Pre-Prep (Kindergarten)

Question & Answer Fact Sheet

Q: How old does my child need to be for them to be eligible for Pre-Prep?

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* At the end of each year, all Pre-Prep children will undergo a Prep Readiness Assessment to determine if they are ready to advance to Prep. After the Prep Readiness Assessment, some Pre-Prep children may be required to complete a second year of Pre-Prep.

Q: What days would my child attend Pre-Prep?
A: The College offers parents the option of having their child attend the Pre-Prep Learning Centre (Kindy) 5 days a week or 5 days a fortnight. Children enrolled in the 5 day fortnight program will attend classes three days one week and two days the next week (Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays OR Thursdays, Fridays and alternate Wednesdays). You will be notified which days are allocated to your child.

Q: What are the hours of operation for the Pre-Prep?
A: Sessional hours in the Pre-Prep will run from 8.20am to 2.40pm school terms only.

Q: Is there a deposit for Pre-Prep?
A: Yes. A deposit of $150 is required at the time of application to secure a possible place for your child and will be used as your registration fee. This is to be paid before applications can be processed. If your application is unsuccessful, the full deposit of $150 will be refunded to you. However if you chose to withdraw your application, this deposit is non-refundable.

Q: What are the enrolment procedures for the Pre-Prep?
A: A Pre-Prep Enrolment Form and Medical Form should be completed and submitted to the College Office along with your $150 deposit. Please include proof of age (birth certificate or passport) and proof of immunisation or a conscientious objection letter. Once your application has been processed, you will be required to attend an interview with the Director of the Pre-Prep Learning Centre. If your child’s enrolment is successful, an offer of placement will be made by the Enrolment Officer a short time after the interview.

Please note: Submission of the Enrolment Application and $150 deposit does not guarantee placement in the Pre-Prep Learning Centre.

Q: Do I need to supply proof of my child’s Immunisations?
A: Yes. Parents must supply a record of their child’s immunisation with their Enrolment Application. Children must be fully immunised or have exemption documentation to attend the Pre-Prep Learning Centre. Children who are not immunised can be enrolled by the Centre but must be withdrawn for the exclusion period if a vaccine-preventable disease is confirmed within the Centre.

Q: What will the fees be for Pre-Prep?
A: Pre-Prep is billed at $30 per day. Fees are charged for school terms only as per the Mackay Christian College school calendar (public holidays are included). Full fees are payable for absences due to family holidays, illness or days when the Pre-Prep Learning Centre is closed for statutory holidays.

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Q: How can I make payments for Pre-Prep and how often?
A: Pre-Prep payments can be made by Direct Debit either Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly or per Term. You may collect a Confirmation of Direct Debit form from the College Office or download it from the College Website to allow the College to deduct fees from your bank account or credit card. You may also pay by Cash, Credit Card or EFTPOS at either the Junior School Reception or the College Office.

Q: Will I be eligible for a Child Care Benefit (CCB)?
A: Mackay Christian College Pre-Prep Learning Centre is a Registered Child Care Provider. As such, parents may be eligible for Child Care Benefit from the government. The CCB is means tested, and parents must register with Centrelink to find out if they are eligible. This can be done either online or through the Family Assistance Office at Centrelink.

Mackay Christian College will issue a statement/invoice to enable parents to make their claim. A Claim for Childcare Benefit for Registered Care Form FA018 must accompany each claim, and claims must be made within 12 months of the care taking place.

Parents can download Form FA018 from the Centrelink website. However for your convenience a link to the Centrelink website can be found on the College website under the Pre-Prep tab, Frequently Asked Questions. Claims are made through the Family Assistance Office and may be made at any time, however can take up to 14 - 35 working days to be processed.

Please note: Families with children who are not immunised and do not have an approved exemption will not be eligible to receive Child Care Benefit (CCB). Free catch-up vaccines are provided for young persons (less than 20 years of age) whose families are currently receiving family assistance payments (Child Care Benefit, Child Care Rebate and Family Tax Benefit Part A end of year supplement). This is a time limited program and will cease in December 2017.

Q: What if I am on a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card?
A: If you are the holder of a current Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card with automatic Health Care entitlements you may be eligible for a reduction in Pre-Prep fees. A copy of your current Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card needs to be provided to the College.

Q: Will there be Family Assistance for Pre-Prep fees?
A: No. Unfortunately we are unable to offer Family Assistance for Pre-Prep children. However the College will continue to offer Family Assistance to families with Prep-Year 12 students when necessary.

Q: Is there a compulsory uniform for Pre-Prep?
A: Yes. Children will be required to wear the Junior School Sports Uniform which consists of the navy knit shorts and the Junior School polo shirt (both with MCC logo). These are available from the College Uniform Shop. Students will also be required to wear closed in shoes or joggers (velcro straps instead of shoe laces) NO THONGS or SANDALS ALLOWED. A Mackay Christian College Bucket Hat is also compulsory. An MCC microfibre jacket and track pants may be worn during winter.

Q: What curriculum is followed in the Pre-Prep?
A: The Pre-Prep curriculum is constantly evolving and is aimed at engaging children in activities that are relevant to their experiences. It has been carefully developed to align with the Qld Kindergarten Learning Guidelines and so encompasses a skilful balance of spontaneous and intentional learning opportunities.

Q: What if my child is not ready for Prep after a year in Pre-Prep?
A: The teachers in the Pre-Prep classes will communicate with parents if they feel their child is not ready to move to Prep. We also invite parents to speak to their child’s teacher if they feel that their child may not be ready; although most children are ready for Prep at the end of Pre-Prep. If however, parents and teachers agree a child is not ready, the teacher will discuss the options available with parents.

Q: Will my child automatically be enrolled to commence at MCC?
A: Placement at MCC Pre-Prep Learning Centre does not guarantee enrolment in Mackay Christian College. Families wishing to enrol their students into Mackay Christian College in Prep – Year 12 should make a separate application for enrolment. Enrolment policies and procedures are outlined in the College Information Pack available from the College Office or on the College Website mcc@mccmkq.qld.edu.au.

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