



TRINITY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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WELCOME

Trinity Lutheran College has an outstanding reputation in the Gold Coast community. The College focuses on building effective partnerships with parents to provide a comprehensive education of the highest quality, in an environment where a clear foundation of Christian values and care for each person are strongly emphasised.

'Early Childhood education at Trinity is planned so all our children have the best start in life so as to create a better future for themselves and for the nation'

At Trinity Lutheran College Early Learning Centre (ELC) we provide a safe, secure and supportive learning environment for your child - a place where children can feel a sense of belonging. The recently developed large, natural, outdoor environment provides a bike track, climbing equipment, sandpit, running space and raised garden beds where vegetables and herbs are grown for the kitchen.

We believe that all children are capable and competent when given an environment where they can thrive. Our program provides a balance of child-initiated activities and intentional teaching. Educators use their professional knowledge to listen to, observe, and understand the child, then provide thought-provoking activities and discussions to spark interests, questions, inquiries, curiosity and engagement in the learning. Children are encouraged to think independently, problem solve and build friendships.

AGE GROUPS

The ELC accepts children from 2 years of age until school age.

Children who are of Kindergarten age may enrol in Sessional Kindergarten or Long Day Kindergarten.

Under the Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme each eligible child participating in a Kindergarten program is entitled to participate in ONE government funded 15 hour program of Kindergarten each week.

Trinity Lutheran College Early Learning Centre operates for 50 weeks of the year.

Children booked to attend for Sessional Kindergarten attend during Trinity school terms.







CURRICULUM

‘Building a strong foundation that supports Future Learning’

EDUCATIONAL

The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline (QLKG) form the basis of planning the curriculum.

The guideline provides specific advice to support Educators to:

- make deliberate and well-informed decisions to promote and enrich children's holistic learning and development
- build respectful relationships with partners, including children, parents, carers, communities and colleagues
- promote children's wellbeing, sense of belonging and ongoing learning progress
- interact with children, with a clear learning focus, in order to support learning
- effectively monitor and assess children's learning, and communicate appropriately with relevant partners about children's progress
- build connections between children's prior, current and future learning experiences to promote continuity of learning.

‘We value the diverse experiences, abilities and qualities of each and every child. Our programs are centred on play, allowing your children to learn through fun and games that inspire creativity, cooperation and self-learning, while also providing them with the opportunity to take part in supplementary foreign language and music lessons.’

CHRISTIAN

Trinity Lutheran College Early Learning Centre has close links with the College Pastor. The Pastor will support Educators to share Christian stories and songs with the children. Staff at the Centre will imbed components of the Christian curriculum into all facets of the program. Children will attend the Campus Chapel service on alternate Friday mornings during term time.

(excursion permission from parents/guardians will be required)



FORMATIVE YEARS

Our supportive and caring family atmosphere helps children develop a firm foundation to be socially, emotionally, physically and academically prepared for their learning years ahead.

Our Christian values can be seen in all our teaching staff and Early Learning Centre programs. We believe that by teaching children the core principles of love and acceptance at an early age, they will continue to encompass these values as they grow, both physically and emotionally.

Trinity Lutheran College Early Learning Centre is a kindergarten that nurtures and values your children, providing them with the skills and framework to meet their coming years with confidence in themselves, acceptance of others and a desire for personal growth.

After these critical formative years, your children can continue their education with Trinity moving into our Junior Years and then onto our Middle and, finally Senior Years.





INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

- PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM (IB - PYP)

As a school offering the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP), Trinity Lutheran College plans an educational program under the following six trans-disciplinary themes of global significance which provide the framework for exploration and study:

- who we are
- where we are in place and time
- how we express ourselves
- how the world works
- how we organise ourselves
- sharing the planet

The ELC will work with staff at the College to implement these themes within the Early Years Learning Framework.

EACH CHILD IS UNIQUE AND DYNAMIC

APPROVED PROVIDER

Trinity Lutheran College Early Learning Centre's Approved Provider is the Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District (LCAQD).

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STAFFING

Children at the ELC are in the care of qualified and suitably trained early childhood specialists. Each room has a team of 2-4 educators who work together to provide 'excellence in early childhood education'.

This team provides a collective wealth of knowledge, skills and expertise that directly relates to the provision of a high quality early childhood program for your child.

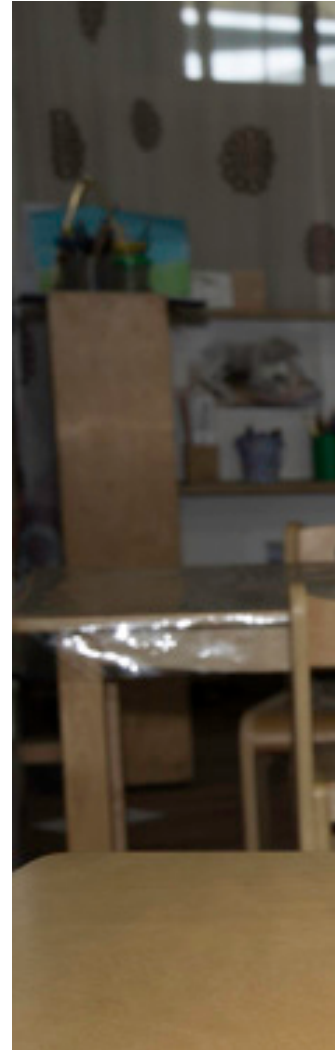
FEES

Trinity Lutheran College Early Learning Centre is a not-for-profit organisation that receives partial funding from the State Government. All other operating costs rely on the payment of fees. Fees are set each year and are based on a carefully considered budget. Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) are applied to your fees if you are eligible.

