



Mid-Year Reception

Semester Two Intake

Ensuring we provide an exceptional early years' experience for all students is paramount to our work at St Peter's Woodlands. With this in mind, we offer a Mid-Year Reception class. Children who begin Reception in the Mid-Year class will have 6 terms in Reception, setting them up for further success in their schooling.

Eligibility Criteria

We aim to keep the number of children in the Mid-Year Reception class in the low twenties, therefore we will be offering places in the Mid-Year Reception class based on the age criteria below in the following order:

1. Children who turn 5 before 30 June
2. Children who turn 5 before 31 August
3. Children who turn 5 before 31 October

We know that all children's development is personalised and will therefore have conversations with families and ELC Educators throughout the year to discuss each child's best education path for the following year.

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled."

- Plutarch





Program Outline

Curriculum

The National Australian Curriculum will be taught including Specialists lessons in the Arts and Physical Education. The Mid-Year Reception curriculum aims to provide a gradual transition from an early childhood setting to the school environment.

Children will engage in child led inquiry and play based learning to facilitate this gradual shift. In addition, they will continue with our Literacy Programs, Let's Decode and Michael Heggerty's Phonemic Awareness. Children will begin our R-6 Bounce Back Wellbeing program and participate in school Chapels and Assemblies. Children will also have weekly visits to the Library.

Attendance

The Mid-Year Reception program is 5 days a week Monday-Friday 8.30am-3.15pm

Canteen

For all Reception children, Recess and Lunch orders can be made by parents through the QKR! app only. Children are intentionally taught how to use money to purchase items from the canteen in Year One.

Tuition

Mid-Year Reception Fees will be half of a full Reception year's tuition.

Reporting

Term 3 – Parent Teacher Conference

Term 4 – End of Semester Report

All families will be set up on SeeSaw, our digital learning portfolio, to see their child's diverse school experiences and celebrate their learning.

Extra-Curriculum

Children will be able to engage in before and after school activities in their fourth term of Reception (Term 2 of the following year).

Uniform

The school PE uniform can be worn each day for our Mid-Year Reception class. This is a comfortable option for young children and allows parents to purchase the one uniform suitable for Summer and Winter Terms.

If your child is excited to wear the formal school uniform, then the following guidelines apply.

Term 1 and 4 – Summer uniform

Term 2 and 3 – Winter uniform

OSHC

Children can attend SPW OSHC before or after school as needed.

To keep in line with our personalised learning journeys for children, some children may benefit from revisiting the Reception Curriculum and will therefore move into a new Reception class the following year to complete the final 4 terms of Reception. Other children may be ready to continue moving through the Reception Curriculum and will therefore stay with children at a similar level for the remaining 4 terms of Reception. When considering class placements for the following year we always ensure children have a supportive friend in their class.

Flying Start School Transition Program

In Term 2 of Preschool children will begin carefully planned visits to the Reception class with their Mid-Year Reception teacher. The final visit will be shared with families coming along and enjoying a morning tea and time with their child in their new classroom.

Preschool Graduation

Children progressing through to the Mid-Year Reception class will celebrate the completion of their ELC learning at a very special Chapel Graduation in Term 2.

Information Sessions

An information evening will be held in Term 2 for families to attend and hear about school life. In Term 3 a Parent Reading Information Workshop will also run to share our approach to teaching children to read and how parents can support their child at home.

