

COUNT DOWN

to Christ Church Early Learning Community



Christ Church
Grammar School

February 2019

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Ready...set...go!

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Dear Parents

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your son to the Christ Church LW Parry Preparatory School next year. *Countdown to Christ Church* contains information to assist you and your son prepare to join the School.

Parents can call the Uniform Shop on **9442 1716** to book a date in December for your son's uniform fitting. The staff in our uniform shop are helpful and will provide everything you need.

As well as Mini-Launchpad day on **16 July**, I am looking forward to meeting you and your son in Term 3. Please call Mrs Sandra Conway on **9442 1666** as soon as possible to make an appointment to meet with me and Mrs Rebekah Garwood, our Early Learning Years Co-ordinator.

Please complete some information online (an email containing a link will be sent separately), and return your health and immunisation records, if they have not already done so, in the envelope provided by **13 April 2018**.

Kind regards



Richard Wright

Head of the LW Parry Preparatory School



Come and meet Mrs Garwood and ELC staff

We look forward to meeting your son at our Mini-Launchpad afternoon on **16 July**, or at our interview. Please phone Mrs Sandra Conway on **9442 1666** as soon as possible to book a meeting.

Morning greeting

Here at Christ Church we aim to provide our boys with a sense of community. We want them to feel as though they belong and that they are a valued member of their school community. Every morning Mr Wright enjoys greeting each boy in the Prep School with a handshake as they arrive at school.



Absentees

If your child is absent from school for any reason it is important that you notify us by calling the Preparatory School Reception on 94421666 no later than 8.25am. If we have not been notified by 9.00am a message will be sent to your mobile phone.

Dates to remember

Orientation Day

16 November 2018

Pre Primary

Boys only

9:00am to 12.30pm

Kindergarten

Parents and boys

1.30pm to 3.30pm

Pre-Kindergarten

Parents and boys

9.00am to 10.30am

Early Learning Community Sundowner

Christ Church is known for its warm and engaged community. We would like to formally welcome you as you join this community. Towards the end of 2018 we will send an invitation to our entire Early Learning Community regarding a parent only event and look forward to seeing you there.



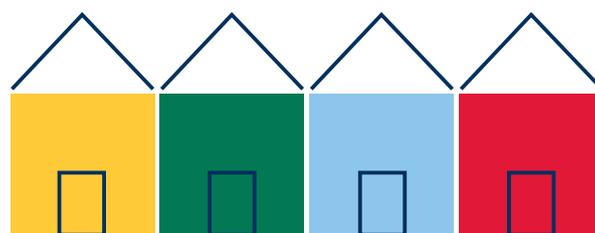
Getting to school

We value the relationships that are built with our families and the importance of the connections between home and school. Designated parking close to the entrance of our Early Learning Community is available so that boys and their parents can walk to our learning environment and engage with staff and members of the school community.



Houses – not just four walls and a roof!

It is our goal that each one of our boys feels a sense of belonging to the School community and with 500 boys in the Prep School, House groups make an important contribution to this. Your boy will be placed into one of the four school Houses when they begin at Christ Church; Dale (yellow), Forrest (green), Giles (blue) or Stirling (red). Each house includes boys from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6. Throughout their time in the Prep School boys have the opportunity to earn points for their house in many ways and, at the end of the year, the House with the most points is awarded with the Giles Shield and the title of Champion House.



DALE

FORREST

GILES

STIRLING



Morning Tea and Lunch

All boys will need to provide their own lunch packed in to a separate container. Lunch may also be ordered from the school canteen. Boys do not need to bring money to school as parents can set up an account online.

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten

Morning fruit is shared in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten and becomes an important part of our teaching and learning program. This shared eating time provides opportunities for boys to build relationships, learn social etiquette and grow their conversational skills. Please provide a piece of fruit, a vegetable, cheese or plain crackers each day your child attends Kindergarten. Please place your contribution in the fruit basket provided in the classroom.

Pre-Primary

Please provide your son with a small but healthy morning tea, consisting of a piece of fruit or vegetable for their daily 'fruit break'. Your boy may also enjoy cheese or plain crackers however we ask you limit sweet treats.

