



Pre-Kindergarten Preparatory Learning Centre

Philosophy

The Preparatory program for 3 and 4 year old children at All Saints Grammar is inspired by the **Reggio Emilia** philosophy.

The philosophy is based upon the following set of principles:

- Children must have some control over the direction of their learning;
- Children learn best through experiences of touching, moving, listening, seeing and hearing;
- Children must be allowed to explore; and
- Children must have endless ways and opportunities to express themselves.

The program is child centred and based on the view that children learn best through interaction with parents, staff, peers and the environment.

Emphasis on the Teacher

There is a shared belief in Reggio Emilia that children have an innate understanding of how to relate to the world. Therefore, the job of the teacher is to nurture that ability so that the child can grow and learn.

The teacher will spend time to:

- listen to the children as they interact with their learning environment;
- observe interaction with their peers;
- stimulate thinking through the posing of questions;
- encourage children to explore and extend their own theories and ideas;
- accept and value differences;
- observe, document, and interpret; and
- have a profound respect for each child.

The Physical Environment

The environment of the Preparatory Learning Centre is seen as the third educator, after the teacher and the parent. Therefore, the classrooms are arranged in such a way that provokes and stimulates the children to undertake extended exploration and problem solving.

Careful consideration has been given to the furniture and space as well as materials used.

Children

Loris Malaguzzi wrote a poem about the many languages of children.

*The child is made of one hundred.
The child has a hundred languages,
a hundred hands, a hundred thoughts.
A hundred ways of thinking,
of playing, of speaking.*

The hundred languages being referred to include drawing, building, modelling, sculpturing, discussing, inventing, discovering, constructing, manipulating and more. The classroom environment has been set up to encourage children to use all hundred languages to learn.

Curriculum

The program places emphasis on the following:

- communication
- social skills
- early numeracy
- early literacy
- gross and fine motor skills
- scientific concepts.

Learning takes place through creative play, group work, investigation, music, drama, and individual learning situations.

Specialist Staff also work with the students in: **PE, Library, Music and Modern Greek.**

Programs Offered

To suit the different needs of children and their parents we offer a 2 day (Mon/Tues); 3 day (Wed-Fri) or 5 day option.

Uniform

Children attending the Preparatory Learning Centre wear the All Saints Grammar summer and winter sport uniform.

Hours of Operation

The program operates between 9:00am and 3:00pm during All Saints Grammar school term time with supervision available from 8:00am to 3:30pm from Monday to Friday.

After School Care

After School care is offered by Camp Australia and is available upon application via: <http://www.campastralia.com.au/> (fees are applicable) from 3:30pm to 6:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Commencement Age

Classes are offered to children one and two years before commencing formal schooling. Children must turn 3 prior to 31 May to be eligible for the 3yr old program.

Location

The classes are located off campus, in our Preparatory Learning Centre facility adjacent to the Church.

All Enquiries: Contact the Enrolment Officer on 9718 7715 or email: enrolments@allsaints.nsw.edu.au
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