

# Pre-Prep and Prep Programs at Clayfield College



Clayfield College offers a safe and secure environment that allows our Pre-Prep and Prep students to develop independence and the necessary social, emotional and personal skills needed to prepare them for the next step in their school journey. Our Early Childhood program covers English and Mathematics, balanced with time for play and specialist lessons, including Kodaly Music, Physical Education and Christian Education.

Our Pre-Prep and Prep classes are located in a purpose built facility with large classrooms opening out onto a self-contained and stimulating playground environment. Each class is supervised by a teacher and a full-time teaching assistant. Our Early Childhood program covers English and Mathematics, balanced with time for play and specialist lessons, including Kodaly Music, Physical Education and Christian Education.

## Pre-Prep at Clayfield College

The Pre-Prep Program at Clayfield College is a one unit centre catering for students who turn 4 years old by June 30 in the year of entry. Children attend each day from 9.00am -2.00pm on a full-time basis during school term time. The doors to the Pre-Prep classroom open at 8.30am and are closed at 3.00pm. The Pre-Prep program accommodates 22 students.

The program focuses on the social and emotional development of the whole child with experiences in gross motor, fine motor, early literacy and numeracy activities in a play-based environment. The day is structured to include indoor and outdoor activities as well as specialist music lessons.

The centre is staffed by teachers with early childhood qualifications and a deep commitment to early childhood philosophy. The classroom teacher is supported by an experienced full-time teaching assistant.

We believe that parents are their child's first teachers and we encourage active interest and involvement by parents throughout the year.

Towards the end of the Pre-Prep year a transitional program for the Prep year is conducted.

As Pre-Prep is not a recognised year of schooling, families are eligible for the Child Care Benefit.





The Clayfield College Pre-Prep and Prep Programs are renowned for a culture of friendship, care and concern for others. A philosophy and program of pastoral care is embedded in the daily life of the College where self-esteem and self-worth are nurtured. Students are encouraged to develop self-discipline, independence and cooperation.

In developing the Pre-Prep program at Clayfield College we aim to:

- Provide a play based, holistic curriculum that caters for individuality and diversity, covering all areas of early childhood development and learning including, social, emotional, cognitive, communicative and physical growth.
- Encourage active learning and foster a collaborative, negotiated approach to curriculum, where children and teachers co-construct knowledge and build on developmental needs and interests as they emerge.
- Value and celebrate the efforts, prior experience and ideas of all children, promoting the development of positive self concept and a strong sense of identity.
- Provide a safe environment in which children become aware of and adapt to routines in order to develop a logical way of thinking about the world and its social rules.
- Involve families as partners in their children's' learning.



## Prep at Clayfield College

Clayfield College operates two Prep classes for children who turn 5 years old by June 30 in the year of entry. Children attend each day from 8.30am – 2.30pm on a full-time basis during school term time.

The Prep program follows the Australian Curriculum for English, Mathematics and Science and the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) Early Years Curriculum Guidelines for the other learning areas. It offers a balanced program with recognition of the importance of learning through play. Early literacy and numeracy skills are essential components of the curriculum along with a focus on children's social and emotional development and school readiness.

Experienced Early Childhood teachers and teachers' assistants oversee the program in the Prep classrooms and playground. This secure environment allows the children the opportunity to develop independence and the necessary social, emotional and personal skills to prepare them for Junior School.

The Prep program also covers specialist lessons, including Kodály Music, Physical Education and Christian Education. English as a Second Language (ESL) is also offered to those students who require this assistance with a specialist teacher. As members of Primary School at Clayfield College our Prep students are also involved in other aspects of school life such as Chapel and Assembly.

Parents are offered a formal interview as well as report cards during the year to inform them of their child's progress and development.

The Clayfield Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) facility operates on an occasional, part-time and full-time basis for students from Prep to Year 6, offering before school and after school care as well as vacation care programs on a 'pay as you use' principle. OSHC is run and supervised by qualified Childcare accredited staff, and is also registered with the Child Care Benefit.



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