



PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROSPECTUS



TO THINK
TO DARE
TO DREAM

OXLEY COLLEGE IS

An independent, co-educational and non-denominational P-12 day school.

OUR VISION

Oxley is a vibrant, respectful and inclusive learning community, where development of character, care for the whole child and enlightened academic rigour inspires individuals to thrive.

OUR WELLBEING FRAMEWORK



WHY PRE-K?

We're nurturing lifelong learners

Oxley is committed to providing students with a seamless learning journey — from sparking wonder and celebrating childhood in Pre-K to building strong foundations in Junior School and guiding independence and challenge in Senior School. Pre-K effortlessly transitions children into Kindergarten, cultivating a love of learning and foundational skills in a nurturing, play-based environment.

The heart of our approach is fostering each child's sense of wonder, curiosity, and creativity to ignite a passion for learning. Our staff prioritise connection and wellbeing to enable Oxley's littlest learners unearth their potential. In a vibrant environment, together Pre-K students discover new activities, problem-solve through play, and develop their own character, self-confidence and inquiring mind. Each child's unique voice and skills are valued, setting them in motion to be connected to their school community and obtain a sense of belonging.

“Being a four-year-old is a wonderful time of life. Full of spontaneity and curiosity, is a time for children to investigate, imagine and improvise... We want to grow their sense of wonder and ignite a passion for learning.”

JANE CAMPION, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



THEIR EXPERIENCE

In the life of our 'Joeys'

Pre-K students are led by a highly qualified Early Stage One teacher and, when needed, a learning assistant. Our staff understand that care, engagement, and high expectations are essential for unlocking potential and supporting growth. By observing and connecting authentically with the children, Pre-K experiences are naturally designed to cater to personalised learning.

Pre-K is primarily play-based. Each day begins with outdoor play in a purpose-built playground inspired by a wombat burrow in the beautiful Southern Highlands. Our spaces encourage free unprompted play with areas to crawl, explore, create and take risks.

Inside, the Early Stage One and PreLit syllabi guide literacy and numeracy, promoting social skills through collaborative learning. Amongst unstructured play, diverse activities are designed with intention to stimulate creativity and problem-solving. Daily Smiling Mind and URStrong sessions focus on social emotional learning and resilience, and often include a visit from Clover, our wellbeing dog. Pre-K students also enjoy weekly Buddy Time with Year 2, where play and connection foster belonging for all.

In a P-12 school, whole-school events and facilities help our Pre-K Joeys to discover and engage in wider College life. Children share park-like grounds, exciting playgrounds, the PE centre, library and specialist spaces for Visual Arts and Music.



Pre-K have roamed the campus helping maintenance with upgrades, practiced sports skills with Year 8, hosted on Grandparents' Day, and raced in our Carnivals.

CURRICULUM

For the whole child

Our bespoke Pre-K curriculum prepares students for school life and aligns with our College vision, with a dedication to development of character and care for the whole child. Our teaching staff are dedicated to providing engaging and enriching experiences that will nurture thinking skills, creativity, collaboration and a love of life-long learning.

Literacy and Numeracy

PreLit occurs daily. It is a precursor to InitialLit in Kindergarten and is an evidence-based program designed for preschool children prior to formal schooling, laying a foundation for children to learn to read. PreLit focuses on phonological awareness

and oral language development through structured storybook reading.

Daily numeracy is play-based with links to Early Stage One curriculum. Investigations are 'hands on' and compliment the literacy and inquiry programs for school-readiness.



Music

Exploring sound, singing, learning basic skills, trying instruments and appreciating rhythm and movement.

Physical Education (PE)

Developing joy in activity and gross motor skills through a variety of movements, games and introductions to sports.

Visual Arts

Engaging in sensory awareness, experimenting with materials and self-expression, and creative possibilities.

French

Harnessing language-learning capability, learning songs, stories and skills, and appreciating French culture.

Library

Sustaining their love of reading, literacy learning, interest in stories of all kinds, and encouraging group inquiry.

Intergenerational Link

Our established program with Harbison Aged Care extends to Pre-K's 'Wisdom with Wombats' and promotes curiosity, connection, kindness and joy.

PRE-K IN PICTURES



THE NUTS & BOLTS

Days and Hours of Attendance

3-day Program (Monday - Wednesday OR Wednesday - Friday)

5-day Program (Monday - Friday)

8:45am to 3:00pm every day, each Term

Arrival from 8:20am, after school care to 6:00pm

Food

Students bring fruit for Crunch'n'Sip, and their own recess and lunch. Pre-K can have canteen-made lunch orders via Flexischools ordering.

What are the staffing ratios and qualifications?

We have one class with a ratio of 1:11. The teacher is fully qualified in Primary School Education. After 11 students, a learning assistant joins full-time.

Uniform

A modified sports uniform, designed for our Joeys to stand out!

Prerequisites to Enrolment

Pre-K is for students commencing Kindergarten the following year and should turn 4 by 30 April in their year of entry. Children must be toilet-trained and should show readiness to socialise with peers and cope with a full day program.

Fees

Oxley's Pre-K program is different to a daycare or pre-school that operates within ACECQA guidelines that attracts recurrent Government funding. Our bespoke program taught by a Bachelor-qualified teacher allows for broader offerings and greater flexibility within the program and curriculum, focusing on Early Stage One outcomes rather than ACECQA guidelines. Our tuition fees do not attract a childcare rebate or subsidised fees, however, after school care (TheirCare) does. Please see the Fee Schedule on our website for all information on fees and charges.



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