



Canterbury

GET SET FOR CANTERBURY PREP

Welcome To Prep!

Prep is the first formal year of schooling at Canterbury College in our Junior School.

Students must turn five years old by 30 June of the year they wish to commence Prep in January.

There are currently four Prep classes, each with approximately 25 students – with classroom numbers capped for optimal teaching, learning and behavioural outcomes.

Each class also features a Learning Assistant in addition to the Class Teacher.

We follow the Australian Curriculum, with our students' Literacy and Numeracy skills being explicitly taught and developed by our expert staff.

Our Junior School is a dynamic, innovative, happy and caring educational environment, that places the child at the forefront of everything we do.

So start your child's schooling the right way, with high-quality teachers, engaging learning environments, and evidence-based programs that build strong foundational skills, while making Canterbury Community friends for life...

Prep Orientation

Families with children commencing Canterbury Prep will be offered two **Orientation Days** to familiarise themselves with the campus and Prep environment.

Orientation Day One: Early September (2 hours)

All incoming Prep students will participate in activities, explore their classrooms, and meet their teachers and peers for next year.

Teachers will also observe the developmental competencies of the students, and in some cases, suggestions may be made.

Orientation Day Two: Late November (2 hours)

This is for ALL Canterbury Junior School students, including new students to the College.

A Parent Information Session explaining our day-to-day operations will run on both these days, while students are in the classrooms.

Prep School Hours: 8:25am for 8:30am – 3:15pm, Monday – Friday

Mondays – Wednesdays and Fridays

Morning Tea (30 mins): 10:55am – 11:25am

Lunch (45 mins): 1:30pm – 2:15pm

Thursdays Adjusted For Assembly

Morning Tea (25 mins): 10:25am – 10:50am

Lunch (40 mins): 12:45pm – 1:25pm





Junior School Staff

Our various staff teams all work together to educate our Canterbury Prep students:

- Classroom Teachers
- Specialist Teachers: Digital Technology, Music, Spanish, Physical Education
- Coordinator of Sensory Wellbeing Programs
- Learning Assistants
- Head of Learning Support
- Head of Literacy Development
- Assistant Heads of Junior School: Learning & Wellbeing
- Head of Junior School



College Communications

Canterbury uses key communication systems to keep parents and carers informed:

- Email | Telephone
- In Person @ Campus Events

Australian Curriculum

Our Prep teachers formally plan, teach, and assess using the Australian Curriculum.

Learning Assistants further support targeted delivery within the classroom.

Prep learning areas explored include:

- English and Mathematics
- Science, Humanities and Social Sciences (HaSS)
- The Arts – Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts
- Physical Education, Health and Wellbeing
- Religious and Values Education (RaVE)
- Digital Technology
- Spanish

Other Canterbury Prep programs include:



Student Wellbeing

Canterbury implements a range of programs to support our Prep students' wellbeing:

- The Resilience Project
- Bridge Builders: Conflict Resolution
- Learning 4 Life Behaviours Program
- Life Education Program
- Think U Know: Child Online Safety Partnership Program



Canterbury OSHC: Outside School Hours Care

Our fully Canterbury owned and operated Before School, After School and Vacation Care Service is for children enrolled in Prep through to Year 6.

Canterbury OSHC operates across our specialised OSHC Classroom and other Canterbury campus areas, like our kitchen garden, sports facilities and outside play areas.

Activities include: indoor and outdoor play, arts and crafts, sports, gardening and cooking, as well as incursions and excursions during Vacation Care.

Canterbury OSHC also provides opportunities in *My Time Our Place* for children to further their learning through the following avenues of *Being, Becoming and Belonging*: A play-based, child-initiated program.

Full information on Canterbury OSHC enrolments, bookings, fees, the Child Care Subsidy, notice periods, auto payment setup, what to bring, medication, signing in and out, meals and locations, can be found on our College website under: Community / Information For Parents.

Canterbury OSHC Opening Hours

Before School Care: 6:30am – 8:00am
After School Care: 3:15pm – 6:00pm
Vacation Care: 6:30am – 6:00pm

Prep Uniforms

My uniform for Prep



Every day I must bring the following items.



I also need to bring a change of clothes (it doesn't have to be a uniform) in case I get wet or dirty.

Everything will have my name on it.

- **MyCC – College Communications & Learning Portal:**
 - Weekly Family e-Newsletters
 - Student Activity Snapshots
 - School Events Full Information
 - Continuous Reporting: Student Progress Reports
 - College Services Full Guides: Canteen, Finance, IT Help Desk, Library, School Policies, Student Services, Uniforms
- Parent / Teacher Interviews:
 - Feedback and Goals
- Academic Reports
- Junior School Assemblies & Programs:
 - *'It Takes A Village'* Partnership Program
- TASS Parent Lounge: Bookings & Payments
- Clipboard: Co-curricular Activities Management System
- Canterbury Website
- Canterbury College Facebook Page
- Canterbury College Instagram Account
- Canterbury App

Prep School Readiness

Your child is prepared for Prep if they:

- Have already turned five or will turn five by **30 June** of the year they wish to commence.
- Are completely toilet trained and can independently use the toilet and dress themselves.
- Independently socialise with other children of a similar age and interests.
- Listen to and follow instructions from adults.
- Communicate clearly with teachers and peers about their needs, wants and ideas, including using basic manners.
- Sit, focus, and actively listen to, and understand, stories for around 5-10 minutes.
- Are beginning to explore reading, letters of the alphabet, sounds and writing behaviours.
- Hold a pencil correctly and begin to or can write their first name.
- Are beginning to manage big emotions and positively respond to regulation support from adults.
- Cope with new environments and routines easily.
- Independently play with other children, and can wait, and take turns.
- Have basic number sense skills and thinking skills, and have some interest in counting, sorting, colours and shapes.
- Have healthy physical and cognitive development, including gross and fine motor coordination.
- Identify their own name and begin to manage their own belongings.
- Independently decide, unwrap, and eat a healthy lunch and snacks, with minimal adult support, including fruit.

If your child is working with a specialist (Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Psychologist, Paediatrician etc) privately, parents **must** provide this information at the time of enrolment.

This information can be recorded on the enrolment form and please provide copies of all specialist reports.

In some cases, we may also contact previous Early Learning Centres for feedback, to assist us to support new students most effectively.

If you have a copy of your child's Kindergarten Transition Report, this is also much appreciated.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's readiness for Prep, please contact **Brittany Sinclair**, our Assistant Head of Junior School (Wellbeing) - b.sinclair@canterbury.qld.edu.au or **Alisha Richardson**, our Assistant Head of Junior School (Learning) - a.richardson@canterbury.qld.edu.au



Prep Enrolment

To apply for Prep at Canterbury College you need to:

1. Apply Online via our College website.
2. Attend an Enrolment Interview.
3. If places are available, a Letter Of Offer will be issued.
4. To accept your place, complete an Enrolment Contract and return with your acceptance fee.
5. Your Prep enrolment is then finalised.

For any questions regarding the Prep enrolment process, please email **Mrs Debbie Milne**, our College Registrar - enrolments@canterbury.qld.edu.au

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