



Welcome to
Kindergarten

Starting school is such an exciting and important step in your family's life.

In our Kindergarten program our students participate in a variety of activities that focus on challenge, adventure, personal wellbeing, community and understanding of place.





Experiential Learning in Kindergarten

Experiential Learning is the process of learning by doing. It is a holistic approach to education that allows students to better connect theories and knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world situations through hands-on experiences and reflection. In our Kindergarten, we value the child as strong, capable, resilient and rich in wonder and knowledge. We encourage and develop their innate curiosity, creativity, and potential to understand the world and their place in it.

The Hobart Rivulet is a wonderful asset on our doorstep with such unique flora and fauna, and various landscapes. We are in a privileged position to utilise this Outside Classroom as a natural learning resource with learning opportunities in diverse environments.

Teaching and Learning

Teaching and learning in our Kindergarten is inspired and informed by the Reggio Emilia philosophy, the Early Years Learning framework, inquiry and play-based approaches, and nature education. Children are exposed to authentic, relevant experiences and benefit from small student: teacher ratios and a home-like learning environment. The Reggio Emilia Approach is an innovative approach to early childhood education and care. This approach is not a method or a pre-defined curriculum, thus, each school or community responds in its own particular way, based on the needs and interests of those children within that community.

With the inclusion of explicitly planned numeracy and literacy activities, our Kindergarten program offers a broad scope and sequence for all our young learners.

Students participate in our campus-wide Spalding Literacy Program which is a phonics-based pedagogy designed to introduce and support children's awareness of and interest in spelling, writing, reading, listening and speaking.





In Kindergarten our numeracy focus is central to developing an understanding of numbers, learning to count and developing a basic sense of how numbers function.

Numeracy skills are embedded within our formal and informal curriculum and are guided by our students' interests and observations.

These approaches equip all our students with the foundation skills to take forward in their learning journey at Collegiate.

In addition to these rich literacy and numeracy programs, kindergarten students enjoy the benefits of our extensive specialist lessons including:

- Music,
- Art,
- Library,
- Physical Education,
- Mandarin,
- Faith and Life.



Classrooms

Both of the Kindergarten learning spaces reflect the Reggio Emilia teaching philosophy and learning environment we refer to in our teaching and planning — community of inquisitive, resilient and curious future leaders. Yarrahappini and Tangara are flooded with natural light and provide all around views of Anglesea’s beautiful grounds and spectacular views of kunanyi. The neutral pallet of our classrooms are intentionally designed to maximize creativity, experimentation and exploration with all art media, natural materials and equipment. Combined with creating a calm and inspirational learning space, the kindergarten environment fosters a collaborative and innovative landscape of learning and growth.



Kindergarten is a place where we explore the potential of the child and value our future citizens of the world.





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