

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Dardanup

Kindergarten Handbook



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OUR LADY OF LOURDES KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes School, where we cater for children from Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six.

Our Vision

Our Vision is to be a welcoming community of *Many Minds* and *One Heart in Christ*.

Our strength is our committed and high-quality staff with excellent connections and communication across your groups. This provides a whole school consistency of approach to learning and has led to our strong academic results and excellent reputation.

Our Mission

Our Lady of Lourdes is an expression of the life and pastoral care of the Church in the local community. With Christ as its inspiration and guided by Gospel values, the school strives to promote the education and development of the whole child. Our MISSION is to provide a high-quality education that will inspire an ongoing love of God and embraces our Core Values.

We value:

Integrity

Developing your whole self to become your best, demonstrated by consistency between thoughts, judgements, choices and actions

We show this by:

- Standing strong for what you believe
- Saying it, meaning it, doing it
- Telling the truth
- Being a leader inside and outside the classroom
- Making good choices and learning from your mistakes

Compassion

Having a deep concern for others, especially those who are suffering, shown through kind words and actions in an effort to lessen their suffering

We show this by:

- Including others in games
- Caring for the school and yourself
- Forgiving others when they make mistakes
- Noticing when others seem sad or troubled and help them
- Finding the Spirit of Jesus in people we talk to
- Asking "how can I help?"

Courage

When facing difficult choices, choosing good actions, despite the possible consequences or the opinions of others

We show this by:

- Asking for help
- Doing what is right even if it is difficult
- Going ahead even when you feel like giving up
- Saying sorry and owning up to your mistakes
- Trying new things

Justice

Endeavouring to give each person what is rightfully due to them, and treat them with fairness, because of the inherent dignity of each person

We show this by:

- Standing up for yourself and others
- Treating everyone fairly
- Owning up to your mistakes and accept the consequences
- Sharing fairly with others

Respect

Valuing yourself and others because each person is made in the image of God

We show this by:

- Treating others as you want to be treated
- Taking care of other people's belongings
- Saying please and thank you and using people's names
- Following the school rules
- Keeping the classroom and playground clean

Staffing

Our Kindergarten teacher has an early childhood qualification and is supported by two education assistants.

Session Times

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

8.40am – 3.00pm

Recess: 10.30am – 10.50am

Lunch: 12.30pm – 1.10pm

When your child is settled or when the bell rings, please say goodbye to your child and leave to avoid distress/distraction.

Some children will find their parents leaving difficult. Establishing a routine when they arrive at school and telling your child you will return when school is over, will make the first few days easier.

- If your child experiences **ANY** difficulties as you leave we will let you know.
- In extreme cases, when a child does not settle, we will contact you by telephone.

Communication

Recognising parents as the first educators of their children, Kindergarten education seeks to build upon home learning. Please feel free to come and discuss your child's development or any other concerns. It is also important that we know any background information, (eg prior speech therapy, allergies, ailments, etc) as soon as possible.

The teacher will conduct periodic parent interviews throughout the year to discuss your child's progress or any problems, which may arise.



The newsletter and class Information Board will keep you in touch with what is happening in the Kindergarten and elsewhere in the school and community.

Communication solely for the Kindergarten class may be shared via SeeSaw. The teacher will advise all parents how to create a login to see this information.

A school diary will be used to communicate daily messages, for example, if your child is catching the bus or using our in-car pick up system.

