

Prep Enrolment Information

A Guide to enrolling in the Preparatory Year.

As of 2007, Prep replaces Preschool in Queensland State schools. Corinda State School has three specially designed Prep classrooms. These prep buildings are situated east of the Administration building and faces Cliveden Avenue.

Prep teachers in state schools and most non-state schools use the Early Years Curriculum Guidelines. The guidelines are based on the play-and inquiry-based approach to learning which builds on the best aspects of Queensland's successful preschool program.

A key feature of Prep is that it makes connections between school and children's experiences at home, kindy or childcare. Children are encouraged to develop independence and personal organisational skills. Working with other children and adults is also an important life skill that is part of the prep program.

In Prep, children will be:

- Using blocks, creating collages and doing other activities that develop early mathematical concepts and skills
- Drawing and painting to encourage oral language, reading and writing skills
- Initiating and participating in dramatic play to build an understanding of the world around them
- Writing stories and copying signs as part of their play
- Playing and investigating independently, in pairs, small groups and as a whole class
- Participating in outdoor activities
- Actively making choices about what and how they learn
- Investigating and learning how to find out about their interests
- Planning with the teacher
- Participating in music and language experiences.

These learning experiences will help children to:

- Understand and use language to group, sort and describe objects and to communicate ideas, feelings and needs
- Develop early literacy and numeracy skills
- Develop independence and problem-solving skills
- Learn how to cooperate with others
- Develop physical coordination skills
- Listen, respond to and give directions
- Increase self-confidence.

To be eligible for Prep, a child must turn five years old by 30 June in the year of enrolment.

Parents wishing to check when their child is eligible for Prep or Year 1 can go to the Prep Ready Reckoner on the Education Queensland website: (<http://education.qld.gov.au/etrf/prep.html>)