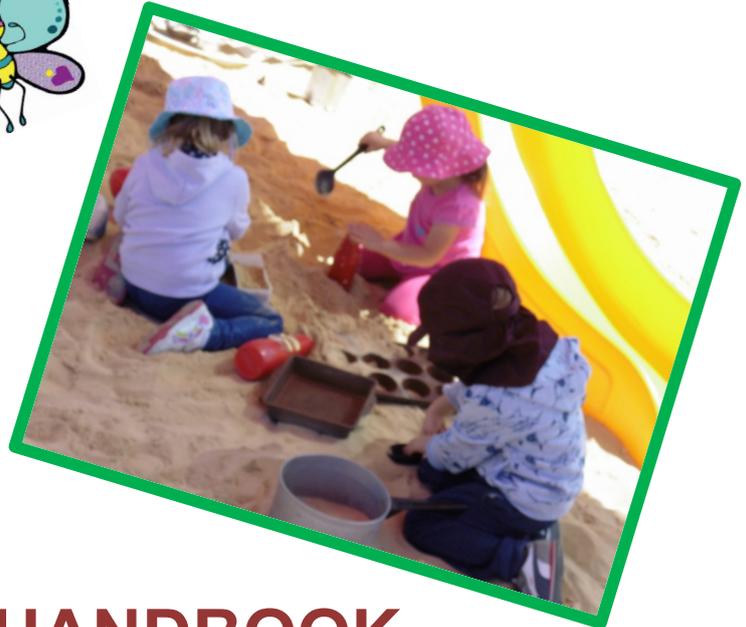


Pre-Kindergarten (3-Year-Old Kindy)



HANDBOOK



Welcome to the Esperance Christian School's

Pre-Kindergarten

(3-Year-Old Kindy)

Principal

Mrs Delys Rogers

Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs Rhianna Watts

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Mrs Natasha Bailey

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The school staff aim to provide a quality pre-school program, which promotes in children the desire to learn, engages their curiosity and develops skills to explore and learn from their environment.

Our daily program will run alongside the 4-Year-Old Kindy group's theme. The activities the Pre-Kindy students complete will be differentiated in such a manner that they will be enthused and successful in what they attempt to do.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN (3-Year-Old)

Esperance Christian School offers 6 hours of Pre-Kindergarten Education per week at a rate of \$523.75 per term, representing 2 half days or one full day, depending on the number of positions available. An option of two full days is also currently available at a rate of \$757.50 per term.

Application for Pre-Kindergarten (3-Year-Old Kindy)

Your child must turn 3 prior to 30th June of the current academic school year (**and must have turned 3 before they can be enrolled**). If he/she turns 3 after this date, we will gladly place his/her name on the waiting list.

If, after reading through this booklet you have any questions regarding our school, we will be happy to speak with you and/or show you around our facility.

Application for Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office.

Once completed, please send it to the school with a non-refundable, once off application fee of \$150.

Typical School Half Day Routine for 3-Year-Old Kindy

8:35 am	Arrival and place bag, fruit and water bottle on name
8.40 am	Bible songs and story, followed by both adult led and free choice activities
10.15 am	Fruit time and veranda play with sensory activities
10.45 am	Maths songs/nursery rhymes, followed by adult led activity
11.15 am	Outdoors play
12.00 pm	Home time

Typical School Full Day Routine for 3-Year-Old Kindy

8:35 am	Arrival and place bag, fruit and water bottle on name
8.40 am	Bible songs and story, followed by both adult led and free choice activities
10.15 am	Fruit time and veranda play with sensory activities
10.45 am	Maths songs/nursery rhymes, followed by adult led activity
11.15 am	Outdoors play
12.10 pm	Lunch and rest time
1.00 pm	Play based learning activities
1.45 pm	Indoor play
2.15 pm	Nature Space play
2.40 pm	Story time
2.55pm	School day concludes

Uniform

The Pre-Kindy students do not need to wear school uniform. They do, however, need to wear clothing that will protect them from the warm sun in the summer, and cold and wet weather in the winter.

Their footwear needs to assist in safe running, climbing and jumping – NO thongs please.

They MUST wear closed in shoes, e.g. no open toes.

We do encourage all Pre-Kindy children to be toilet trained before starting the program, as staff are unable provide nappy-changing services. However, if your child is not quite there yet, please speak to your teacher to discuss strategies and arrange a plan to suit your child's needs.

Your child will need to have the following equipment on Day 1 and beyond.

Item	Every School Day	Upon starting
Back Pack, with spare set of clothes & jumper – All items MUST be labelled	✓	
Donation of a bottle of anti-bacterial hand wash gel		✓
Donation of a large packet of baby wipes		✓
Donation of a box of tissues		✓
Own piece of fresh or dried fruit/vegetable, ready-to-eat (please cut up fruits such as apples and oranges)	✓	
Hat (must be labelled) “No hat – Play in the shade”	✓	
Water bottle (must be labelled)	✓	

CHILD DROP-OFF and COLLECTION

Our 3-Year-Old Kindy hours are: Half Day: 8.40am to 12pm

Full day: 8.40am to 2:55pm

Beginning of the Day

We encourage all parents to arrive by 8.35am and stay for a few minutes and help their child discover the classroom every morning. Can your child recognise their laminated name card and place their bag, fruit and water bottle on their name cards? What activities are on offer on the veranda?

End of Day

Because we care about the safety of your child, we require parents or caregivers to **notify the school (preferably by phone call or in writing)** regarding alternative pick-up arrangements from school.

All students must be collected from the class by his/her parent or nominated carer. *If you arrive early (before 2.55pm), please feel free to wait on the veranda outside the classroom. Please do not enter the classroom, as this may distract your child from the end-of-day conclusion activities.* Occasionally we'll allow an older sibling to collect, but only if the parent has already arrived at school.

Children will not be allowed to leave the school with any person other than a parent or nominated carer without your permission.

If you are running late to collect your child, please contact the school ahead of time. This will allow us to explain to your child that you will be collecting them soon.



Please save the school's number **(90712703)** on your mobile phone so you always have it on hand. Most young children worry very quickly if they see all their friends leaving at home time and there is no sign of their parent/carer.

Check the School Bag

We will pop school newsletters, notes, song books and of course your child's masterpieces in your child's school bag for you to take home and display on the fridge door or stick into a scrap book to look through for many years to come.

TOP TIP!

What if my child simply adores painting and the fridge cannot possibly hold 100 paintings?

Save the paintings and use it as wrapping paper for presents. Alternatively, cut it into pieces and stick it on the front of a piece of card folded in half. Not too many people can say that they have hand made cards and wrapping paper on standby. You can also take photos of your child's artwork if you sadly have no room in the house to keep it anymore!

Child Safety

Esperance Christian School is committed to ensuring the safety of your child at all times. Please view our *Child Protection policy* and important policies on our website or ask for copies from the school office.