



# Aranmore Catholic Primary School

## Parent Handbook 2024

### Pre-Kindergarten



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## **Aranmore School Vision**

*The Aranmore Family,  
enriched by its Catholic tradition  
and cultural diversity,  
nurtures in each child  
a love of life,  
a passion for learning  
and the skills to make a difference.*



## **School Prayer**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
May we in our School years  
Take time to read  
Take time to think  
It is the road to wisdom

Take time to laugh  
Take time to love  
It is the way to be alive

Take time to give  
Take time to pray  
It is the road to God

## Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to all the children and families commencing the Aranmore Three Year Old Pre-Kindergarten. We look forward to working together with your family as a team to provide the best learning environment for your child.

Our Three Year Old Pre-Kindy program provides an introduction to schooling for children and their families and sets the foundation for future school learning.

Pre-Kindy operates every Monday that the school is open.

We always look forward to having lots of fun together!

**Session Times**      Monday 8.45am - 2.45pm

**Fees**                      The fee for Pre-Kindy in 2023 is \$80 per day. A pro-rata fee applies if your child commences partway through the term.

## **ARANMORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

Aranmore Catholic Primary School cherishes each child as a special miracle. We acknowledge that each child develops in different ways, at different rates and we embrace the individuality of each child. Pre-Kindy is an educational program for children aged three years. At Aranmore Catholic Primary School we design learning programs that 'capture the integrated and complex learning and development of all children' by pursuing the five outcomes in Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia. This framework clearly stipulates that children:

- Have a strong sense of identity
- Are confident and involved learners
- Are connected with and contribute to their world
- Have a strong sense of well-being
- Are effective communicators

The program is play-based and provides children with meaningful experiences that promote the development of spiritual, social, emotional, language, intellectual, creative and physical skills. The staff will create a caring, safe and stimulating environment that will nurture your child's disposition to wonder, explore and construct meaning about the world.

*Regulations prevent us taking a child until they have turned three years old. If your child has not turned three years old when the program commences they may be enrolled and we are happy to hold their place for you until after their third birthday. For further enrolment information please contact the school office.*

### **The Pre-Kindy program aims to:**

- Provide an environment supportive of the Catholic ethos which acknowledges the innate spirituality of every child, fosters the child's ability to wonder, experience awe, overcome difficulties, love others and reflect on God as their creator.
- Provide a happy, stimulating and supportive environment where the children feel welcome, secure and valued.
- Provide a program that will cater for a wide range of developmental abilities and interests allowing children to develop to their full potential.
- Provide a program that will emphasise learning as an interaction process. The child interacting with the environment, through a balance of teacher initiated or directed activities, free play and discovery learning.
- Encourage children to become self-reliant and to be able to make choices.
- Develop in the children the ability to communicate verbally and non-verbally their thoughts, ideas and feelings.

### **The Pre-Kindy program will place special emphasis on:**

- Play-based learning
- Children's interests
- Skills (social, emotional, language, intellectual, creative and physical)
- Formation of friendships
- Creative expression
- Sensory experiences

### **Settling In**

One of the first things a Pre-Kindy child needs to learn is how to be away from his/her parents or primary caregiver. This may take some time for some children as they learn to cope with their new environment and routine. It is very important that each child feels happy and comfortable in the Pre-Kindy environment.

The Pre-Kindy staff will work closely with parents/caregivers to ensure that your child is given the best chance to settle in at their own pace.

### **Guiding Children's Behaviours**

Responsible freedom is encouraged through the development of self-confidence, self-reliance and self-regulation in a safe and secure democratic setting where children have clear defined limits. The children will be involved in the setting of these limits and they will be implemented consistently and fairly. The role of the Pre-Kindy teacher is to encourage positive behaviour and interactions through positive reinforcement.

We believe a child has the right to talk about their feelings and frustrations with unconditional acceptance. We will respect and comfort a child regardless of that child's behaviour. Children will be given verbal reminders of appropriate behaviours and if necessary will be given assistance to appropriately assert themselves to others. On a daily basis appropriate behaviours are demonstrated and acknowledged by the teachers.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Hours of Operations

Pre-Kindy operates on Mondays **8.45am – 2.45pm** (school term)

## What to Bring

For Pre-Kindy each Monday your child will need:

- A **bag** large enough to carry all necessary items.
- A **hat** for outdoor play. Please note that the school has a “No hat, no play” policy to ensure sun safety for the children.
- A **piece of fruit or vegetable**, cut up in a small container for morning tea.
- A **drink bottle** of water only so children can help themselves to a drink throughout the day.
- A **packed lunch** in a lunch box to be eaten individually at lunch time.
- A **spare change of clothes** (suited to the season) in a plastic bag in your child’s school bag to allow us to attend to accidents or spills.
- A **small cushion** (no larger than 30x30cm) for rest time.