Please familiarise yourselves with our Allergy Aware Policy on our website.



Health Centre form

Please complete and return your son's blue Christ Church health form and attach a copy of their immunisation record. Our Health Centre insists that boys cannot start at the School until it is received.

Uniform

The distinctive Christ Church uniform is predominantly blue and gold. Every time your son puts on his uniform he is given a sense of belonging to our community and is proudly representing Christ Church. Please encourage him to wear it with pride, ensure it is clean and that it is the correct uniform for winter and summer.

Your son has been allocated to either Dale (yellow), Stirling (red), Giles (blue) or Forrest (green) House. He may wear his coloured house shirt on days he has Physical Education and is expected to wear it for sporting events so please ensure you have purchased one from the Uniform Shop.

All Christ Church uniform items, apart from shoes, can be purchased at our Uniform Shop, conveniently located near our Preparatory School. Please ensure you reserve an appointment by leaving a message for Ms Chrissy Baird on 9 4421716. Ms Baird will return your call as soon as possible to arrange a uniform fitting.



Uniform appointment dates

The Uniform Shop will be reserving specific dates and times for uniform fittings in December 2018 and January 2019

Go to [CCGS World](#) > [Quick Links](#) > [Uniform Shop](#) for details on all opening times and uniform requirements.

Name it and claim it

Please ensure you sew name-tapes or write your son's name on every piece of his uniform, including his shoes. It is easy for boys to drop a sock or shoe as they move around the campus, and if it isn't named, it may end up in the lost property basket.

Sleeping Bags

Boys in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will be required to purchase their own Christ Church Sleeping Bag for rest time. These will be available from the Uniform Shop.

Shoes, sandals and hats

At Christ Church we encourage our boys to be active and independent learners and recommend that you purchase shoes and sandals that your son can put on and take off himself (Velcro fasteners are great). We can help your son until he has developed the skills to do this independently. The School has a no hat, no play policy all year round and your son is required to have a hat at school with him at all times.

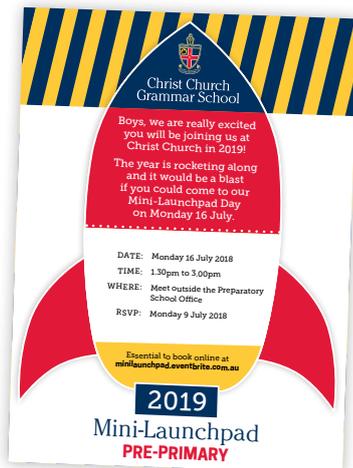
House shirts

Boys will be allocated to one of our four Houses. Boys should wear their coloured House shirt on days they have Physical Education (PE).

Spare clothes

In case of emergencies, please put a spare set of clothes (not uniform) and underwear, in a plastic bag in the bottom of your son's school bag.

Look out in the post for your personal invite to our Pre-Primary Launchpad!



CCGS World is just for you

CCGS World will be sent to you weekly from Term 4. It is an online page which can be found at ccgs.wa.edu.au/ccgs-world.

This section of the website is a central resource for all the information you will need – from notices and messages, to calendar dates, news stories, photos, sports fixtures, important policies, as well as links to the Parent Portal and other key sites. Content is updated daily, while notices and messages from Principal Mr Alan Jones and Mr Wright are updated weekly. We also have a Facebook page.

We strongly recommend that you bookmark this page as you will probably use it a couple of times each week! It is mobile device friendly, which means it is good to read on smartphones and tablets.

Early Learning Community communication

In addition to the information you will receive through *CCGS World* we will also provide you with information about our classroom learning experiences through a weekly newsletter. An overview of the coming week will also be sent home each Friday to ensure you are informed.

Cash-free campus

Christ Church uses a cashless system, My Student Account (MSA), which reduces the need for your son to carry money to school. The system enables you to keep track of your son's spending at any time and allows you to deposit funds directly into his account either online or over the telephone. The best time to do this is just before the start of the school year.

Excursions (Kindergarten and Pre Primary only)

At Christ Church we believe in the value of excursions to inspire learning. Excursions may support an ongoing inquiry or stimulate a new project. They provide our boys with first hand experiences in which they can develop their language, literacy and problem-solving skills. We enjoy having parents join us and always appreciate the added help of parent volunteers. All details of upcoming excursions will be in *CCGS World*, class newsletters and class overviews each week.