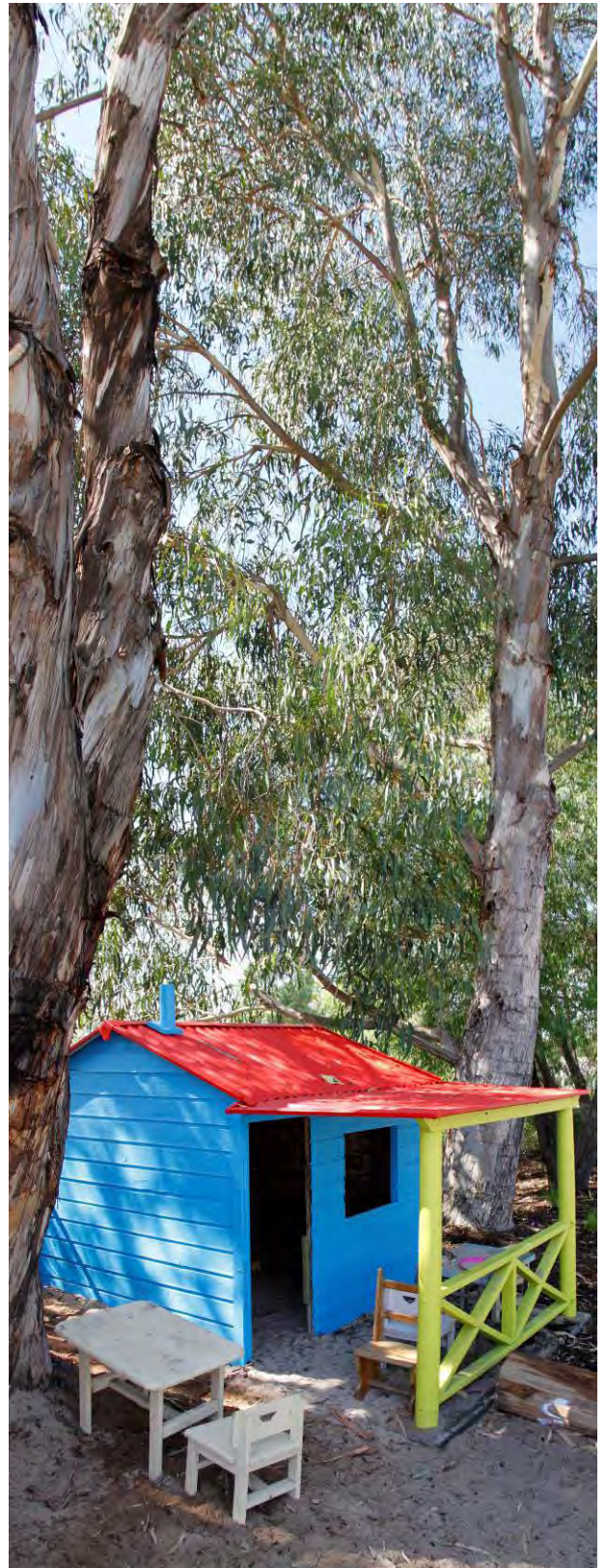


What will your child do at Kindy?

In a word*Play!*

Exploratory play, dramatic play,
creative play, manipulative play,
language play, constructive play,
physically active play and cooperative
play.

With blocks, paint, glue, dough, water,
sand, jigsaws, books, dress-ups,
games, balls, cubbies, swings, climbing
frames, beams and slides.



The numerous types of play provide the children with opportunities for:

- ✚ Speaking and communicating
- ✚ Listening
- ✚ Observing
- ✚ Exploring
- ✚ Manipulating
- ✚ Discovery
- ✚ Achieving success
- ✚ Relating to the environment
- ✚ Sharing
- ✚ Developing creativity and initiative
- ✚ Trusting self and others
- ✚ Cooperating
- ✚ Socialising



Out of which grows the child's

- ✚ Knowledge
- ✚ Understandings
- ✚ Conceptual development
- ✚ Personal development
- ✚ Sense of self
- ✚ Self esteem
- ✚ Attitudes, appreciation's and values



- ✚ Skills and abilities
- ✚ Self expression
- ✚ Independence
- ✚ Fine/gross motor control
- ✚ A love of learning



What Will Come Home?

- Although most children love to paint, glue and create all manner of good things, we ask you to remember that it is the process rather than the product that is important. Try not to ask what your child has in his/her bag each day. He/she may have been just too busy learning through play to have made something to bring home.
- Of course, when creations do turn up in his/her bag, value his/her efforts and ask the 'what, how and why' questions, helping him/her to recall that ever important process.
- Having said all that, the children are encouraged to take pride in their efforts and to do the very best that they can.

Rosters

We have Parent Help Roster. Your involvement in this would be most appreciated.

All parents and grandparents are invited to be help out. The roster will commence in Term Two, to allow children time to settle into their new learning environment. Parent Rosters give you the opportunity to work and play alongside your child and to assist with preparation tasks. Please add your name to the Roster, which will be placed on the door.

It is appreciated that younger children may need to accompany rostered parents. They are most welcome to participate in the Kindergarten, although, if at all possible, they can be looked after by someone else, this can be a special time dedicated to the Kindergarten child.

What to Bring

Your child will need a backpack or similar, (the school bag available from the uniform shop is perfect) for carrying to and from school.

Booklists

A booklist will be given to you prior to Kindergarten commencing.

Food and Drink

- A Healthy snack for morning tea in a small container, clearly labelled with the child's name
- Drink bottle filled with water
- A packed lunch, e.g. Sandwich and a yoghurt or piece of fruit, in a labelled lunch box



Library

The children will attend the Library once a week. Each child needs a library bag. Each child must return his/her book before borrowing another book. We will let you know when we begin attending the Library.

Clothing and Footwear

- The school sports uniform is worn in Kindergarten
- Uniforms can be purchased from Perm-A-Pleat Bunbury
[https://www.permapleat.com.au/Retail-Outlet/Bunbury-Schoolwear-Outlet-\(1\)](https://www.permapleat.com.au/Retail-Outlet/Bunbury-Schoolwear-Outlet-(1)) and our uniform policy can be found on our school website
<https://www.ololdard.wa.edu.au/uniform.html>
- A spare set of clothes in your child's bag is recommended in case of emergencies.
- Wide brimmed hats are a must for outside play.
- For comfort and safety, we often go barefoot, so shoes which your child can manage to put on and take off independently are recommended. (No thongs, though).
- Please ensure that your child's belongings are all labelled with their name.

Birthdays

Birthdays are exciting! Children often like to bring a treat to share with their classmates on this special day. We prefer small individual cakes, chocolates, or in warmer weather, icy-poles.

