



Early Learning Centre Fact Sheet



Caulfield Grammar School Early Learning Centres

Our Early Learning Centres (ELCs) help each child develop foundational physical, social, emotional and cognitive skills alongside numeracy and literacy skills. We provide these vital early learning experiences in a supportive atmosphere at our Wheelers Hill and Malvern campuses where children feel nurtured, respected and valued.



Our ELCs at Wheelers Hill and Malvern campuses are rated an EXCEEDING National Quality Standard under the National Quality Framework (NQF).

Wheelers Hill Campus ELC (Kindergarten to Year 12)

| 3-year-old Kindergarten | Pre-Prep (4-year-old Kindergarten) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">5-day programMon–Fri 8.30am–3.10pmAged 3 by 30 April and not permitted to commence until after 3rd birthday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">5-day programMon–Fri 8.30am–3.10pmAged 4 by 30 April and able to commence Term 1 in that year |

Our ELC is located adjacent to our Junior School, set on a hillside with views to the Dandenong Ranges, and has access to all Junior School facilities including:

- Tinker Alley nature play zone
- Visual Arts spaces
- Award-winning library
- Veggie and herb garden
- Junior School playgrounds
- Gymnasium, oval and basketball courts

Class sizes

- 3-year-old Kinder: 20 children in each class
- Pre-Prep: 22 children in each class
- Each class has two qualified early childhood educators – a teacher and a co-educator

Daily structure

Every morning children socialise with others in their group and undertake learning activities and experiences followed by specialist classes such as Chinese or Music.

After lunch every day there is an hour's siesta or 'down time' where children can sleep or participate in quiet activities such as looking at books or listening to stories or music.

Specialist classes

Our ELC children participate in regular Specialist Classes of Music, Library (introducing library procedures and storytelling), STEM, Mandarin Chinese, Swimming (Pre-Prep) and Physical Education.

Malvern Campus ELC (Kindergarten to Year 6)

| 3-year-old Kindergarten | Pre-Prep (4-year-old Kindergarten) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">3-, 4- or 5-day programs (5 days only from 2024)Mon–Fri 8.30am–3.10pmAged 3 by 30 April and not permitted to commence until after 3rd birthday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">5-day programMon–Fri 8.30am–3.10pmAged 4 by 30 April and able to commence Term 1 in that year |

Our ELC is located in the grounds of heritage-listed Valentines Mansion and has access to all Junior School facilities including:

- Stunning multipurpose ballroom
- Visual Arts spaces
- Light-filled library
- Wominjeka adventure playground
- Veggie and herb garden
- Oval, cricket nets, tennis courts and gymnasium.



Connecting with community

Children interact with Junior School children through our Buddies program and active participation in special events such as assemblies, Sport days and Book Week celebrations. Our 'Free-range Fridays' encourage interaction with Prep classes.

Communication

We use a digital platform called Educa to share your child's learning through photos, videos, artwork and learning stories.

Staff regularly document and share your child's progress and interactions and reflect on the best way to guide and build your child's skills and knowledge.

Out of school hours care

Our external provider, Big Childcare, offers Before School and After School Care from 7.00am–6.00pm. Families are encouraged to contact Big Childcare directly.

Uniform

The **Academic Uniform** is trans-seasonal and can be worn by either boys or girls. It consists of navy-blue socks, shorts or a skirt and a navy blue and white shirt; and a navy tracksuit and long-sleeved navy blue and white shirt. The uniform can be purchased from the Uniform Shop at Wheelers Hill Campus or from the Bob Stewart Uniform Shop in East Malvern.

What to bring

Students are asked to bring their own morning tea, lunch and drink bottle each day.

Toilet training

We have an expectation that children are toilet trained prior to beginning in the ELC. If this is not the case, please discuss with the Head of ELC prior to commencement.

Immunisation

State Government laws require all children to be fully immunised before commencing early childhood education. For exceptions, the School requires an Immunisation Exemption Medical Contraindication form obtained from Medicare and signed by a GP.

Campus tours

Families are encouraged to visit on scheduled Open Days or Campus Tours. You can book these via our website at caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au/visit-us

Fees & Enrolment

Enrolment applications are required to be submitted online.

To apply please visit caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au/enrolment

The application fee is \$150 for local students and \$300 for international students. To review the detailed fee schedule, see 'Scale of Fees & Business Notice' at caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au/enrolment

Waitlist

The School Admissions team advise of successful placement 12–18 months prior to the year of commencement. If a place is not available, your application will be rolled over to the next relevant year group at the end of the year.

If you are offered a place but wish to delay your starting year, your application will go back on the waitlist with the original date of application applied.

To enquire about your place on the waitlist, please contact the Admissions team:

Malvern Campus
admissions@caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au
03 9524 6333

Wheelers Hill Campus
admissionswh@caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au
03 8562 5222

Learn more about our Early Learning Centres



Hear from our Head of Early Learning



Take a video tour of our outstanding ELC facilities



Read more in our *Junior Life Booklet*