



THE
Glennie
SCHOOL

Kindergarten

Information Handbook

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Approved Program



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An Early Learning Program for Girls and Boys

THE GLENNIE COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

is a part of the Junior Years at the Glennie School and as such, children and their families may access the resources and facilities of The Glennie School.

Kindergarten is an important year where your child will establish the foundations for future learning and happiness. Children entering Kindergarten must turn four by 30 June in the year they commence.

If places are available, these may be offered to Kindergarten aged children who turn three by 30 June in their year of entry.



WELCOME

The Glennie Community Kindergarten is a Queensland Government Approved Kindergarten that follows the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), Australia's first national early years framework. The Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline (QKLG) builds on this framework providing teachers with specific advice on delivering a quality program for children in the years prior to Prep. The curriculum concentrates on the learning and development areas of:

- Identity
- Connectedness
- Wellbeing
- Active Learning
- Communicating

The Glennie Community Kindergarten has a flexible program that involves learning through a play-based approach, fostering children's talents, creativity and individuality, problem solving and promoting a deep sense of belonging.

Our teachers support and extend the children's learning by encouraging their skills in creative play, problem solving, literacy and numeracy, listening, motor development and socialization.

We take every opportunity to make children's learning more exciting and relevant to their interests. Our curriculum reflects commitment to appropriate teaching practices that centre on development of the whole child.

The Glennie Community Kindergarten has program options, that you can discuss with a member of the Glennie Community Kindergarten staff or the School Registrar.





TRANSITION TO PREP

The Glennie Community Kindergarten Program is designed to achieve a smooth transition into Prep for both boys and girls. Kindergarten staff work closely with the Prep teachers throughout the year.

The location of the Glennie Community Kindergarten, beside the Glennie Junior Years, allows the children to interact with older primary students, building on the notion of community and belonging.

Programs from Prep onwards are available for girls only.

PURPOSE BUILT CENTRE

Our rooms are situated in a purpose built centre on the Glennie Junior Years' campus. The two rooms offer bright, air conditioned spaces which are well resourced and provide a broad range of interests for your child.

UNIQUE PROGRAMS

To complement the educational programs at the Glennie Community Kindergarten, and to enrich the schooling experience for your child, specialist educational activities and guest performers are incorporated into the weekly program. These specialist activities, taken by Glennie Junior Years staff, ensures appropriate instruction, recognition of abilities and the development of relationships with teachers who will continue with the girls as they progress through the Junior Years' program. Specialist activities include:

- Dance
- Perceptual Motor Skills
- Music
- Religious Education
- Art



STAFF

Staff at the Glennie Community Kindergarten are very experienced and qualified Early Childhood Educators. Each group of children is led by a teacher with at least four years' training in Early Childhood education plus teacher registration. An Early Childhood trained assistant is present with each group.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

Positive reinforcement is used continually. The emphasis is on valuing ourselves, our friends, and our environment.

UNIFORM

The children have their own special uniform that is comfortable, easy to play in and allows them to have a feeling of belonging. The uniform is available from the Glennie One Stop Shop (GOSS) which is located on the Secondary Campus.

HEALTH CARE

Glennie Community Kindergarten children have access to the Glennie Health Care Centre if required. This Centre is staffed by Registered Nurses on a twenty-four hours a day, on call/on site basis, seven days a week during school term time.

INCLUSIVE FEE PACKAGE

With our inclusive Kindergarten fee package, you can plan for a payment which will allow your child to:

- Have all materials provided
- Experience specialist educational activities
- See shows by artists and other visiting performers

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. ISN'T A FULL DAY PROGRAM A BIT MUCH?

A. Because we have such a variety of activities, including specialist activities, incorporated into our daily routine, and the fact that we have many years of experience in providing a full day program, children thrive in this exciting environment. We have found that relationships are constant and very well established, with teachers gaining an excellent insight into and understanding of each child.

Q. DO THEY HAVE SLEEP TIME?

A. We have a quiet/sleep time after lunch when our children rest, sleep or read stories.

Q. DO THEY SPEND THE ENTIRE TIME IN THE GLENNIE COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN?

A. Most of the day is spent inside or in the grounds using the play equipment and garden area. Teachers also accompany our children on any excursions to other areas of the school.

Q. IS YOUR PROGRAM PLAY BASED ONLY?

A. Whilst being child-centred and play based, we ensure that our children leave the Kindergarten ready for Prep. This includes literacy, numeracy and computing programs that are fully integrated into the program and planned group times during the day.

Q. AT WHAT AGE CAN MY CHILD START?

A. State regulations dictate that children must turn four before 30 June of their kindergarten year, however, children can attend the kindergarten as soon as they turn three years old.

Q. IS THE GLENNIE COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN A LICENSED CHILDCARE PROVIDER?

A. Yes. The Centre is licensed with the Office of Early Childhood and all policies and procedures used are available for parents to view at any time. We are regularly inspected to ensure that we meet the highest standards of care.

COME AND MEET US

We extend a warm invitation to all interested families to meet The Glennie Community Kindergarten staff. We are happy to provide details of the program, answer your questions and walk with you through the facilities and grounds.

Selecting an appropriate Kindergarten Program for your child is the first important step in their education. We understand this and we are very happy to arrange a visit for you.

Please contact the Glennie Registrar for Enrolments

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We also encourage you to visit The Glennie School website

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