***Please ensure all your child’s items are clearly labelled with their name.*** The children are asked not to bring toys or personal belongings to Pre-Kindy as items lost or broken often cause undue stress.

## What to Wear

Children need to wear comfortable play clothes to Pre-Kindy that can get messy and that are easy to manage for quick dashes to the toilet. Also please send your child in shoes that they can manage to take off and put on by themselves. Hair, for both health reasons and appearance, is to be neat and tidy. For safety and security reasons, it is recommended that no jewellery be worn.

We understand that not all three year olds are toilet trained. We are happy to support the children in this learning process and encourage the wearing of ‘pull-ups’ to assist with their independence.

Please apply sunscreen to your child before they come to Pre-Kindy. We will have sunscreen available to re-apply when needed.

The uniform shop sells short and long sleeve ‘I’m an Aranmore Kid ’ shirts in different colours. You are welcome to buy the shirts for the children to wear as it develops a sense of belonging and identity with Aranmore.

## HEALTH and WELL BEING

Please inform us of any condition that may affect your child's well-being, and equally of any circumstances that may affect their behaviour on a particular day. This helps us to cater for the needs of your child.

If your child is unwell please do not send them to Pre-Kindy and ensure that they remain at home until fully recovered. Please let us know if your child has an infectious disease such as chicken pox, measles etc so that other parents can be notified.

Should your child become unwell or be involved in an accident while at school you will be notified. For this reason it is important that telephone numbers and emergency contacts are kept up to date at all times.

### Medication

If your child requires medication, this must be administered before/after school where possible.

If your child requires medication whilst at school:

- we ask that you come to school to administer the daytime dosage.
- staff can administer medications if required; however, medical consent forms must be completed by parents prior to this occurring.

Please let us know of any allergies or medical concerns so that a Medical Action Plan for your child can be put in place if required. If your child has a severe allergy or asthma plan, this plan must be given to the classroom teacher on your child's first day of school, together with Ventolin, spacers and epi-pens.

### Allergies

Aranmore Catholic Primary School is an Allergy Aware School. Please be aware that some children are allergic to nuts, eggs, dairy etc. The school will make you aware of which food items you can and cannot pack into school lunch boxes due to severe allergies.

### Birthdays

Birthdays are a special time in the lives of young children. We are happy to celebrate your child's special day. Please be aware that our School is an Allergy Aware School and some children are allergic to nuts, eggs, dairy etc. If you provide small birthday treats please ensure there are enough for all students and depending on the treat, it may be shared at the end of the school day to take home.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

We acknowledge that parents know their children best. Please keep the staff informed of matters concerning your child's health, well-being and changes at home that could affect his/her participation. As Pre-Kindy is often the first big step away from home for a child is very important that there is a strong communication link between parents and the school. If we reciprocate in keeping communications open and up to date, then we can ensure Pre-Kindy is a positive experience for your child.

There are opportunities for an informal chat with the classroom teacher before and after the Pre-Kindy session. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child and would like to have a more in depth conversation, please make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

All children must be taken to and from the Pre-Kindy classroom by an adult. Please notify us if someone other than one of the child's parents is collecting your child. We realise that unforeseen circumstances may arise at times; therefore, if there is a change of person collecting your child or you are running late, please email or telephone the school.

### Communication Tools

- Please ensure that you provide Administration with a current email address and phone number [admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au)
- Download the Aranmore Catholic Primary School App
- Have access to the School Website [www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au](http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au)

### Parent Roster

We encourage all families to be involved in the Pre-Kindy program through rosters and special events.



# HOW TO DOWNLOAD THE ACPS APP



## HOW TO GET YOUR ARANMORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL APP

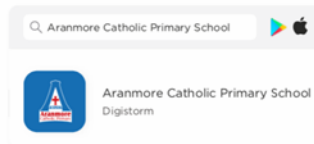
Learn how you can quickly and easily access the new Aranmore Catholic Primary School app.



STEP 1

### SEARCH & DOWNLOAD

Search for **Aranmore Catholic Primary School** on the Apple App Store or Google Play to download the school app.



STEP 2

### STAY CONNECTED

You will now receive the **latest updates** and information from the school.



STEP 3

### TAKE THE TOUR

Explore the **features** of your new app by tapping the tiles on the dashboard.

STEP 4

### MANAGE YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS

To ensure that you receive only the information that is relevant to you, you can change your Subscriptions.

Tap **Settings** and then **Subscriptions** and make your selection. You can change your Subscriptions at any time.

