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The Better Prepared the Stronger

Success Matters

In a recent assessment by the Queensland Government, Canterbury College Kindergarten was one of a select few rated as **Exceeding the National Quality Standard in all seven Quality Areas:**

- ✓ Educational Program and Practice
- ✓ Children's Health and Safety
- ✓ Physical Environment
- ✓ Staffing Arrangements
- ✓ Relationships with Children
- ✓ Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities
- ✓ Leadership and Service Management



We are extremely proud of this achievement. It reflects upon the effectiveness of our Kindergarten philosophy:

- Each child is a unique individual with special characteristics to be nurtured and developed in an inclusive environment.
- We encourage the development of spiritual, social, emotional and physical growth through a holistic approach to education.
- High expectations of a child socially, ethically and academically encourage a positive disposition to learning allowing children to develop to their full potential.
- A child's education is a learning journey which begins in the Kindergarten and continues through to Year 12 and beyond.
- An environment that is flexible, stimulating, accessible and child-responsive supports and fosters a child's curiosity, creativity and risk taking.
- Children learn best through participating in real life activities with hands on experiences, building on their prior knowledge and where they are encouraged to explore, be independent and problem solve to construct meaning about themselves and the world.
- Through social interactions, children build their competence in life skills, resilience and the understanding of social justice.
- We accept, respect and celebrate difference and the influence of other people's cultural and social contexts.
- Working in collaborative partnerships with families and the community provides a supportive, positive learning environment for children.
- Play is an important catalyst for children's learning and provides opportunities to explore roles and relationships
- By engaging children in cooperative learning and group experiences we encourage children to explore and expand their use of language through play and discussion with others.
- We foster the development of numeracy skills through hands-on exploration and by making personal connections to real life situations.



A supportive and engaging Kindergarten education is an essential early step in your child's educational journey.

Canterbury Kindergarten teachers and teacher aides nurture their students with **tailored programs** focussing on experiential learning and development of the whole child.

Children are **actively engaged** through play-based learning and a range of literacy and numeracy-based academic programs. We also have a readers' program, allowing children to visit the library and take home a book to read. Children are **encouraged to question, discover, problem solve and create** as they explore their world while developing a sense of belonging.

By ensuring they enjoy their educational experience, the Canterbury Kindergarten program builds a **foundation for a lifetime love of learning**. This is achieved through the many opportunities for the children to develop their confidence and skills in literacy through enjoyable activities with sounds, letters, rhymes and early readers.

The Canterbury Kindergarten curriculum also focusses on the development of memory, language, physical education, self-confidence and problem solving skills. We introduce children to pre-requisite skills needed for formal learning in areas such as reading, writing and mathematics.

Children can also play in the Kindergarten's adventure education playground which has been **purpose-built for sensory motor learning** and early development.





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Canterbury College Kindergarten Program

The right choice for your child

Children may commence Kindergarten from age 3 attending either two, three or five days per week. The day starts at 8:30am and finishes at 3:15pm with before and after school care available at no additional cost outside of these hours.

Partnerships with parents are valued at Canterbury. There are many opportunities for parents to participate in their children's learning inside and outside the classroom.