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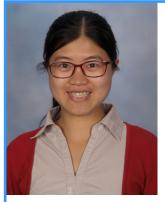




ompleted in early 2016 as an architecturally designed, purpose built facility, Covenant's Early Learning Centre caters to preschool-aged children (4-5 year olds).

Open 50 weeks per year, the Centre is approved for the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) for eligible families.

The Preschool program is run by our dedicated Christian staff, and the out-of-school hours care is provided by the Sherpa Kids franchise.



Miss Yanni Xiao

With a Masters in Education and a Masters of Teaching, Yanni has been working in Early Childhood Education since 2011. She runs Session B (Wed-Fri).



Miss Sarah Sheppard A graduate of Covenant! Sarah is currently under-

Sarah is currently undertaking a Bachelor of Education and is a Learning Support Assistant (Wed-Fri).

### Staff



Mrs Hannah Butcher

Mum to 2 children and with many years of experience in Early Childhood Education, Hannah is our lead preschool teacher and runs Session A (Mon-Wed).



**Mrs Christine Lindorff** 

Mum to 3 children, and continuing her studies in Early Childhood Education, Christine is a Learning Support Assistant (Mon-Wed).

### Transition to Covenant Christian School

Children enrolled at Covenant's Early Learning Centre have priority placement for moving on to Kindergarten at Covenant Christian School. Parents are not required to go through the application or interview process again if they wish to confirm ongoing enrolment into the Primary school when they finish the preschool year.

Covenant seeks to prepare preschool students for transition to their Primary education by including them in some broader school activities throughout the year. Preschool students visit the Library, and join the Kindergarten classroom for some combined activities. The Kindergarten students also visit the Early Learning Centre from time to time.

Preschool students also visit the Primary school for class assemblies, participating in the audience and learning how the older students perform at these events.

It is our hope that moving into Kindergarten will be a smooth transition, with new students already feeling comfortable and confident in their environment as they move onto this next phase in their education.



## Centrelink Fee Assistance for Approved Care

Covenant's Early Learning Centre is an approved child care provider for the purposes of Benefits and Rebates. Please see information below extracted from the Centrelink website.



#### **Subsidy Rates - FY 2016/2017**

(per hour of care) Child Care Benefit (100%): \$4.24

\$0.708 Registered Care:

#### **Child Care Benefit (CCB)**

The Child Care Benefit helps with costs for approved and registered care such as long, family or occasional day care, outside school hour care, vacation care, pre-school and kindergarten.

#### **Eligibility basics**

- you use approved or registered child care
- you are be responsible for paying the child care fees
- you have immunised your child

In some cases, you may be assessed as being eligible for Child Care Benefit for approved care but not entitled to any Child Care Benefit payments because your income is too high. You may still be eligible for Child Care Rebate as the rebate is not income tested.

#### **Child Care Rebate (CCR)**

Covers 50% of out of pocket child care expenses for approved child care, up to an annual limit per child, in addition to any other child care assistance.

#### **Eligibility basics**

- you use a Child Care Benefit approved child care service
- you are eligible for Child Care Benefit for approved care, even if you earn too much to receive payment, and
- you and your partner meet the Work, Training, Study test for Child Care Rebate, or are exempt from it

To receive Child Care Rebate, you need to submit a claim for Child Care Benefit for approved child care. You will automatically be assessed for Child Care Rebate when you are assessed as eligible for Child Care Benefit for approved care.

Please see Centrelink's website for more information on these benefits and rebates: www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/child-care-benefit

## Curriculum

The unique feature of Covenant's preschool curriculum is that it delivers the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) with a core Bible curriculum which forms the central trunk from which the various activities stem.

Our staff, all committed Christians, love to share with the children the joy and wonder of God's world and Word as they lay a solid preparation for the Primary years.

Topics:

God created all things

Unit 1: The Creation and God's covenant of life

Unit 2: The Fall and God's covenant of grace

Jesus is God's Son

Unit 3: The Birth of Jesus

Unit 4: Jesus is God's Son

Unit 5: God's Son is the promised Saviour

Unit 6: Jesus is the Loving Saviour



## Preschool Fee Structure

Preschool Program: 9am - 3pm (6 hours per preschool day)

40 weeks per year

(100 days per session per annum)



Minimum preschool attendance is 5 days per fortnight, with parents selecting Session A or Session B. However, parents may elect any additional days to suit their own circumstances (subject to availability), and children may attend up to 10 days per fortnight.

Please see the current fees listed below. Note that Centrelink child care subsidies are based on an hourly rate. Covenant reimbursement hours are 6 hours per day (30 hours per Session over a fortnight). More information on Benefits & Rebates is provided further on in the Prospectus.

Enrolment		Fees per annum (before benefits)
Session A	Mondays, Tuesdays, every second Wednesday (5 days per fortnight; 100 day per year)	\$6,200
Session B	every second Wednesday, Thursdays, Fridays (5 days per fortnight; 100 days per year)	\$6,200
Any 3 days	(3 days per week; 120 days per year)	\$7,440
Any 4 days	(4 days per week; 160 day per year)	\$9,920
Session A + B	Monday - Friday (5 days per week; 200 days per year)	\$12,400
Building Fund Levy	A capital levy (not tax deductible) applies to each family per term.	\$95 per term



# Long Day Care Fee Structure

Long Day Care is available for 50 weeks per year and supplements the Preschool program. Vacation Care runs during school holidays (closed for 2 weeks over Christmas and New Year).

Long Day Care: 7am - 6pm

50 weeks per year

Flexible Before School/After School

Flexible Vacation Care



Long Day Care	Ongoing Booking	Casual Booking
Before School Care: (from 7am, includes breakfast)	\$17	\$20
Short After School Care: (3:00 - 3:30pm )	\$5	NA
After School Care: (3pm - 6pm; includes afternoon tea & late snack)	\$22	\$25
Total Day Package (7am - 6pm preschool term days)	\$95	NA
Total Vacation Package Base Rate (7am-6pm; fully catered; +\$10 for incursions, +\$20 for excursions)		NA

ur Long Day Care program is run by the dynamic Sherpa Kids franchise, which provides all out-of-school-hours care for Covenant Christian School. Preschool-aged children are registered and invoiced for these services by Covenant Christian School, while school-aged children are enrolled directly with Sherpa.

