



EMMANUEL  
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COLLEGE

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# Kindergarten



Building a solid foundation  
for lifelong learning

A Pre-school to Year 12 co-educational College providing children with a nurturing and innovative learning environment.





# Kindergarten is a special beginning to a life of learning and discovery.

We warmly welcome you and your child to our Emmanuel Anglican College Community. We look forward to sharing this important and exciting journey with you.

We want all our Kindergarten children to thrive academically, socially and emotionally and to establish an excellent foundation for future learning. We aim to provide a safe, supportive, engaging and fun environment that helps students grow into happy, confident and independent learners.



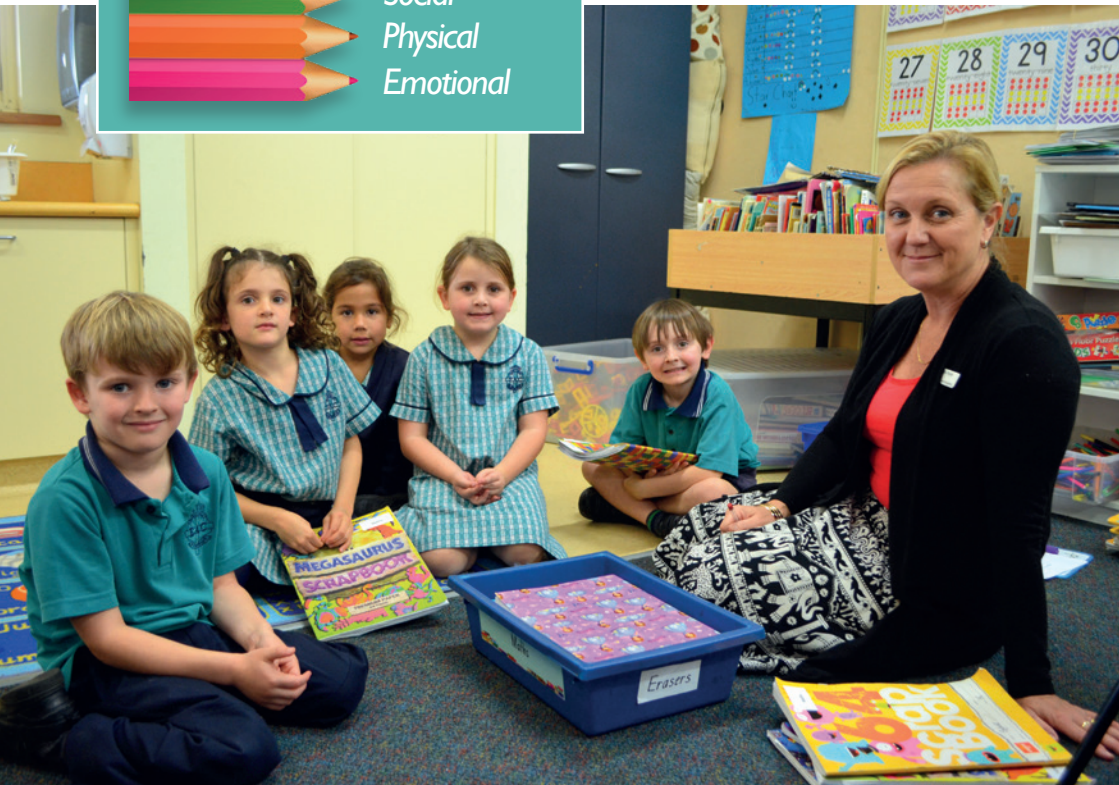


# Is my child ready for kindy?

Kindergarten is a wonderful adventure and is best enjoyed by students who are ready to meet the opportunities and challenges that come with their first formal year of schooling. As a general principle, we believe that children should turn 6 years old in the year they commence Kindergarten.

In assessing your child's Kindergarten readiness, we consider the intellectual, social, emotional and physical developmental benchmarks that are necessary to ensure your child has a wonderful Kindergarten experience.

## Indicators of your child's readiness for Kindergarten include:



## Intellectual benchmarks

- an interest in letters and number names, formation and use;
- writing one's name;
- demonstrating an understanding of number value;
- exploring telling the time;
- questioning how things work and the relationships that exist between the item and system to which they belong;
- capacity to sustain concentration and focus;
- interest in literature, demonstrated through enjoying telling and listening to stories;
- ability to recognise and engage in rhyming activities.



