

2019

PREP
HANDBOOK

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The aim of Mueller College is to prepare its students for life in the world and eternity by applying Biblical principles through excellent education in a distinctly Christian environment

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Welcome

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Mueller College Prep.

For all of you this is a special time – sending your little one off to school.

Luke 2:51-52 are verses that are special to me as an educator.

“And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.”

In God’s Word, we read about Christ’s development as a child in an academic, physical, spiritual, and social/emotional sense and His example in obedience to His parents. It is our aim to work with you to ensure a similar development in your child. To do this we have a rich variety of activities and experiences.

We look forward to the year ahead. This booklet has some suggestions of the type of things we can work on together. Please, do contact us if you have questions and concerns.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Valesse

Mr Paul Valesse
Head of College



ABOUT PREP

Prep is the first year of schooling and an integral part of Mueller College's Primary School. Prep is a full-time, five-day a week program, operating from 8:40am to 3pm.

Throughout the year, students interact with children from Year 1 and 2 at chapel, assemblies and P-2 sport's day; other year levels through buddy reading, mega-chapel and sporting events (cross-country).

The layout of the Prep classrooms reflects both the learning environment of Kindy and school.

LEARNING IN PREP

Curriculum

Mueller College follows the Foundation Year of the Australian Curriculum.

- » English (*reading, writing, speaking, listening*)
- » Science
- » Mathematics (*number & algebra, measurement & geometry, statistics & probability*)

- » Humanities and Social Sciences (*History, Geography*)
- » The Arts
- » Technologies
- » Health and Physical Education
- » Languages (*Chinese*)

Christian Studies is included in the weekly program as this is foundational to all aspects of life and learning at Mueller College.

Throughout the year, student progress is monitored and assessed by gathering information and evidence from everyday activities. An overall picture of learning is reported to parents through two Parent/Teacher Interviews and reports cards.



CONTEXTS FOR LEARNING

Prep students bring with them a great array of learning gleaned from home, the communities in which they mix and educational settings. The teaching and learning in Prep seeks to build on prior learning and provide a foundation for the learning areas of Year One. Teachers plan programs and employ strategies to assist learning through a variety of contexts.

These contexts include:

- » *Learning through play (self-led and teacher-led activities) e.g. puzzles and games with rules, exploratory play (table activities, using manipulatives in Maths), imaginative play (home corner, construction), and outside play*
- » *Real life experiences/Event-based Learning - e.g. excursions, presentations, service to others, group and individual work*
- » *Inquiry Learning- e.g. posing questions in science, geography, history, health, technology*
- » *Routines and Transitions- e.g. rest time, carpet and table activities, classroom arrival and departure, moving around the classroom and school, classroom rules*
- » *Focussed learning and teaching- e.g. oral language, literacy, numeracy, fine and gross motor (Perceptual Motor Program)*

ORGANISATION OF TEACHING AND LEARNING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Term 1 and 2

Time is allocated to transition students and provide a foundation for learning through a “Prep Readiness Program”. It seeks to develop foundational skills in oral language, literacy, numeracy, fine and gross motor. The program builds on the social and emotional emphasis of Kindy. Outside play, table activities and rest time are included in the weekly program.

Parents play a vital part in transitioning their child into the routines that begin the Prep day.

“When the classroom door opens, direct and assist your child (where needed) to put away library bags, lunch boxes and school bags into lockers or port racks; settle your child at a table activity before you leave”.

During week three, the teachers meet with parents after school. This meeting is for parents to pass on information and talk about the Kindy Transition Statement.

Term 3 and 4

Time is allocated for the development of early academic and cognitive skills that are required in a more formal and structured environment of school. Students enter the classroom by themselves and are responsible for organising belongings (library bags and lunch boxes) for the start of the school day.

Important Information

STARTING DATES

First week of Prep begins with a staggered start. Each class is divided into two groups - A and B. Each group has nominated days for attendance. When these "Group A and B days" are completed, all students attend as a class together. Teachers use this time to set routines, get to know the children and do informal assessments.

Parents are notified, which group their child is in, through the Orientation Pack.

Group A will come on Tuesday 29th January and Wednesday 30th January.

Group B will come on Thursday 31st January and Friday 1st February.

All students will attend school on Monday 4th February.

HOURS

Prep hours are from 8.40am to 3.00pm. Children can be supervised in the Prep area from 8:15am if parents need to leave prior to school commencing.