Healthy boys

The Health Centre at Christ Church caters for the primary health needs of more than 1650 boys, including 24/7 coverage for more than 110 boarders.

The Centre, staffed by registered nurses, is always busy catering to the demands of the immediate health issues of attending students and boarders. We therefore ask you to work with us to ensure the Centre can concentrate on the immediate daily emergencies.

To do this please observe the following fundamental procedures that are in the best interests of both your son and the Health Centre:

1. If your son is clearly unwell, keep him home for the day or take him to your family doctor. Please do not send him to the Health Centre to be assessed and managed.
2. If your son sustains an injury over the weekend take him to the emergency department or to your family doctor. Do not send him to the Health Centre to be assessed and managed.

Other ways in which you can help us and your boy, is to teach him essential life skills such as how to wash his hands properly to reduce cross infection, how to swallow a pill (eg Panadol) and how to put on his school uniform quickly and easily.

Note: a condition of enrolment is the completion and return to the School of your son's Health Record and full immunisation history. If you have not already done this, ensure you return it with your other documentation by **13 April 2018**.

Special occasions

We are very happy to help your son celebrate special occasions. Please talk with us about the best way to help you (and us) be involved. In the interests of harmony, if birthday invitations are to be handed out at school, then each child must receive one. If hosting a smaller party please mail or email your invitations.

After-school care

If you need your son to stay at school a bit longer after the official 'home time' please go to **Learning > Preparatory School > After School Care** on our website for details.

Holiday planning

Go to **CCGS World > Quick Links > School hours/term dates** to plan your holidays for next year and beyond.

Assemblies

(Pre Primary only)

The Prep School formal Assembly is held most Fridays in the Chapel from 8.30am to 9.30am and Pre-Primary boys are expected to attend. Chapel will also be held from 8.30am to 8.50am on Monday mornings. Parents are invited to attend when it is their son's special assembly day.

Keeping us informed

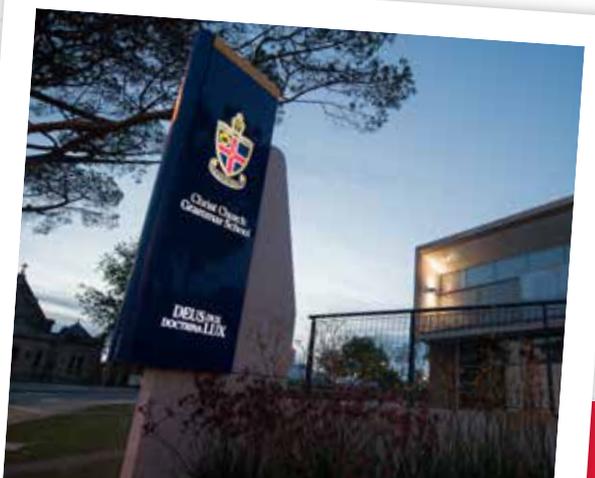
To prepare for your son's enrolment into the School, we require you to advise of any special educational needs your son may have. Should he have any specialist reports, such as speech, hearing, occupational therapy or psychometric, please upload and submit them when you complete your online information.

Policies

All school policies are accessible on the school website under **About us > Governance** and include Privacy; Discipline; Allergy; Positive Relationships and many more.

Student personal accident insurance

As part of its inclusive fees policy, Christ Church provides accident insurance cover for your son, worldwide, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. The cover is not restricted to school activities, however, it will lapse when your son permanently leaves the School. Please note this policy does not cover medical expenses. Under current legislation, Medicare and your private health insurer cover medical expenses. The policy also has no impact on potential public liability, third party vehicle or negligence claims that might be made on behalf of your son.



How can you help us in the Early Learning Community ?

People

Most people have skills they "hide" that would be fantastic to children. Please let your sons teacher know if you would like to be involved in any of the following: Storytelling; playing a musical instrument; kite making; cooking (dads who cook are a favourite); woodworking; weaving; knitting; fishing; dancing and sewing.

