

Queensland Lutheran Early Childhood Services



Our Philosophy

The young child is a gift from God (Psalm 127:3).

We believe that each child is a unique creation of God and their talents and gifts should be encouraged, nurtured and supported by parents, family, teachers and early childhood professionals.

We value all children for their uniqueness and view them in the context of their family and within the wider community.

We believe that all children need encouragement.

We believe all children deserve our respect.

We believe that all children have an ability to learn, and learn best, when they experience success and take responsibility for their own learning.

We believe that early childhood education is an important and valuable stage in the lifelong learning process.

We are committed to policies and practices that support the relationship between families and staff, with a program that is safe, and provides opportunities for individuals to develop a meaningful awareness of the love of God and of their world.

We see ourselves as partners with families and community.

As a management model, we are guided by ethical and moral values and we strive to reflect the characteristics of God, especially love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, patience and service. All staff are supported to work collaboratively, sharing a vision for best practice and quality outcomes for children.



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St Peter's Lutheran Kindergarten Springfield



Introducing St Peters Lutheran Kindergarten Springfield

We welcome the opportunity to be partners with you and your child at St Peters Lutheran College Springfield. Together we will share the exciting journey as your child learns and grows into the talented and gifted person God created. We want to provide your child with a safe, secure, comfortable and supportive learning environment.

Our program at St Peters Lutheran Kindergarten Springfield aims to stimulate young minds to think outside the square and foster creativity. We will challenge thinking and doing, and support cooperative learning.

We will address the needs, interests and abilities of each child and recognise them as the unique individuals they are. The curriculum is delivered in a play-based model and supports excellence in Early Childhood Education. Above all, we wish all children to grow in their love of learning, providing a lifelong appreciation and thirst for knowledge and skills to serve others.



About the Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten operates as an Approved Kindergarten Program within a long day model. Operating Monday to Friday from 7.00 am - 6.00 pm, (excluding public holidays), the service opens for 48 weeks of the year with a four week closure at mid-December to January each year.

The teacher-directed program, based on the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines, operates for at least 40 weeks per year and is delivered by a registered, four-year trained early childhood education teacher. The eight-week Vacation Care Program is play-based and aligns with the principles of the Early Years Learning Framework and is staffed with qualified early childhood educators. Our Kindergarten operates on a maximum of 1:11 staff ratio.

We follow the enrolment priority guidelines set out by the Federal Government. For children to gain the full benefit of their Kindergarten year, we recommend that enrolment is for a minimum of two consecutive days, as this provides the opportunity for the best learning outcomes for your child.

The Kindergarten is an Approved Care Provider. Eligible families have their Child Care Benefit applied directly to their fees and are also able to claim the Child Care Rebate.



The Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District (LCAQD) is the Approved Provider for the Kindergarten.

Queensland Lutheran Early Childhood Services (QLECS) is a branch of Lutheran Education Queensland (LEQ) and holds the delegated authority of the Approved Provider and acts on behalf of the Approved Provider (LCAQD). QLECS works in partnership with St Peters Lutheran College Springfield for the ongoing operation of the Kindergarten.

Enrolment

Enrolment at St Peters Lutheran Kindergarten Springfield is separate to enrolment at St Peters Lutheran College Springfield.

Please contact Carmen Efremoff on 3470 3830 or at stpeters.kgtsfield@qlecs.org.au to be enrolled or placed on the waiting list for future years.

How can parents be involved?

Parents are encouraged to be involved within the Kindergarten in a variety of ways as part of the Advisory Group, with fundraising, organising social events, reviewing policies, covering books, giving feedback, etc.