



Information for Prospective Families

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"A Preschool education is one of the best gifts you can give your child"
(anon)

Thank you for your interest in enrolling your child in our Preschool. This information is designed to briefly outline some details which you may find helpful. Please feel free to contact our Director should you have any other questions. We also warmly invite you to visit our Preschool for a tour of our amazing facilities!

A Little About Us...

Northside Preschool was established on 3rd April, 1950. Northside Baptist Church in Crows Nest, manages the Preschool with the support of a Management Committee which consist of Church and Parent Representatives. The Management Committee oversees the financial management of the Preschool whilst the Director/Nominated Supervisor is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Preschool and the educational program.

Northside Preschool is licensed by the Department of Education and Communities for 40 children per day aged between 3-6 years. This group is divided into 2 classes (max 20 children in each class). The hours of operations and attendance patterns are as follows:

2 Day Group (3-4 year olds)

Monday & Tuesday 9am-3pm

3 Day Group (4-5 year olds)

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am-3pm.

We follow the NSW School terms with each term being approximately 10 weeks.

Each class is led by an Early Childhood Teacher and accompanied by an experienced educator. We have a support teacher working 3-4 mornings per week supporting children's learning and another educator who supports each class and covers staff breaks. One of the best aspects of a Preschool is that your child will have the same teacher/educator for the whole week and be with the same group of children assisting in settling and further learning.

We have a waitlist and places are offered according to our enrolment policy. Applications for positions on the waitlist from birth, with proof of age required and the application fee.

**Please note, returning the application form DOES NOT guarantee you a position at the preschool.*

Our Philosophy:

Mission Statement-

To provide high quality education and care for children aged 3-6 years in a nurturing and stimulating environment. We aim to facilitate the development of strong foundations for life in partnership with families and the community. We cater for the diverse needs of the children and families in our community.

We believe families are the most important people in children's lives and have the biggest impact on their learning. We value family input and support and have many different ways to include families within our Preschool program.

Our Program is based on the children's interest and development and use the Early Years Learning Framework to guide our practices and outcomes for each child.

We value children as capable and resourceful and use their ideas and suggestions to shape the program and further their learning.

Fees:

As a not for profit preschool, we rely on fees to cover the cost of operation. Fees are set by the Management Committee and families receive an invoice each term. Fees can be paid in 2 instalments. Fees are not charged for school holidays.

A bond is required on accepting a position at the Preschool and only refundable at the end of your child's last year with us. More information is available when a formal offer is made to families.

What do we need to bring?

- Children bring their own morning tea (fruit only) and a packed lunch (nutritious and low waste please)
- A water bottle
- Sleep sheets (we have a relaxation time for all children but no-one has to sleep!)
- As a welcome gift, each child receives a special Preschool hat!

We are an **allergy aware Preschool** and as such request no nuts/nut products be sent to Preschool.

Parent testimonials

"The staff at Northside Baptist Preschool take a genuine interest in each child, and we have greatly appreciated their hard work and dedication in providing such a stimulating learning environment. We are confident that Northside has given our daughter a wonderful foundation as she continues her education at primary school next year." (Melanie M, 2014)

"My daughter spent two extremely happy years at Northside. The environment created at the preschool by the teachers and staff is very caring, is conducive to encouraging learning and participation, and creates all-round happy children. The routines and curriculum are designed to ensure a smooth transition to school, and my daughter has greatly benefitted from this. The staff are wonderful and tailor support to the individual children and their families. I think Northside is a fantastic preschool and I highly recommend it to all parents." (Victoria A, 2014)

We would love to meet with you and show you around our Preschool. Please call the Preschool and arrange a tour.