NUTRITION

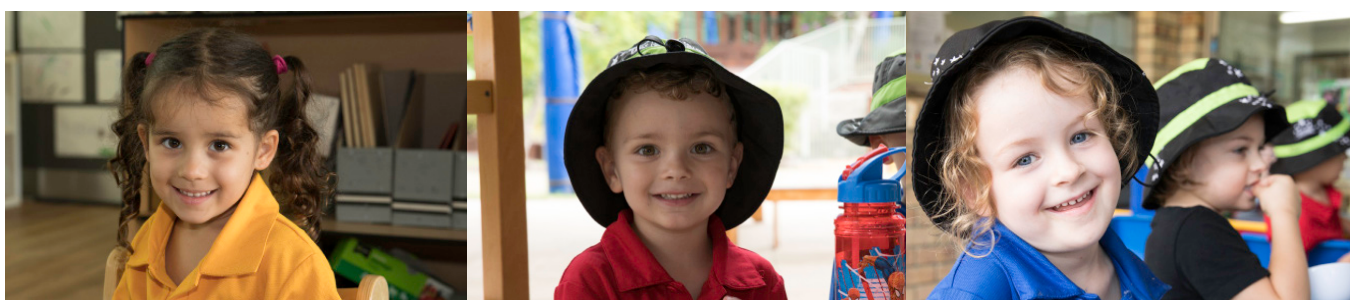
We promote good nutrition and healthy eating habits. The ELC provides food for the children over a four week rotating menu that meets the nutritional guidelines and supplies a part of the recommended daily intake for young children.

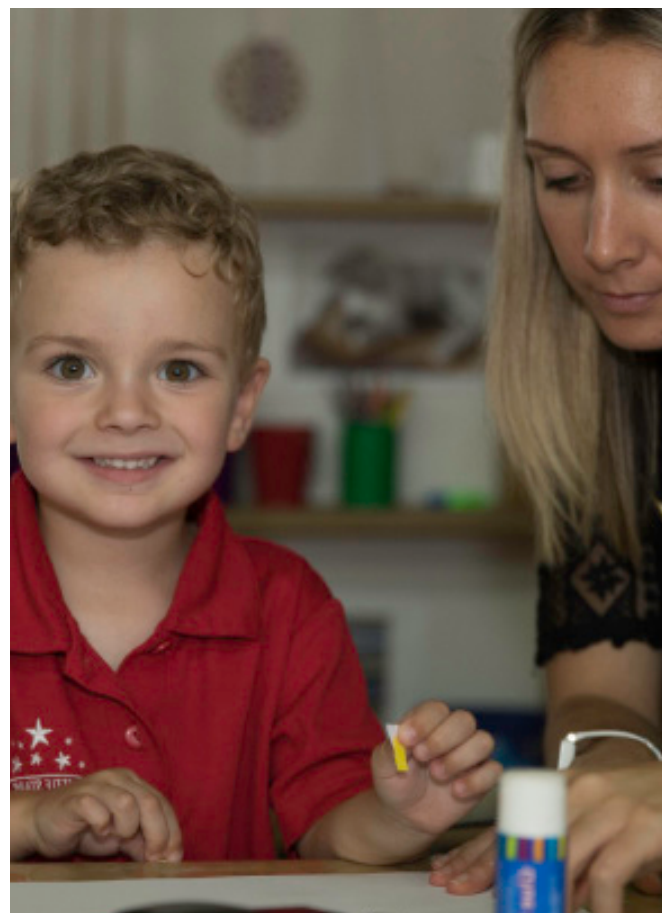
We provide alternatives for children with food allergies and intolerances and maintain a nut-free environment, as far as possible.



WHAT NEXT

- If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact us
- You can organise a tour of the ELC
- Complete the Waiting List Application (available on the website) / pay the \$70 administration fee
- A place offer will be made as soon as the days are available
- Return the Acceptance of Place Offer / pay the \$150 Confirmation fee
- Come to an Orientation Session for you and your child prior to commencement
- We hope that you will join our Trinity community.







LUTHERAN COLLEGE



OPEN

Long Day: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm (50 weeks per year)
Sessional Day: 8:45 am – 2:45 pm Term Time (38 weeks)

The service is closed for two weeks at Christmas / New Year
The ELC will be closed on Public and Regional Holidays – no fees are charged

ADDRESS

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