



THE PREP YEAR

Preparing my child for Prep

An exciting start to your child's journey



When students come to Prep they should be able to:

- Write their own name – capital letter for the first letter, then rest of name in lower case letters
- Recognise the letters of the alphabet
- Recognise numbers from 0 – 10

Literacy and Numeracy – your role as parents/care provider

What do the words literacy and numeracy mean?

Literacy means the ability to communicate by reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing.

Numeracy means the ability to interpret, apply and communicate information about numbers, measurement and shapes.

When do children start learning about literacy and numeracy?

As soon as they are born, children begin to build understanding of the things around them. This includes knowledge of things related to words and numbers.

Where does this learning happen?

Everywhere! Shopping, sharing a meal, at bath time, driving in the car, visiting friends and always when your children are playing. Learning also happens when children are in care, at kindergarten or child care centres.

What can I do?

You are already helping your child develop literacy and numeracy when you:

- Talk and listen to your child
- Read, observe, compare and investigate things together
- Play with your child and share what you know
- Make the most of all the moments when learning can happen
- Build a relationship with your child's school and gain knowledge of learning expectations
- Share with teachers what you know about your child
- Ask the teacher questions about the Prep program and how you can support this at home



How Children Learn

Children learn every day!

Children learn every day through play and everyday activities as this helps them to develop socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually.

While the word 'play' might make you think of having fun, it is also a way that young children learn. When children play, they explore and practise ideas. They copy ways of talking and behaving in response to what they see around them. Through play, they form ideas about the world.

Children learn by watching, talking and doing from a very early age. This is also true when they learn about words and numbers.

No two children develop exactly the same way or at the same rate. Consider each child's progress as a unique journey. Encourage their efforts and celebrate even the smallest achievement.

You support your child's learning by involving them in the everyday things you do.

Shopping

Shopping offers opportunities for naming, counting, comparing, choosing and sharing. Try:

- Write a shopping list
- Compare sizes and prices
- Find a favourite brand
- Count items as you put them in, or take them out of the trolley
- Sort out groceries from the fridge items when you unpack at home.

Meal Time

Talking, reading, measuring, matching and estimating – all of this happens when you plan a meal together. Encourage your child to:

- Discuss likes and dislikes
- Read a recipe or take-away menu
- Measure ingredients
- Match cups and saucers; sort knives and forks
- Estimate appetites and quantities

Visiting friends

Visiting can involve planning, organising, cooperating and problem solving.

- Mark a calendar with the date and time
- Count the days
- Plan some games or choose a DVD to watch
- Share toys
- Write a thank you card

How Children Learn (continued)

Bath time

With water, children estimate, experiment and predict. Try:

- Fill and empty different containers
- Experiment with things that float and sink
- Imagine and talk about what might happen if ... we lived under water? ...we never had a bath? ...the sea dried up?

Play time

During make-believe play, children use speech and actions to express their thoughts and understandings.

- Keep old clothes for dressing up
- Make up a story using family photographs
- Sing and dance to some favourite music
- Use empty boxes and old sheets to make a cubby house

Peace Lutheran College Check List

Submit Enrolment Application

- Pay Application Fee of \$55.00
- Birth Certificate/Passport and Residency Documentation
- Immunisation Records

Prep Information Morning

- Parents and students invited to attend the Prep Information morning to hear and learn about the Prep curriculum, meet the teachers and other families
- To ensure you don't miss this opportunity we encourage you to register your interest by emailing our Enrolments Officer via enrolments@plc.qld.edu.au

Interview with Head of Junior School

- Student and Parent/s attend interview
- If accepted, a Letter Of Offer will be issued
- Pay the Enrolment Deposit of \$400 per child or \$600 per family by nominated time to secure position



Being Prepared

Orientation Morning

This is an opportunity for students to come to their Prep class for a morning so they can get to know other students, the teachers and become familiar with the classroom environment

Booklist and Stationery requirements

- Booklist detailing stationery requirements will be sent out towards the end of the year
- Stationery can be ordered from the preferred stationery suppliers as listed

Medical Information

PLC Medical Form must be completed for each student. Please advise College of any allergies, medical conditions etc.

Excursions

All excursions, camps, performances, swimming lessons are covered in your school fees.



Uniform Requirements

All Peace Lutheran College Uniforms are available to purchase from **Uniform Link**
<https://uniformlink.iig.com.au/>

Second-hand uniforms are advertised via a public Facebook page – Peace Lutheran College Buy Swap Sell.

Sport Team allocation (siblings will all stay in same sports team)

- **Red Emperors**
- **Gold Dingos**
- **Green Eagles**
- **Blue Dolphins**



Shoes - (refer to Athletes Foot Pamphlet)

- Formal wear – black leather school shoes (preferably Velcro not laces)
- Sports – joggers any colour but NOT black



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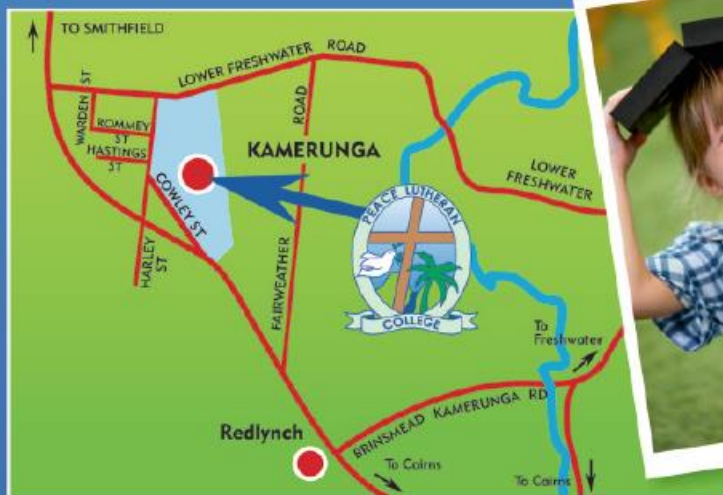
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