- spare underwear and socks (shorts also, for boys).

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Occasionally, Kindergarten children forget to visit the toilet until it is too late. We would appreciate each child carrying spare underwear and socks (and also shorts, for boys) in their school bag every day. We also have some spare clothing items, kept for these emergencies. If your child needs to use these, please wash and return them as soon as possible.

NUT ALLERGY AWARENESS

Parents and caregivers are requested NOT to send food to school containing nuts. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts. Staff supervise K-6 students during eating breaks and encourage students to wash hands after eating.

KINDERGARTEN REST DAY—TERM 1

Because our Kindergarten children have longer school days than other children (due to bus timetables shared with the whole school), they do not attend school on Wednesdays during first term. This provides them with a much-needed rest break in the middle of the week.

YEAR 2 BUDDIES

At the beginning of recess and lunch time, Kindergarten students meet with their assigned Year 2 buddy. The buddy is responsible for ensuring that the Kindergarten children know their way around the school and their own belongings. This usually continues for a couple of weeks, and fades out gradually as the new students begin to form their own friendships with other Kindergarten children.

WET WEATHER

Since all students must walk either to buses, or to their parents waiting on Derribong Drive, they need to have a raincoat available in their school bag every day. Please do not send umbrellas, as they can be dangerous in large groups of people.

RELEASE FROM FACE-TO-FACE TEACHING

While the Kindergarten teacher is released from teaching (four lessons per week), another teacher provides the learning experiences for the class. This can include Music, Library and Visual Arts.

LIBRARY

Each week your child will visit the library with their teacher, where they will receive a library lesson and choose a library book to take home. They will need a library bag for this purpose. We recommend they use the bag given to them during orientation. We will notify you of the day for this when your child starts school.

PE AND SPORT

K-2 students participate in a regular PE/Fitness program. This program includes gross motor skills, dance, aerobics and games skills. Parents are always welcome to assist at these times. Sports day for K-2 students is Wednesday each week. During Term 1, Kindergarten do not take part in sport, due to their absence on Wednesdays. This means they will not require a sport uniform until Term 2.

KINDER/YEAR 12 BUDDY PROGRAM

Each year, our Kindergarten children have a special relationship with our Year 12 students, as the youngest and oldest students at our school. Each Kindergarten child is paired with at least one Year 12 student, who is asked to pray for the Kindergarten student during the year. The children meet together regularly during the year, to get to know each other.

ACCIDENT/ILLNESS

In the event that your child falls ill while at school, all attempts will be made to contact parents first, and then adults named on the child's emergency section of their enrolment form. In extreme circumstances, if contact is unable to be made, medical attention will be sought by the school for your child.

PARKING

We ask that parents do not enter the school car park by vehicle at any time, unless there are extenuating circumstances. This is particularly important before and after school.

At the conclusion of each day, children are asked to line up in the COLA in bus or 'walkers' lines. Children who are walking or being driven home will join the 'walkers' line and be escorted to Derribong Drive by a teacher. At the beginning of the school year you may like to meet your Kindergarten child at their classroom to avoid confusion regarding lines.

As there is no parking in Tyalla Place, parents need to meet their children on Derribong Drive. To pick your child up from here you will need to either arrive after bell time and stop briefly in the No Standing zone, or park for a longer period in unmarked areas. Parking is not permitted in Tyalla Place.

K-6 students must be escorted from the school by the teacher on duty. They can meet older siblings in Derribong Drive as they leave the school property.