



Our Motto

## Everything with God

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Coral Coast Christian School is a co-educational school, which caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. It is administered by the School Council under the operational procedures of the Board of Directors of Seventh-day Adventist Schools (South Queensland Conference) Limited.

### OUR VISION

Nurture for Today, Learning for Tomorrow and  
Character for Eternity



Coral Coast Christian School

## Kindergarten

Parent Information Handbook



A Christian Kindergarten operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Education System

# WELCOME

Welcome to Coral Coast Christian School (CCCS) and thank you for choosing CCCS Kindy. For some children it may be the first time away from their home environment and at CCCS we understand that for parents, selecting the right Kindy for your child is a very important decision. Please be assured that you have chosen a school that believes in providing a loving, caring Christian environment where the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of each child is allowed to progress at its own rate.

At CCCS, we aim to provide the highest quality care and education and endeavour to partner closely with parents in the education process. Please take the time to read this booklet as the information will help you and your child to settle in more quickly. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Principal who will be happy to answer your questions.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- The Kindy operates Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the school term.
- **The program runs from 8:45am to 2:45pm.**
- **Doors open at 8:30am** and parents will have 15 minutes to settle their child before the bell rings at **8:45am.**
- Parents and caregivers need to be at the Kindy between **2:30pm and 2:45pm ready to collect their children.** Older children are not able to collect their younger siblings unless they are 18 years or over of age, and listed on the Authorised Nominees Form.

## TERM DATES 2018

**Term 1** – Tuesday, 29 January - Friday, 5 April

**Term 2** – Tuesday, 23 April - Friday, 21 June

**Term 3** – Wednesday, 15 July - Wednesday, 18 September

**Term 4** – Tuesday, 8 October - Friday, 6 December

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We have an open door policy and parents are welcome at Kindy at any time. Parents are invited to assist in the Kindy through a parent roster as well as to join in excursions or share any special talents or skills you may have.

Extended family members are welcome to volunteer, however they will need to apply for or present their Blue card at the office before they can volunteer in the school. Please check with the school office for further details.

We welcome feedback and suggestions from parents so that we can best meet the needs of your children.

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

### Library

The class will visit the school library each week and will have the chance to borrow a book to take home. Please encourage your child to keep their book in their library bag when not reading.

### Transition to Prep

Being part of a Primary School is a great advantage in the transition to Prep. Towards the end of the Kindy year, children will have a number of opportunities to visit the other primary school classes, and become more involved in activities with the rest of the school. This transition means that children are familiar with the environment and people when they enter their Prep year.

## SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

To keep up to date with school news and events we encourage you to join our school Facebook page and visit the CCCS website. The Facebook page is a closed group for student's safety and privacy, and you will need to ask to join. For more details please contact the School office.

# CHILD CARE BENEFIT / REGISTERED CARE



The CCCS Kindy is registered with the Department of Human Services as a Registered Care Provider. Being a Registered Care Provider means that eligible families may now be able to claim the Child Care Benefit for Registered Care Payment.

For information about eligibility and claiming, please contact the Department of Human Services. A Fact Sheet about Child Care benefit for Registered Care is available from our school office.

## QKFS PLUS KINDY SUPPORT SUBSIDY

QKFS Plus Kindy Support Subsidy is available for those who hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card, Australian Government Pension Concession Card with automatic Health care card entitlements; or identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or has a child who does); or has three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

## DAILY ROUTINE

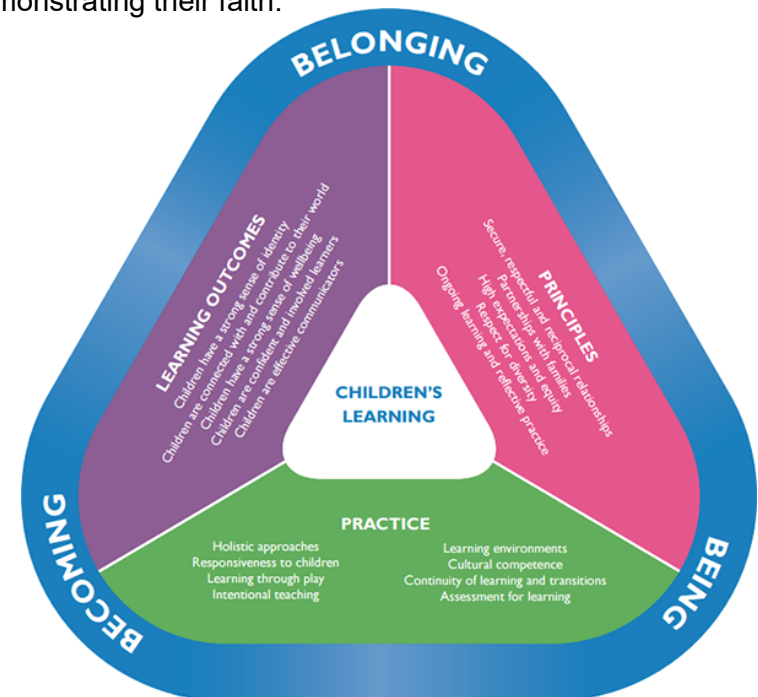
A typical day for our Kindy students would include some of the following:

- Art, craft and other fine motor skills
- Physical education and games for gross motor development
- Music, singing, poetry and rhymes
- Movement and drama experiences
- Science and discovery experiences
- Books and stories, including Bible stories
- Blocks and construction
- Outside play
- Free role play and dressing up
- Pre-reading, pre-writing and pre-numeracy activities
- A quiet time for rest, or a sleep, depending on the needs of each child
- Structured meal times where children and staff sit down together.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

At the CCCS Kindy.....

- We aim to equip your child with knowledge, skills and experiences which will assist them to take their place in their family and the school community with confidence.
- We acknowledge the important role of you the parent as your child's first educator and endeavour to foster positive relationships between home and school as we partner in the education of your child.
- We recognise that your child is an individual with different God-given talents that need to be nurtured by providing opportunities for growth spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually.
- We ensure open ended play based learning focuses on the process not the product. It is the learning that is taking place that is the all important factor.
- Our team aims to develop in your child a love of learning, a compassion for others, and an appreciation and acceptance of all people.
- Our commitment to implementing a curriculum based on a Biblical World View means that all our staff are Christians who are actively demonstrating their faith.



# CURRICULUM

CCCS Kindy runs a play-based program underpinned by the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline, and approached from a Biblical World View.

The Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline is based on the Early Years Learning Framework, and helps teachers develop quality learning programs for children in the kindergarten year. It contains five learning and development areas.

## Identity

A kindergarten child who has a strong sense of identity:

- is building a sense of security and trust
- acts with increasing independence and perseverance
- is building a confident self-identity

## Connectedness

A kindergarten child who is connected with and contributes to their world:

- is building positive relationships with others
- shows increasing respect for diversity
- shows increasing respect for environments

## Wellbeing

A kindergarten child who has a strong sense of wellbeing:

- is building a sense of autonomy and wellbeing
- explores ways to show care and concern and interact positively with others
- explores ways to promote own and others' health and safety
- explores ways to promote physical wellbeing

## Active Learning

A kindergarten child who is a confident and involved learner:

- is building positive dispositions and approaches toward learning
- shows increasing confidence and involvement in learning
- engages in ways to be imaginative and creative
- explores tools, technologies and information and communication technologies (ICT's)

## Communicating

A kindergarten child who is an effective communicator:

- explores and expands ways to use language
- explores and engages with literacy and numeracy in personally meaningful ways
- explores and engages with numeracy in personally meaningful ways

# KINDY STAFF

Our Teaching staff are university qualified with a Bachelor of Education and are registered with the Queensland College of Teachers. The teacher will be employed to develop and implement an educational program in collaboration with children and families

The teacher aide will be working with small groups of children, and will be a support to the teacher in implementing the care and education program.

# CLASS SIZE AND AGE

At CCCS classes are restricted to 24 children in order to meet requirements of adult/child ratios. Children must have turned 4 by June 30 in their kindergarten year (the year before prep, which is also known as pre-prep)

At CCCS Kindy your child must attend 3 days per week to meet requirements for entry into the funded program.

# WHAT TO BRING

- A lunch box containing a healthy morning tea, lunch and afternoon snack
- Water Bottle
- CCCS Hat
- Two sets of spare clothes
- A sheet (for rest time)



# UNIFORM

Uniforms can be purchased at Shawline Uniform Shop 17 Walker Street. Joggers with velcro are the ideal footwear. School socks are available at the office.

- CCCS Kindy Polo shirt
- CCCS Wide brimmed hat
- Black Skorts (girls)