## Social benchmarks

- ability to share and negotiate in play;
- capacity to understand the needs of others and empathise with them;
- capacity to wait and to take their turn;
- desire to integrate into a group and learn with others;
- ability to assert themselves and ask for teacher assistance if required.



## Physical benchmarks

- able to grip a pencil or turn the pages of a book;
- can put on shoes and socks;
- learning to tie own shoelaces;
- confident in opening and closing their lunch containers;
- ability to pack belongings into school bag.



## Emotional benchmarks

- capacity to change tasks when requested and to operate by the timeline and expectation of others, without becoming emotional or upset;
- capacity to manage and sustain their emotions;
- maintain focus during learning experiences;
- ability to manage disappointment.







*"It is amazing to see the support and guidance the Year 6 students give to their Buddies, and it is wonderful to see the Kindies respond with such enjoyment. This is a great program and something all of the children look forward to."*

Merilyn Mulé

## What is the Transition Program?



The College has developed a supportive and thorough transition process to help us get to know each and every child and to plan for their learning journey as they commence Kindergarten.

This involves the Principal interview, Experience Day Program, Kindy Links Program and transition meetings involving the Kindergarten team and the early childhood educators who work with the children in the year prior to Kindergarten. It is through this process that we are able to confirm your child's readiness for Kindergarten, support them through the transition and lay the foundation for a highly successful Kindergarten year.

It is our aim at Emmanuel Anglican College to develop a supportive and positive relationship between home, the College and your child's classroom teacher to ensure the best learning experience for your child. It is always a pleasure to share the many observations, experiences and development your child is making in the classroom.

Kindergarten students will also work

closely with our Year 6 students in their transition to school and first year of Kindergarten. Students, teachers and parents alike love Emmanuel Anglican College's 'Buddies Program'. It is a wonderful initiative that has our Kindergarten students buddied up with our Year 6 students. They get together each week to undertake creative and leadership based projects. The Program helps to build confidence in the Kindy students and provides leadership opportunities for the Year 6 students.





# What will my child learn?

We aim to embrace the child's natural love of learning while developing essential literacy and numeracy skills. We provide opportunities for children to learn through exploration, discovery, creativity, questioning, discussion and construction.



Our Kindergarten programs create a literacy rich learning environment, wherein literacy is purposefully used and discussed. Focused conversations are part of our rich literacy environment. Teachers and students discuss ideas and experiences throughout the day, building children's understandings about communication, developing their thinking abilities and extending their vocabularies.

Kindergarten is a time to provide opportunities for children to explore and experiment with language.

New content knowledge is introduced through modelled, guided and independent strategies, assisting students

to practise, consolidate, transfer and apply literacy learning.

Teachers support students to move from dependent learners to independent learners.



We provide opportunities for children to develop their numeracy skills by:

- using hands-on materials to support the understanding and development of numeracy concepts;
- working in small groups to encourage discussion and exploration of ideas;
- using open-ended questions by both teachers and learners to establish, consolidate, extend, reinforce and reflect on concepts, skills and applications;
- participating in discussion during lessons to enable students to engage with and understand new and established mathematical concepts.

These discussions and teacher observations guide the development of future teaching programs.

The Kindergarten program includes additional curriculum experiences for students through lessons such as:

- Japanese
- Music
- Religious and Values Education
- Science
- Geography
- History
- Creative Arts
- Physical Education
- Personal Development and Health
- Sport

Our Numeracy program focuses on developing effective numeracy skills and strategies.





# How will my child be supported?

At Emmanuel Anglican College, students are supported through the pastoral care offered by our teaching staff. Students are guided as they develop as an individual and are encouraged to develop self-confidence, high self-esteem and respect for others. Compassionate and respectful relationships are fostered within a safe, disciplined, caring, Christian learning environment.



Emmanuel Anglican College caters for students from Pre-school to Year 12. We work in partnership with families to develop confident, caring and resilient young people who are ready to embrace all that life holds for them.

We look forward to working in partnership with your family and seeing your child grow and develop into all that they can become.

*Mr Robert Tobias, Principal*

This is achieved by providing students with as many learning opportunities as possible and the support necessary for each student to try new things, set and reach goals and enjoy their successes.

Emmanuel Anglican College prides itself on being a supportive community, focused on helping each child to reach their full potential.



Further information about Kindergarten, the College and our programs can be found on the College website [www.eac.nsw.edu.au](http://www.eac.nsw.edu.au).



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