Materials

We are always in need of materials such as boxes, corks, buttons, fabric etc. Please speak with us before you bring in large items as we have limited storage and want to make sure we can include your contributions into the program quickly. We are always in need of dress up items too! From time to time we are likely to have specific requests and shall put these to you via our newsletter.

Swimming and PE (Kindergarten and Pre Primary only)

During Term 1, swimming classes will be held during the school day. The lessons are conducted by Kirby Swim in conjunction with MLC girls. Please ensure you respond to the Sport Department's communication to ensure your son is placed in the correct swimming level. Swimming lessons will be held in **Weeks 7, 8 and 9** with a carnival in **Week 10**. We also do land-based Physical Education (PE). Boys should wear sneakers on the nominated day (see weekly newsletter).

Spare Clothes

Please also include a spare set of clothes, including underwear, in your son's bag and ensure that all items are clearly labelled with his name. This does not have to be school uniform, and will be used if your son has an accident or gets his clothes wet when playing.

Hours of attendance - Term 1

Pre-Primary

8.25am to 2.45pm

The Pre-Primary program commences at 8.25. The classroom opens at 8.10 for your son to greet his teacher, prepare for the day and share an activity with his parents or his peers.

Kindergarten

Week 1

Monday

Staggered Start between 8.30am to 12.00pm, Finish 1.30pm

Tuesday

Staggered Start 8.30am to 12.00pm, Finish 1.30pm

Wednesday Thursday and Friday

Start 8.45am Finish 2.40pm

Week 2 onwards – 8.45am – 2.40pm

The Kindergarten program commences at 8.45am. The classroom opens at 8.10 for your son to greet his teacher, prepare for the day and share an activity with his parents or his peers.

Pre-Kindergarten (from the date he turns three)

Week 1 9.00am to 12.00pm

Week 2 9.00am to 1.30 pm

Week 3 onwards 9.00am to 2.30pm

The Pre-Kindergarten program commences at 9.00am.

The classroom opens at 8.45 for your son to greet his teacher, prepare for the day and share an activity with parents or his peers.

Late entry

If your son is joining Christ Church after the start of the school year, or if he has received a late offer, some of the events and the RSVP date for return of any requested documentation may not be relevant. In which case, please return everything as soon as possible. Meanwhile, we will be working hard to ensure you and your son feel welcome whenever you join the Christ Church community.

River

We regularly visit the Swan River in front of the Chapel as part of our outdoor education learning program. Spending time engaging in unstructured play provided by the natural environment, helps build resilience and self-control in each boy as well as developing his positive risk taking and decision making abilities. It also teaches respect and care for living things, hones his observation skills and fosters a sense of discovery and fun. The boys quickly come to love their time at the river and relish their open-ended play opportunities.

Getting ready checklist:

- Term 1**
 - 1st online submission:** parent and student information
 - Call Mrs Sandra Conway on **9442 1666** to make your appointment with Mrs Garwood
 - Return health and immunisation records in the envelope provided by **13 April 2018**

- Term 3**
 - Call the Uniform Shop on **9442 1716** (leave a message) to make an appointment to purchase uniform
 - Interviews with Mrs Garwood

- Term 4**
 - Early Learning Community Orientation Day 16 November
 - Early Learning Community parent sundowner
 - 2nd online submission:** Upload Semester 2, 2018 Kindergarten report

- December/January 2019:**
 - Purchase school uniform
 - Label uniform and personal items
 - Diarise important school dates
 - Make arrangements to attend Orientation Morning

- January**
 - Set up My Student Account

Important Dates

2018

Mini-Launchpad afternoon

Monday 16 July
1.30pm to 3.00pm

Parents' Association Information Fair and morning tea for new Prep and Senior parents

Friday 16 November
8.30am to 10.00am

Early Learning Community Orientation Day

Friday 16 November

Early Learning Community Sundowner (Parents only)

Date to be determined

2019

First day of Term 1

Monday 4 February

Contact details – keep us posted

Please be diligent about keeping the School informed of any changes in your contact details. This includes your email address and primary phone numbers. If you use a mailing address, we also need your physical residential address. Send your new details to info@ccgs.wa.edu.au or call 9442 1555.



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