Please be mindful that we are an allergy aware school, so nuts are not permitted in cakes or icing.

How can Parents Assist?

- Discuss with us any information which may help us to understand your child better
- Ensure that your child has adequate sleep
- Show an interest in what your child does at Kindy
- Encourage your child to be independent and try new things
- Praise your child's efforts
- Use lower case letters when writing your child's name (please don't teach your child to write their name all in capital letters)



What to Save

We can use all your scraps:

Clean empty boxes, bottle tops, scraps of material, buttons, corks, old Christmas and Birthday cards, Easter egg foil, gladwrap rolls, ice-cream or yoghurt containers and anything else that might be useful.

Don't think you're getting rid of all of this – it will come back transformed into a masterpiece one day!

Anaphylaxis

Your child's health and safety is of utmost importance to us. At Our Lady of Lourdes School we have several students who have allergies to foods, with which exposure could place their lives at risk. Exposure to these allergens could cause an anaphylactic reaction. Parents need to be aware that we are

not dealing with a mild allergy that will result in some discomfort and a rash. **We have students who are highly anaphylactic and exposure to allergens will be life-threatening and necessitate emergency treatment and hospitalisation.**

Please note that Our Lady of Lourdes School is 'nut-aware'. We request that you refrain from including nuts or nut-products in school lunch boxes or in any food brought to school (this includes 'Nutella' in sandwiches).

It is important that we are all working as a team to ensure the welfare of our students, and we thank all parents for respecting our desire to do all we can to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Health Issues

- If your child is not well, it is important that they be kept at home for their comfort and in consideration of the other children.
- In the event of your child falling ill or being injured, you will be contacted immediately..
- Please observe the Health Department guidelines in cases of contagious illness.

Immunisations

Kindergarten is a non-compulsory school year. To be enrolled in a non-compulsory school year, it is a government requirement that your child's immunisation are up-to-date. Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) History Statements must be dated within two months of an offer of placement.

This means that you child must either:

1. Be up to date with immunisation (as per AIR)
2. Have an approved catch-up-plan (also per AIR) Or
3. Be exempt – with documentation to support the exemption.

If none of the above conditions are met, we are unable to proceed with enrolment.



TERM DATES 2024

Term 1:

Staggered start for our Kindy students. Either Thursday 1 or Friday 2 February and concludes Thursday 28 March.

Public holidays: Monday 4 March – Labour Day Public Holiday.

Pupil Free Day: Monday 25 March – Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 2:

Students begin Monday 15 April and concludes Friday 28 June.

Public Holidays: Thursday 25 – Anzac Day, Monday 3 June – WA Day

Pupil Free Day: Tuesday 4 June

Term 3:

Students begin Tuesday 16 July and concludes Friday 20 September.

Pupil Free Day: Monday 15 July

Term 4:

Students begin Tuesday 8 October and concludes Friday 6 December

Pupil Free Day: Monday 7 October, Friday 8 November (Catholic Day)



SCHOOL FEES SCHEDULE 2024

Kindergarten	First Child	\$700 per year
	Second Child	\$553 per year
	Third Child	\$420 per year
	Fourth Child	Free
	Fifth Child	Free
PP – Yr 6	First Child	\$1111 per year
	Second Child	\$ 888 per year
	Third Child	\$ 666 per year
	Fourth Child	Free
	Fifth Child	Free
Amenities	PP – Yr 6	\$100 per child per year
Amenities	Kindergarten	\$ 50 per child per year
Education Pack Yr 1 – Yr 6		\$40/student
Diary Kindergarten & PP		\$8
Incursions	Kindergarten	\$40 per year
	PP – Yr 6	\$40 per year
In Term Swimming Lessons Yr 1-Yr 6		\$50 per child
Yr 5 Camp		\$220 per child
Yr 6 Camp		\$480 per child
Screening Kindy and PP		\$70
IT Levy	Yr 1 – Yr 6	\$50
IPad One to One charge Yr 4-6		\$150
Reading Program Yr 1-2		\$20
AR Reading Program Yr 3-6		\$15
Building Levy		
	PP – Yr 6	\$222 per family per year
	Kindergarten only	\$140 per family per year
P&F Levy	PP – Yr 6	\$125 per year (per family)
	Kindergarten only	\$ 60 per year
Pre Kindy		\$70/week (Insurance \$13 one off payment)

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<https://www.cewa.edu.au/publication/cewa-statutory-privacy-policy/>

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QUICK LINKS

For more information, please visit the following.

Our School Website www.ololdard.wa.edu.au

Our Uniform Requirements <https://www.ololdard.wa.edu.au/uniform.html>

CEWA Enrolment Policy <https://policy.cewa.edu.au/executive-directive/enrolment/>

Immunisation Requirements https://www.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_1/Immunisation-enrolment

SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank you for our families, who show us love and care.

Thank you for our friends, because they are always there.

Thank you for our teachers, who always help us learn.

Thank you Lord for everything, you always show concern.

Help us always listen, to what others have to say.

Help us share with everyone, each and every day.

Help us always try our best in all that we do.

Help us Lord in everything, to become more like you.

Amen