Canterbury Early Learning Centre



Parent Handbook

Welcome to Canterbury Early Learning Centre

Welcome to the Canterbury Early Learning Centre, where our youngest learners are supported to explore, discover, create and grow within a nurturing and engaging environment.

Our highly qualified educators provide rich learning experiences across vibrant, well-resourced classrooms, engaging outdoor spaces and the wider Canterbury College campus. Through play, inquiry and meaningful relationships, children are encouraged to ask questions, solve problems, develop independence and discover more about the world around them.

Central to our approach is creating a strong sense of belonging. We want every child to feel known, supported and confident as they build the foundations for their learning journey at Canterbury.

Hours of Operation
The Early Learning Centre is open from 6:45am to 6:00pm, with the classroom program operating from 8:30am to 3:00pm.

For further information, families are welcome to contact the ELC Administration Team:

T: 07 3299 0862

E: elc@canterbury.qld.edu.au

Our Early Learning Community

Each of our Pre-Kindy and Kindy rooms have been given a Yugambeh name inspired by native birds found within our local community:



Curlews hold a particularly special place in Canterbury's identity, returning to our campus each year to nest and raise their young.

The bird names also reflect the journey of our youngest learners as they grow in confidence, spread their wings and explore the world around them.

A Day at the ELC

Our daily rhythm provides children with a balance of structured learning experiences, play, exploration, meals, relaxation, and collaborative time with their peers.

While every day brings different opportunities for discovery and learning, the following provides a guide to the typical rhythm of the day:

Rhythm of the Day

6:45am Centre Opens | Outdoor Exploration

8:30am Class Program Begins

9:00am Fruit Break

11:00am Morning Tea

1:00pm Lunch

1:30pm Relaxation

3:00pm Whole Centre Collaborative Play

4:30pm Afternoon Tea provided by ELC

6:00pm Centre Closes

Specialist Learning

Throughout the week, children also participate in a range of specialist learning experiences that extend their classroom program and introduce them to different ways of learning, creating and moving.

Music and Movement

Library

Engine Room: Perceptual Motor Program

Getting Ready for ELC

What to Bring

Each day, children should bring:

- Canterbury School Bag
- Lunch box with a large ice pack to ensure food remains cold. Please do not pack cans or tins, as these can cause injuries.
- Wholesome and healthy food, including one piece of fruit, morning tea and lunch
- Drink bottle containing water only, which your child can open independently
- ELC Uniform Hat
- Sheet Bag with cot sheets
- Library Bag
- Spare ELC Uniform Set, including spare underwear

Please ensure all belongings are clearly named.

Equipment to Purchase

Families will also need to purchase:

- Canterbury Homework Bag – to be used as the ELC Library Bag
- Canterbury Library Bag – to be used as the Sheet Bag
- Raincoat
- Pair of gumboots for Bush Kindy exploration

Families do not need to purchase individual stationery items, baby wipes or sunscreen. These supplies are purchased in bulk and provided to children as required within the classroom.

The cost of these items is included in the Single Resource Charge (SRC).



Everyday Essentials

Uniform Shop

The Canterbury College Uniform Shop is located on campus and can be accessed via the Senior School Gate on Old Logan Village Road, with plenty of onsite customer parking.

New families are encouraged to call ahead to arrange an appointment before visiting the Uniform Shop, allowing our team to provide helpful advice and fitting support.

canterbury.college@theschoollocker.com.au | 07 3299 0925

Opening Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30am - 11:30am during term time only.

Uniform purchases can also be made through our official supplier, The School Locker, either online or at The School Locker Loganholme Superstore.

The School Locker Loganholme
Location: Shop 2, 3878 Pacific Highway, Loganholme | 07 3440 9701
www.theschoollocker.com.au

Fruit Break

Families are asked to send a labelled container of fruit with their child each day. Fruit should be cut and prepared at home so children can independently enjoy it during their morning Fruit Break.

School Canteen

ELC families can order lunch online through My Student Account, selecting from the available School Canteen menu.

Orders must be placed by 8:30am on the day of delivery and will be delivered directly to your child's classroom.

Please note that canteen orders are available for lunch only, so families will still need to pack morning tea and fruit for their child.

Canteen services operate during the College Term Time Calendar only.



Staying Connected

We value strong partnerships with our ELC families and believe regular communication plays an important role in supporting each child's learning, wellbeing and experience at Canterbury.

Families have access to several communication platforms throughout the year:

OWNA Home App
All ELC parents and carers are provided with access to the OWNA Home App.

OWNA is used to sign your child in and out of the ELC, advise us of late arrivals, absences and holidays, receive ELC notices, and access statements and financial information.

Families can also use OWNA to view daily photos and observations, providing a window into their child's learning and experiences throughout the day.

Further information and instructions for using OWNA will be provided following enrolment confirmation.

MyCC
My Canterbury College (MyCC) is Canterbury's primary platform for College news, information and calendar events. Families can use MyCC to stay informed about what is happening across Canterbury and access important College communications.



Fees and Support

ELC fees are issued two weeks in advance in accordance with the ELC Fees Policy. Families will receive an emailed statement on the Monday of each payment week.

The ELC Fees Policy is available on the Canterbury College website or at any time from ELC Administration.

2027 Pre-Kindy | $152 per day*

A dedicated **Pre-Kindy Room** for 3 year olds with daily bookings available.

Plus an annual Single Resource Charge (SRC) $150. *Before CCS applied.

2027 Kindy | $135 per day*

Four Kindy Rooms for 4-5 year olds with full-time classes OR part-time options with a minimum of three days per week.

Plus an annual Single Resource Charge (SRC) $150. *Before CCS applied.

Operating Hours | 6:45am - 6:00pm

Monday - Friday | 50 Weeks Per Year. Our rooms all include Long Day Care as part of their all-inclusive daily rates.

Application Fee: $100 (non refundable)
*From 2027

Acceptance Fee $250 (non refundable)
*From 2027

*As a licenced Long Day Care provider, families are eligible to apply for a Child Care Subsidy (CCS) through Centrelink. Parents will be invoiced fortnightly in advance with their CCS rebate applied to fee statements.

Learning Through Nature and Play

Bush Kindy

Canterbury's Bush Kindy program gives children the opportunity to freely explore their local natural environment and discover the many ways nature can become a rich and meaningful learning resource.

Through uninterrupted, child-centred play in the natural environment, children are encouraged to inquire, investigate, experiment and develop a deeper connection with the world around them.

Bush Kindy also provides opportunities for children to encounter age-appropriate challenge and take supported risks as they play and explore. These experiences help children develop independence, confidence, resilience, and problem-solving skills while encouraging curiosity and a sense of adventure.

The natural environment also provides endless inspiration for our educators and children, with discoveries made during Bush Kindy extending into conversations, investigations, and learning experiences within the classroom.

Learning Framework

Our educational programs are informed by approved early childhood learning frameworks and linked to the National Quality Standard, providing a strong foundation for high-quality teaching and learning.

These currently include:

- The Early Years Learning Framework
- The Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines





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