

St Peter's College Early Years and Junior School programs

The St Peter's College learning journey commences with our Early Years Program before progressing to the Junior School via two pathways. Catering for the needs and development of individual students, there is the option for boys to progress to the Junior School:

1. via the Prep Program, or
2. from the Early Years Program to Reception

To assist in determining the pathway most appropriate for your child please review the table below outlining the key differences between the programs.

	Early Years	Prep	Reception
Age	3 - 5 year olds	4 - 5 year olds	4 - 6 year olds
Hours	8.00am–6.00pm with flexible start and end times (7.30am start time available in 2023)	8.35am – 3.00pm set hours After school care available 3.00pm–6.00pm	8:35am – 3:00pm set hours After school care available 3.00pm–6.00pm
Days	3, 4 or 5 days a week	5 days a week	5 days a week
Weeks	38 weeks of the year Holiday care available 8.00am–6.00pm	38 weeks of the year Holiday care available 8.00am–6.00pm	38 weeks of the year Holiday care available 8.00am–6.00pm
Curriculum	Early Years Learning framework: Belonging, Being, Becoming	Blend of Australian Curriculum and Early Years Learning framework: Belonging, Being, Becoming	Australian Curriculum
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong focus on oral language and phonological awareness • Use of Heggerty Program Preschool • literacy indicators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on oral language and phonological awareness • Use of Heggerty Program • Introduction to THRASS and phonics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral language and phonological awareness • Use of Heggerty Program • Increased focus on THRASS and phonemic and graphemic awareness

Specialist lesson	Gross Motor, Music, French/Chinese, Library	Gross Motor, PE, Music, French/Chinese, Visual Art, Chapel, Library	Gross Motor, PE, Music, French/Chinese, Visual Art, Chapel, Library
Environment	Nature pedagogy and the use of the outdoor multi-sensory environments	Increased time spent in classroom based learning	Increased time spent in classroom based learning
Timetable	Designed around the rhythms and routines of our day	Structured around a seven lesson timetable	Structured around a seven lesson timetable
Technology	Collaborative learning with a range of devices (digital cameras, iPads, early coding)	Collaborative learning with a range of devices (digital cameras, iPads, early coding)	1:1 iPads
Meals	Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea catered by Chartwells	Packed lunch box or lunch order	Packed lunch box or lunch order
Ratio	1:10	1:20	1:20
Uniform	ELC uniform	Junior School uniform	Junior School uniform
Location	Old Palm House	New Palm House	New Palm House
Fees (2022)	\$100 a day	\$16,000 per annum	\$16,490 per annum

COMMON ACROSS ALL PROGRAMS

Values of truth, respect and service

Playful learning

Relationships and building connection to the St Peter's College Community

Social and emotional development