



Little  Sprouts

Grace Christian School Pre-Kindergarten Program



WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND HEAD OF JUNIOR PRIMARY

Welcome to our Pre-Kindergarten program, fondly known as 'Little Sprouts'.

We are excited that you have entrusted your child to us in their early years to encourage, teach, and grow. Our Christian values and beliefs inform every decision we make as we care for your child.

As you consider Little Sprouts, you can be confident your child will be nurtured in a place that values children, and their God given gifts and differences.

We look forward to partnering with you and welcoming your family into our community at Grace Christian School.



Mr Hugo de Ridder



Mrs Donna Holman

STUDENT LEARNING

The teaching and learning process is based on the Early Years Learning Framework of belonging, being and becoming, while intentionally approaching learning from a biblical worldview.

We provide a rich, meaningful, play-based and multi-sensory environment, which maximises interaction and exploration of God's world.

We aim to engage children in learning experiences that support all aspects of their development with a particular focus on developing oral language skills, fine and gross motor skills, self-confidence and social interactions.

WHAT AGE CAN MY CHILD START LITTLE SPROUTS?

Children may attend Little Sprouts from the day they turn three years old. Children may commence at any stage throughout the year, provided they are enrolled and places are available in the program.

Parents are encouraged to apply early to secure a place for their child.

STAFF AND CLASS SIZES

Our staff are experienced Early Childhood teachers.

Class sizes are limited to twenty students, creating a personalized environment.



DAY TO DAY PROGRAM

Session Times

Little Sprouts is offered one day a week on:

Wednesday: 8.40am – 2.50pm

When the classroom opens for the day, you are welcome to come inside and do a puzzle or another quiet activity with your child. A bell will indicate when it's time to say goodbye to your child.

Children are to be collected by an adult each afternoon and need to be supervised at all times outside school hours. Please notify your child's teacher either in person or via the school diary if someone other than yourself is picking up your child.

Parent Roster

We welcome parents to be actively involved in the classroom. Being on parent roster provides special time with your child, and allows you to observe them in their learning environment. If you would like to be involved, we encourage you to place your name on the parent roster.

Remember to sign yourself in at the Reception desk in the Administration Office before heading to the classroom. Siblings are welcome but we ask that you are responsible for them.



WHAT TO BRING

Each day, your child will need to bring the following things:

- School bag
- Hat
- Water bottle
- Fruit/morning snack
- Lunch box
- Pillow
- Change of clothes x 2

Toileting

It is desirable that your child is toilet trained. However, we understand that some children are in the process of being toilet trained. If this is the case, please speak to one of the staff.

Recess and Lunch Times

We encourage you to pack nutritious food options in your child's lunchbox, to enable healthy eating and optimal learning. To foster independence, we ask that you put your child's food in containers that are easy for them to open by themselves. Please ensure all containers are labelled.



WHAT TO WEAR

The Early childhood uniform needs to be purchased from the Uniform Shop, and consists of:

- Polo shirt (navy) with Little Sprouts logo.
- Denims/denim shorts (knee length) with elastic waist.
- Shoes – Please ensure your child's footwear is suitable for activity; this may include sandals, or joggers with Velcro straps.
- Hat (navy) - Wide brimmed with school logo



Please note: At Grace Christian School we uphold the 'no hat, no play' policy for all children in the Primary School. If your child does not bring a school hat to school, they will be asked to play on the verandah.

Important: Please label all personal belongings. Order forms for naming labels are available through the uniform shop and front office reception desk. Naming should be done with indelible ink – full names only (no initials please) or using iron-on, sew-on or stick on labels.

Spare Clothes: Please ensure that your child has a set of spare clothes in their bag and that they are appropriate for the season. It may be necessary to change during the day if your child has a toileting accident or gets wet from water play.



GOOD TO KNOW

Quiet Time

Your child's class will participate in a quiet time after lunch each day, which will be dependent on the needs of the children. Your child is required to bring a small cushion with them when they attend each session.

Sickness

During the year your child may have times when they are unable to come to school due to illness. If so, we request you keep them at home to rest until they are fully recovered, to help stop cross infection.

At this stage, your child should be up to date with their immunisations. Please provide Student Services with all current records and keep them up to date with any changes.

If your child develops a medical condition during the year, please inform Student Services and provide an up to date medical action plan where necessary.

Fees

Pre Kindy is charged at \$50 per session. Fees are invoiced a term in advance and are payable by the commencement of each term.

Reimbursements and credits are not available for absences, however public holidays and student free days are not charged for. Child Care Benefit/Rebate and Health Care Card discounts are not available for the Little Sprouts program fees. Tuition discounts for siblings do not apply to Little Sprouts.

Can I come and have a look?

We'd love to show you our Little Sprouts classroom and the wonderful things the children are doing in our Early Childhood area.

Please contact Enrolments on 9726 4200 or email enrol@grace.wa.edu.au.



OUR MOTTO

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,

Or stand in the way of sinners,

Or sit in the seat of mockers.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

And on His law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,

Which yields its fruit in season,

And whose leaf does not wither.

Whatever he does prospers."

Psalm 1 : 1-3



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