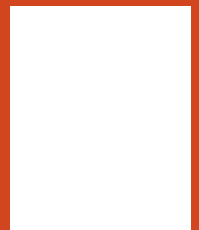


THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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The Hutchins School Early Learning Centre (ELC) provides a stimulating, nurturing and vibrant environment for boys from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2.

The early years are the most vital in a child's educational life. During this time children are entering a social world stretching beyond the family. They are trying to establish themselves as members of a peer group community.

It is also during this period that they acquire the foundation skills for future learning. They form

attitudes of learning; and of themselves as learners.



Our guiding principles

Children learn when they are having fun, experience success, feel secure and have a sense of belonging.

- Curiosity, wonder and imagination are encouraged and developed through creativity and child-centred, play-based, hands-on learning.
- Children connect and contribute to their world through inquiry and discovery. Thinking is at the centre of all inquiry.
- Children have authentic opportunities in a range of curriculum areas to develop their thinking and problem solving skills. They are actively involved in gathering and processing information using all of their senses.
- Children learn to be socially responsible and show respect for others and their environment.
- Children take learning risks to develop their social, emotional and physical wellbeing. They are supported in developing skills of independence, resilience and perseverance.
- Children participate in the digital world positively and productively.

By the end of these early years of education children will have reached some important decisions about their own abilities and worth.

This places special responsibility on teachers of young children to provide a warm, supportive but challenging environment. Class sizes are 20 students maximum for Pre-Kindergarten and 24 students maximum for Kindergarten to Year 2 classes.

Curriculum

The curriculum in the Early Learning Centre is based on the Early Years Learning Framework for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten year groups (with a Reggio Emilia approach where relevant) and the Australian Curriculum for Prep (Foundation) to Year 2. The class teacher takes all of the core subject areas including, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and Art. Specialist teachers are provided for Music, French, Physical Education, Library and RAVE (Religious and Values Education). Provision is made for EAL/D (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) support and there are targeted support and Gifted and Talented programs from Prep to Year 2.

Co-curricular activities

Co-curricular activities for ELC students include dance, music and winter sports (from Year 1). Private music instrumental lessons are offered (at a cost) for students from Kindergarten upwards.

Special features

- A social and emotional wellbeing program (Bounce Back) from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6
- Award winning purpose built classrooms
- An onsite Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) facility for students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6
- A separate play area – with bilateral access for students from Prep to Year 6
- Music instrumental lessons





Outside School Hours Care

In order to achieve the best possible educational outcomes for students across the learning spectrum the Centre provides:

- Subject support in small groups or individual study options
- Nurturing and encouragement of the development of boys' social and emotional skills
- Support for students and teachers in the classroom
- Support for parents/carers and liaison with specialists
- Information designed to support teachers in the provision of an appropriately differentiated program

Hutchins Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is based in the Early Learning Centre at The Hutchins School. We cater for boys and girls between 3 and 12 years, and operate on ratios of one staff member per 10 children for ages 3–5, and one staff member per 15 children for ages 6–12. The service is operated by a team of staff with both qualifications and years of experience in Children's Services.

Vacation care programs are also available which include activities and excursions for all age groups.

The Hutchins School Early Learning Centre is an approved child care provider and therefore the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) applies to all Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Outside School Hours Care fees.

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