



Parent Information

Reception
2022

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Concordia College Vision and Mission

Our Vision

Inspiring and equipping hearts, hands and minds for a world of possibilities.

Our Mission

We aim to provide a vibrant education, rich in opportunities, delivered within a caring, supportive environment, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. We seek to inspire young people to actively engage in lifelong learning, achieve their best and become global citizens who serve with an open heart.

What we Value

- + Our compassionate and connected community.
- + Serving others in response to the love of God.
- + Nurturing high quality teaching and learning.
- + Excellence in a spirit of humility and grace.
- + Creativity and innovation.
- + Caring for the environment as stewards of God's creation.
- + A global perspective shaped by hope and courage.
- + Resilience in embracing challenges.
- + Our unique heritage.

Our Motto

Fortiter in Re, Suaviter in Modo

Firm in Principle, Gentle in Manner.

IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate® aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

The Primary Years Programme (PYP)

It is an international, transdisciplinary programme designed to foster the development of the whole child. It is part of the International Baccalaureate Organisation. It aims to encourage children to be internationally minded learners.

The PYP combines the best research and practice from a range of national systems. It also has a wealth of knowledge and experience from international schools to create a relevant and engaging educational framework for all students.

Staffing 2021

Reception Teachers

Ms Nicolette McClure

Ms Sarah Davis

Lutheran School Officers

8:30am – 12:30pm in each Reception classroom

Mrs Monica Mavropoulos

Mrs Caroline Prenzler

Single Subject Teachers

Learning area	Teacher's Name
Resource Centre Manager	Nolene Gehling
German	Jane Graham
Visual Arts	Nancy Wells
Sport	Mick Phillips
Music	Jasmine Bartlett



We value a global perspective shaped by hope and courage



Inclusive Learning

Leanne Jaensch provides one-on-one or small group support to some students.

Out of School Hours Care

Hours are 7.30 – 8.30am and 3.15 – 6.00pm.

Vacation Care is also available during the school holidays.

Bookings are essential.



Orientation Visits

Children may wear casual clothes or Concordia College uniform.

Tuesday 26 October, 2021

9.00am – 10.15am

Venue: Courtyard

This is a Non-Concordia ELC visit and is only for those students new to the Concordia College Community in 2021.

Meet in the Courtyard where children will collect and wear their name tags.

Students will spend the time in the Reception classrooms with the Reception teachers.

Parents are encouraged to enjoy coffee/tea in the Staffroom and meet key staff members.

At 10.15am please collect children from the Courtyard.

Wednesday 3 November, 2021

9.00 – 10.15am

Venue: Courtyard

This is for all 2021 Reception students.

Please meet in the Courtyard where children will collect and wear their name tags.

If it is your child's ELC day, please drop them in the ELC, they will come to transition with the ELC staff.



Due to COVID-19 regulations, all Parents are to leave their child and go to Damien on Fisher for coffee with key staff members.

At 10.15am please collect children from the Courtyard.

Thursday 11 November, 2021

9.00am – 10.15am

Venue: Courtyard

This is for all 2021 Reception students.

Please meet in the Courtyard where children will collect and wear their name tags.

If it is your child's ELC day, please drop them in the ELC, they will come to transition with the ELC staff.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, all Parents are to leave their child and go to Damien on Fisher for coffee with key staff members.

At 10.15am please collect children from the Courtyard.

Wednesday 17 November, 2021

9.00am – 12.00pm

Venue: Student's allocated classroom

Students would have received an email telling them about who their teacher is and will spend the morning with their teacher in their classroom.

If it is your child's ELC day, please sign them into ELC and they will come to transition with the ELC staff.

Please send your child with a small bag containing:

- + hat
- + drink bottle with water
- + Cut up fresh fruit or vegetables for fruit break
- + Recess snack such as muffin, small sandwich etc (no nut products please).

Students can place their items on the bench outside their classroom.

Students are to be collected at 12.00pm. Please wait for your children in the Courtyard area outside the Reception classroom.

Teachers will bring students outside to their parents.

Getting Ready for School

Eating Times

Concordia's Primary School promotes safe, healthy eating habits in line with the Right Bite Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for South Australian Schools and Preschools, which also relates to the DECS wellbeing strategy. (For more information please see the attachment on the Reception Update.)

- + Fruit break 10.00am – fresh fruit or vegetables
- + Recess 11.00am – bigger snack and play
- + Lunch 1.00-1.10pm – supervised eating time
- + Lunch 1.10-1.50pm – play

Drink Bottles

2 named drink bottles.

Lunchboxes

A lunchbox with separate compartments is very helpful. Ensure that your child knows what to eat in which break.

Please pack fruit or vegetable in a separate container to help your child understand that this is their first snack of the day.

We discourage students from bringing 'wrapped' food and snacks and encourage food brought in reusable containers to support sustainable practices.

Uniform and Hats

Label everything very clearly, including socks and shoes

- + Term 1 and 4: Summer uniform
- + Term 2 and 3: Winter uniform

Sports uniform will be worn twice a week.

Hats are to be worn 1 September until 30 April. During this time, it is no hat – no play.

Pack a spare set of underwear and clothes in your child's bag. These can be casual clothes. Place these items in a plastic zip lock bag in the front pocket of the school bag.

