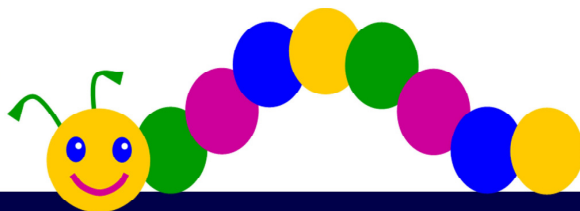


PROSPECTUS 2019



& EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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Completed 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 Subsidy (CCS) for eligible families.

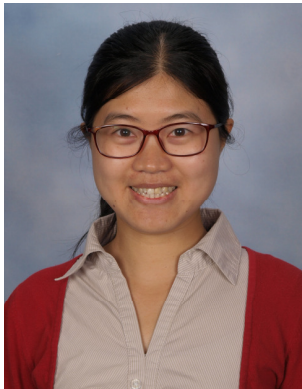
The Preschool program is run by our dedicated Christian staff, and the out-of-school hours care is provided by the Camp Australia franchise.

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).



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).



Mrs Christine Lindorff

Mum to 3 children, with a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care, Christine is a Learning Support Assistant (Mon-Fri).

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)

\$68
Per Day

Minimum preschool attendance is 2 days per fortnight, although most parents select Session A or Session B (5 days a fortnight). 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)	\$6,800
Session B	every second Wednesday, Thursdays, Fridays (5 days per fortnight; 100 days per year)	\$6,800
Any 3 days	(3 days per week; 120 days per year)	\$8,160
Any 4 days	(4 days per week; 160 day per year)	\$10,880
Session A + B	Monday - Friday (5 days per week; 200 days per year)	\$13,600
Building Fund Levy	A capital levy (<i>not</i> tax deductible) applies to each family per term.	\$105 per term



Long Day Care

- ◆ 7am-6pm
- ◆ 50 weeks per year
- ◆ Closed 2 weeks over Christmas / New Year
- ◆ Flexible Before School / After School during school terms
- ◆ Flexible Vacation Care



Long Day Care Fee Structure	Gold, Silver or Blue Fee Schedule depending on flexibility needed
Camp Australia Before School Care: (7am - 9am, includes breakfast)	Full fee \$15.50 - \$21 per session (before subsidy)
Camp Australia After School Care: (3pm - 6pm; includes afternoon tea & late snack)	Full Fee \$21.50 - \$27.50 per session (before subsidy)
Covenant Christian School Vacation Package Base Rate from \$68 per day (7am-6pm; additional fees apply for excursions and in-house special events.)	



Our Long Day Care program is run by the Camp Australia franchise, which provides all out-of-school-hours care for Covenant Christian School. All children are registered and invoiced for these services by Camp Australia. Parents may contact Camp Australia directly regarding their out-of-hours care and bookings.

www.campaustalia.com.au

Ph 1300 105 343

Email info@campaustalia.com.au

Centrelink Fee Assistance for Approved Care

Covenant's Early Learning Centre is an approved child care provider for the purposes of Child Care Subsidy.



Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy 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.

On 2 July 2018 the Child Care Subsidy replaced the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate. The Child Care Subsidy is paid directly to services to be passed onto families.

There are also changes to the annual cap which will make child care more affordable for most families.

Eligibility basics

- care for a child 13 or younger and not attending secondary school, unless an exemption applies
- use an approved child care service
- responsible for paying the child care fees
- meet residency and immunisation requirements.

Three things determine a family's level of Child Care Subsidy:

- A family's annual adjusted taxable income determines the percentage of subsidy they are eligible for
- An activity test determines how many hours of subsidised care families can access, up to a maximum of 100 per fortnight, and
- The type of child care service determines the hourly rate cap.
- More information about individual subsidy rates and annual cap changes is available online; please see the following website for more information:

www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy

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 their child finishes 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, have Music lessons on the main school campus 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.

Over the past two years, our previous preschool students have smoothly transitioned to Kindergarten, already feeling comfortable and confident in their environment as they move onto this next phase in their education.



