



Get set
for
prep.



Welcome

To St Paul's Lutheran Primary School & Kindergarten

Prep is a special time in a child's life. It lays the foundation for future learning, attitude and life. It is not just preparation for Year 1 and later schooling, but is also a complete learning experience. As unique individuals, each child comes to Prep at differing points of development. They also bring with them a rich variety of family and cultural experiences and varied skills and interests.



About us

In St Paul's Lutheran Prep there will be two Prep Teachers and two full-time Learning Assistants.

The St Paul's program is based on the Australian Curriculum, and our Christian Faith. We also tap into the network of Independent Schools of Queensland (ISQ). Lutheran Education Queensland (LEQ) also supports our programs.

We strive to operate within a Christian values framework. Our values are: Love, Forgiveness, Compassion, Justice, Humility, Appreciation, Service, Hope, Courage and Equality.



Starting in Prep

We adopt a staggered start at the beginning of the year for Prep students. Children are introduced to the class over the course of the first week in small numbers. Only one third of the class will begin on the first day of school, one third on the second day of school and one third on the third day of school. You will receive communication about which day your student is scheduled to begin. Your student will begin at 8.30am and will be ready for collection at 3.00pm.



The children will experience many advantages of being part of a whole school environment. They will have the opportunity to interact with children of different ages, in formal and informal situations. They will also have access to general school resources, as well as specialist teachers including Music, Physical Education, Library (Inquiry Learning Skills) and Japanese.

Some children are strong and independent, they jump into Prep with enthusiasm, others are clingy and may cry, parents may also find it hard. This is understood by our staff as they have been through this process many times. Children are resilient and will quickly adjust to their new circumstance and surroundings.



What can you do to prepare your child for Prep?

Build your child's social and learning capacity by allowing them to take responsibility of organising their own belongings; playing games to learn rules and taking turns; encourage persistence and problem solving.

Prepare your child for what to expect by establishing routines; discussing what will happen in Prep and who will collect them at the end of the day;

Support healthy eating by packing healthy choices in their lunch box; encouraging them to drink water from a water bottle.

Support your child's emotional intelligence: Self-awareness, Self-regulation, Motivation, Empathy and Social skills.
Talk about their feelings; treat them respectfully and expect the same in return; teach them to stop, wait and listen; demonstrate how to join in with others.

Support your child's literacy and numeracy skills by reading aloud to your child and talking about the stories; sing nursery rhymes and number songs; build your child's vocabulary by discussing people, places and things; count items, talk about money and the size, shape and number of objects they can see.

Support your child's physical development by visiting parks and playgrounds with different types of play equipment; play games with bats, balls, hoops and skipping ropes; invite your child to help with washing the dishes.

Support a strong home-school partnership by establishing a good relationship with your teacher/school; participate in school activities and volunteer for classroom support; attend parent teacher meetings; keep your contact details up-to-date; read school communication and newsletters; advise the school if collection person/arrangements change.

You as parents are a major part of a team that contributes to the development of your child. Education is a partnership involving parents, child and teacher. Your close liaison with your child's teacher and the Prep environment is invaluable.



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