Uniform Shop

The School Shop located at

23 Winchester Street, Highgate

Phone 8291 9302, is open at the following times:

Monday 8.00am – 4.00pm

Wednesday 12.30 – 4.00pm

Thursday 12.30 – 5.30pm

Morning Routine

8.30am Classrooms open. First students unpack their school bag and take home folder and independently get themselves organised for their learning day.

8.45am Learning time commences.

Please note that if you arrive after 8.45am you will need to sign your child in at the School Office.

Stationery

Stationery packs for Reception 2022 are emailed to families and ordered through Campion stationery store. Book labeling and covering instructions will be sent with the stationery order to your home.

Before school commences in 2022, there will be a day when students bring their stationery to school and familiarise themselves with their classroom and teacher, before the first day of school. More details will follow about this date.



Lockers and Trays

Named for each child and their school bag. Students have an allocated tray and locker, where they keep their belongings safely and learn to take care of their belongings.

Book Borrowing Bag

A fabric bag that can hold one or two picture books or an LLL calico bag.

Beginning Reception 2022

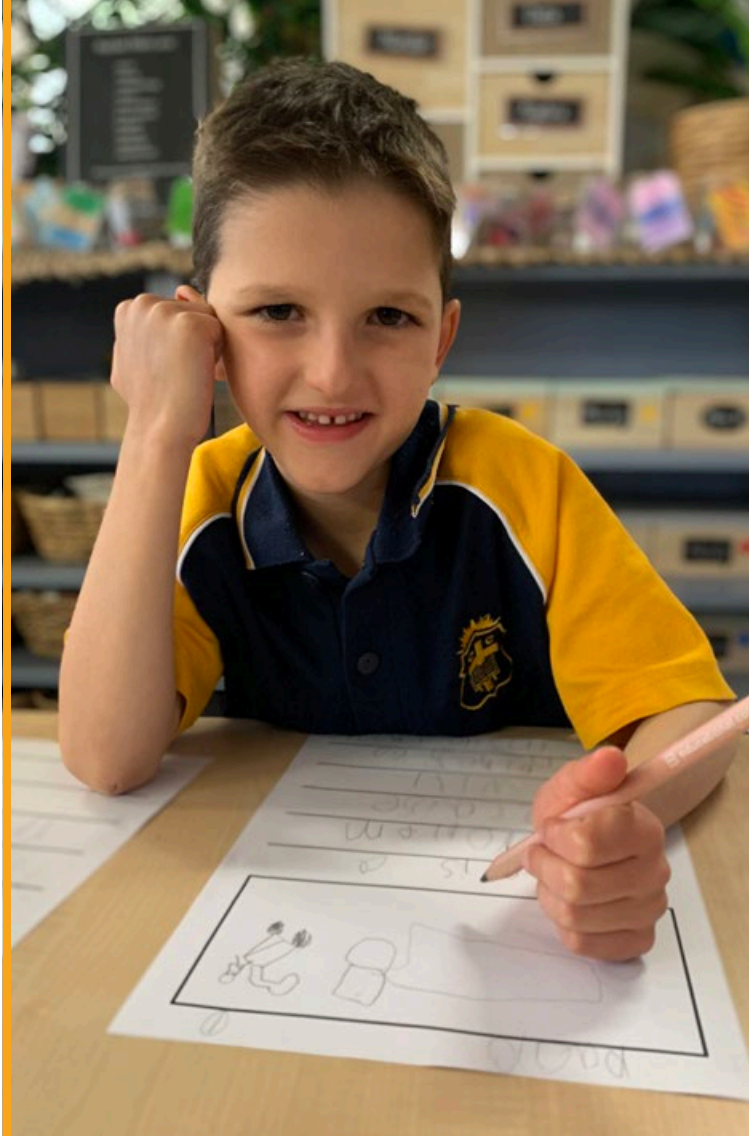
Open Classroom Visit

Students' stationery is brought into the classroom and they can familiarise themselves with the classroom and their teacher.

Times will follow closer to the date.

Term 1:

- + School begins on Tuesday 1st February at 8.30am.
- + **Week 1:** Students attend school on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.45am – 3.00pm (note the early finish for the first week)
- + **Week 2 – Week 4:** Students attend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.45am – 3.15pm
- + **Week 2 – Week 4:** Students stay home on Wednesdays (Family visits in the classroom)





- + **Week 5:** Students attend school Monday – Friday from 8.45am – 3.15pm.

Is Your Child:

- + able to open their lunch box?
- + know what to eat for fruit time, recess and lunch?
- + able to open the wrappers/containers on their food?
- + able to take their jumper on and off? Do they know when they need to do this?
- + able to go to the toilet and clean up after themselves?

Parent Helpers

All parent helpers need a Working With Children Check and complete the online Responding to the risk of harm and abuse.

- + Help in the classroom with reading and writing groups.
- + Go on excursions.

First Day of School

The first day of school
Can be hard for Mum and Dad.
Part of you feels excited,
The other part feels sad.
For many years you've held their hand,
And have been their loving guide.
Now you know the time has come
To leave them by our side.
But it is only for a little while,
As your child will learn and grow.
And at the end of everyday,
They will share with you all they know.
So as you walk away
Don't worry anymore.
We'll take care of all those precious gifts
When you leave them at our door.

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