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Parent Information 2020



**GOLD COAST
CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE**

Christ Centred
Service Oriented
Innovative Learning

Location

Gold Coast Christian College
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Hours of Operation:

Kindergarten: Monday to Friday - 8:15am – 3:15pm
GCCC Office hours: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Approved Provider

Seventh-day Adventist Schools South Queensland Conference



Welcome

Welcome to Gold Coast Christian College Kindergarten. For some children it may be the first time away from their home environment and at Gold Coast Christian College we understand that for parents, selecting the right Kindergarten for your child is a very important decision. Please be assured that you have chosen a college that believes in providing a loving, caring Christian environment where the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of each child is a priority.

We aim to provide the highest quality care, education and endeavour to partner closely with parents in the learning journey. Please take the time to read this booklet as the information will help you and your child to settle in. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Kindergarten teacher who will be happy to answer your questions.

Hours of Operation

Our Kindergarten operates Monday to Friday during school terms. Children are required to be enrolled for a minimum of three days a week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday while Monday and Friday are optional days.

Sorry, no swapping or make up days are available.

The program runs from 8:35am to 3:00pm. Doors open at 8:15am for parents to sign-in and settle their child before the morning bell rings at 8:35am.

Parents and caregivers are able to sign-out their child between 3:00pm and 3:15pm.

GCCC Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:00pm

Our Mission

The mission of Gold Coast Christian College is to promote a redemptive relationship between each student and Jesus Christ and facilitate a partnership with parents to enhance spiritual, academic, social, physical and vocational growth.

We provide quality Christian education, which develops creative and confident young people who are Christ centred, service oriented and innovative learners. Our young people strive for excellence in all they do, have the courage to act on their beliefs and embrace lifelong learning.



Our Values

Christ Centred

Our mission is to foster and promote an acceptance of Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, a commitment to a consistent Christian lifestyle, a desire to serve God and others and an appreciation of Christian worship and spiritual fellowship.

Service Oriented

Our mission is to nurture and encourage a genuine compassion for the needs of others, a sense of rightness and fair play and responsible citizenship within the community. We encourage individuals to recognise their responsibility to develop their talents as God-given gifts to be used in leadership and service for others.

Inn vative Learning

Our mission is to inspire a commitment to excellence through diligent effort and a desire to become a lifelong learner. We strive to develop in students the ability to think logically, critically and creatively and an appreciation of knowledge and truth in harmony with the Bible.

Our Goals

Our Goals for children are to:

- Promote life-long learning.
- Touch, move and inspire.
- Develop each child to reach their full potential by providing a wide range of play experiences in order to expose them to many different situations.
- Focus on creative arts where children are encouraged to express themselves through music, drama, dance and visual arts.
- Provide a caring and happy atmosphere in which children can express themselves freely and show their individuality.
- Guide children in good social values and successful interactions with their peers so they have a sense of belonging and hope.
- Allow children to connect with nature, inspire an appreciation and love for nature and the outdoor environment.



Calendar

In 2020 Kindergarten will commence on Tuesday 28 January.

For term dates you can access the Gold Coast Christian College yearly calendar on the school website at:
www.goldcoastchristiancollege.qld.edu.au

College News and Events

Throughout the year I will communicate with you through notes, telephone calls, weekly newsletters and emails. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time. You can phone the college on 07 5593 4571 or email me - melissa.smith@goldcoastcc.qld.edu.au

There are a number of ways you can receive communication from the College.

Email - Important College news and events will be emailed to parents. Please ensure you provide your up-to-date email address to the Administration Office.

College App - to keep up-to-date with last minute changes, school news and the College calendar, please download the College App from either the Play Store or App Store.

Facebook - for latest good news stories and College events check our FB page regularly. www.facebook.com/goldcoastchristiancollege/

Website - our school website has new stories and general information about our College. It is also another option to access the College calendar. www.goldcoastchristiancollege.qld.edu.au/

College school bus

Kindergarten children are able to travel to and from the College on the College buses. For further details please email the Bus Manager - busmanager@goldcoastcc.qld.edu.au

Class Size

The class is restricted to a maximum of 22 children.

Kindergarten children should turn 4 by 30 June 2020.

To meet requirements for entry into the funded program, 'Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme', children must be enrolled at least 3 days a week.

Uniform

The Kindergarten children have their own uniform that is available for purchase from the college uniform shop.

- Kindergarten polo shirt
- College hat
- College Navy shorts (summer)
- College jacket & track pants (winter)
- College jumper (winter)
- Joggers with a Velcro strap are recommended

Daily Routine

A typical day in Kindergarten would include some of the following:

- Bible stories and worship
- Art, craft and other fine motor skills
- Physical education and games for gross motor development
- Rhymes, singing, poetry and music
- Movement and drama experiences
- Science and discovery experiences
- Outside play
- Free role play
- Books and stories
- A quiet time for rest, or a sleep, depending on the needs of each child



What to Bring

Healthy Snack

Please provide fresh fruit or vegetables for morning tea time already cut and in a container clearly labelled with their name.

Lunch

Children need to bring all their own food in a lunch box clearly labelled with their name and one they can open themselves. We aim to provide children with a basic understanding of healthy eating habits, so please do not send sugary cakes, sweet biscuits, lollies, chocolates, chips, poppers etc in your child's lunch box. Our Food and Nutrition Policy outlines the guidelines for nutritious and healthy food. A copy is available for parents.

Drink Bottles

Please send a bottle of water each day with your child. Please do not send poppers as they tend to spill and are not nutritionally recommended. Water is available at all times.

Rest and Sleep

Rest time routine varies according to individual needs. We aim to make rest time a relaxed, pleasant time for all children. We provide mats for children. Your child may wish to bring a security item, pillow or special blanket to have at rest time. On your child's first day of the week, please bring a cot-sized (these fit our mats perfectly) bottom sheet, a top sheet and small light blanket for cold weather in a named draw-string fabric bag (eg a pillow case). Bedding should be taken home on the last attendance day of the week for washing. This is in order to comply with health practice. Please feel free to discuss your child's rest needs with Educators.

Clothing

- A change of uniform. Younger children may need extra changes in case of any accidents.
- A College hat - This is most important as children will be required to wear a hat at all times when playing outside.

Bag hooks

Each child is allocated a bag hook. Please place your child's bag on their hook.

Education, Curriculum and Learning

The program follows the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines (QKLG) in conjunction with 'Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia'.

All Educators at our Service are trained and experienced in the area of early education and care. The Educators will develop a daily program, observe the children in their care and plan their programs around the needs and interests of the children.

If your child's Educators feel there is an area of concern, they will inform you and advise where help may be sought, e.g. a speech therapist. It is always your decision to follow this up. Educators are willing to discuss any aspect of development with parents. Parent Involvement

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We welcome all family members to our College and we encourage when possible for families to be involved in your child's program. There are many ways for your family to be involved. We understand that our busy lives can't always afford the time, however any contribution no matter how big or small is much appreciated.

Extended family members are welcome; however, they may need to apply for or present their Blue Card at the Administration Office before they can spend time in the Kindergarten. Please check with the Administration Office for further details.

Parents are encouraged to offer suggestions about our program and the Kindergarten as a whole. We value the feedback from parents so that we can best meet the needs of our families.



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