

KINDERGARTEN



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Enrolments 2010

Pre Kindergarten Program: 60 children

Preschool Program: 88 children

Staffing

We welcomed Kristie Walters back from maternity leave, who, together with Stephanie Watts, share the responsibility of the Possums and Bilbies groups [pre-school]. New to the staff was Jacqui Blampied who took on the responsibility for teaching the pre-kindergarten program. Jacqui is a most welcome addition to our team.

Educational Program

In 2010 we have continued to develop the implementation of the Early Years Learning Framework. This has meant an adjustment to some of the ways we take observations and plan our programs, but with the resources available to us, it has been a positive transition.

The Early Years Learning Framework draws on evidence based research that supports the fundamentals of a play based approach to learning. The EYLF describes play based learning as providing 'opportunities' for children to learn as they discover, create, improvise and imagine; when children play with other children they create social groups, test out ideas, challenge each other's thinking and build new understandings'.

As a staff we are intentional about supporting these principles by engaging in strategies such as

- Extending children's thinking,
- Providing a balance between child led, child initiated and educator supported learning,
- Creating learning environments that encourage children to explore, solve

problems, create and construct,

- Using routines and play experiences as well as recognizing spontaneous teaching moments as they occur.

Another positive development in 2010 was the scheduling of regular Kindergarten Administration meetings. This has allowed for more efficient communication on the issues and future planning needs of our Centre as well as reinforcing the link between our specialized area of Early Childhood and Christian College as a whole.



Williams House continues to build on its reputation as a Centre that provides excellence in an Early Childhood education that is inclusive, aesthetically inspiring, educationally creative and sensitive to the needs of each child who attends and each family that connects with our community.

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