



THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Pre-Kindergarten
to Year 2





Welcome to The Hutchins School Early Learning Centre

The Hutchins School Early Learning Centre (ELC) provides a stimulating, nurturing and vibrant environment for boys from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2.

The early years are the most vital in a child's educational life. During this time children are entering a social world stretching beyond the family. They are trying to establish themselves as members of a peer group community. It is also during this period that they acquire the foundation skills for future learning. They form crucial attitudes towards learning and towards themselves as learners.



Curriculum

The curriculum in the Early Learning Centre is based on the Early Years Learning Framework for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten year groups (with a Reggio Emilia approach where relevant) and the Australian Curriculum for Prep (Foundation) to Year 2. The class teacher takes all of the core subject areas including, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and Art. Specialist teachers are provided for Music, French, Physical Education, Library and RAVE (Religious and Values Education). Provision is made for EAL/D (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) support and there are targeted support and Gifted and Talented programs from Prep to Year 2.

Co-curricular activities

Co-curricular activities for ELC students include dance, music and winter sports (from Year 1). Private music instrumental lessons are offered (at a cost) for students from Kindergarten upwards.

Special features

- A social and emotional wellbeing program (Bounce Back) from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6
- Award winning purpose built classrooms
- An onsite Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) facility for students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6
- A separate play area – with phased in participation with older students (Years 1 and 2)
- Whole school participation for certain events (e.g. House Assembly)
- Informal buddy system with Junior and Senior School students
- An introduction to the Outdoor Education program with a day at Southport for our Year 2 students
- Chapel for Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2 once a week
- Early Learning Centre Assembly once a fortnight for students and parents/carers
- Links with our co-operating schools St Michael's Collegiate and Fahan School for combined social/learning opportunities
- Year 2 students participate in the winter sport program (Terms 2 and 3)
- Years 1 and 2 students have the opportunity if they wish to play a sport for the School on a Saturday (e.g. soccer)





*‘The first five years have
so much to do with how
the next 80 turn out’*

– William H Gates Sr (Co-Chairman of *Thrive by Five*)



Centre for Excellence

The Centre's programs support the academic, social and communication skills of students according to individual needs. Students may receive support in a number of ways; in class, in small group programs or with one on one support.

Each year students are assessed in spelling, literacy and numeracy. These assessments inform placement of students into either the learning support or our gifted program.

The vision of the Centre for Excellence seeks to provide an engaging, challenging and rewarding education for students on the same basis as their peers. Explicit teaching, targeted pedagogy and educational pathways enable students to reach their full potential as active global citizens.





In order to achieve the best possible educational outcomes for students across the learning spectrum the Centre provides:

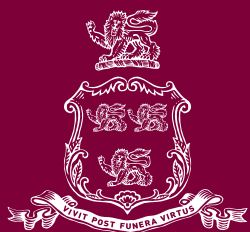
- Subject support in small groups or individual study options
- Nurturing and encouragement of the development of boys' social and emotional skills
- Support for students and teachers in the classroom
- Support for parents/carers and liaison with specialists
- Information designed to support teachers in the provision of an appropriately differentiated program

Outside School Hours Care

Hutchins Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is based in the Early Learning Centre at The Hutchins School. We cater for boys and girls between 3 and 12 years, and operate on ratios of one staff member per 10 children for ages 3–5, and one staff member per 15 children for ages 6–12. The service is operated by a team of staff with both qualifications and years of experience in Children's Services.

Vacation care programs are also available which include activities and excursions for all age groups.

The Hutchins School Early Learning Centre is an approved child care provider and therefore the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) applies to all Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Outside School Hours Care fees.



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