The playground equipment is out of bounds to all children outside of school hours. Parents who are unable to drop off or pick up their children at the designated times should avail themselves of Mueller's Before and After School Care.

Children leaving earlier than the 3.00pm finish need to be signed out at Student Services before being collected from the classroom. Children arriving later than 8:40am will need to collect a late slip from Student Services and hand to their teacher.

UNIFORMS AND BOOK LISTS

The School Locker supplies all our new uniforms. All second-hand uniforms can be purchased through The Mueller Shop. The Mueller Shop is on campus and open every Tuesday and Thursday from 8am -11am.

Book lists are available on Mueller Connect. Please name books, library bag and headphones and send with your child on their first day of school.

The School Locker
4-6 Burke Crescent, North Lakes
please visit: theschoollocker.com.au

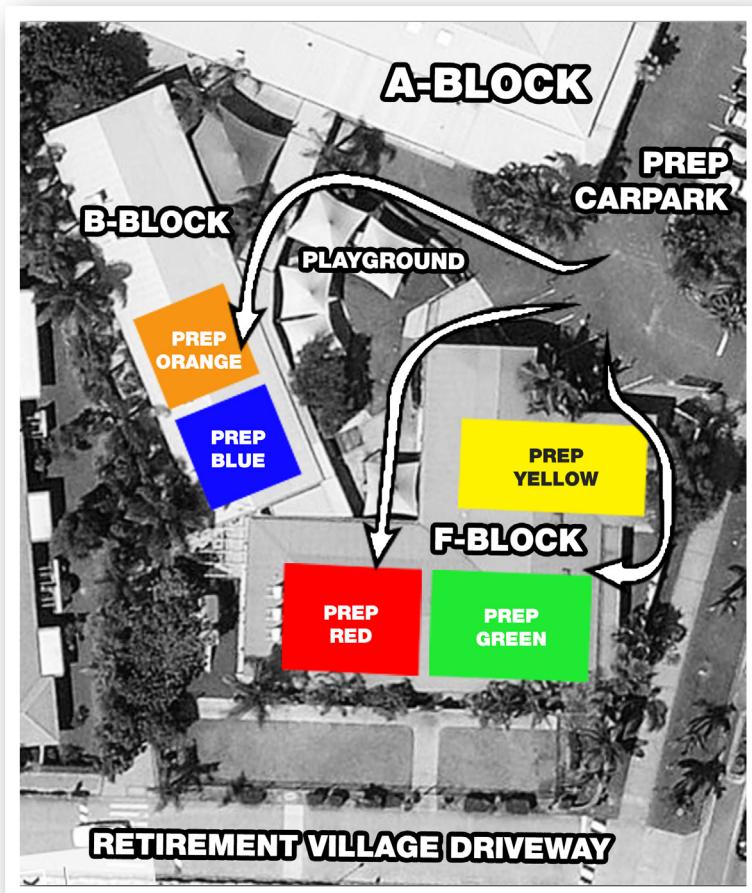


Important Information

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

The map below shows the entry points to the Prep rooms that are to be used before and after school. It also shows the parking allocated for use by Prep parents.

Sometimes children experience difficulty separating from their parent/s upon arrival at school. To help children cope in such situations, we recommend that parents remain calm but firm, and that they help their children put their belongings away and settle down to the class activity before leaving promptly. The class teacher will assist with this process as required.



Important Information

CHAPEL

Chapel is an exciting time of the week where the children sing songs, listen to value lessons and Bible stories. A collection is also taken where we raise money for a mission project. Chapel will be held on Friday afternoons in the Auditorium at 2:00pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

SUN PROTECTION

Sunscreen will be applied every morning to children in Prep. Should your child suffer from an allergy to the product supplied by the school, please send an alternative sunscreen for your child to apply. The alternative sunscreen must be named and will be kept in a secure place by staff.

LOST PROPERTY

Please make sure your child's property is clearly labelled with their name.

This includes hats, jumpers, clothes and shoes. Misplaced belongings that are named will be returned to the child's locker. Misplaced items which are unnamed will be placed in a lost property box.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Emergency evacuation procedures are clearly displayed in each room and drills are conducted regularly. Parents in the building at the time of a drill or emergency evacuation are asked to follow the direction of Staff to ensure correct procedures are followed.

BUS TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Please be aware that Translink, in keeping with Queensland Government policy does not allow Prep-age students to travel on buses unaccompanied.





In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ~ Genesis 1:1

Knowledge and Obedience in Christ 1 John 2:3

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