



Canterbury & District Pre-school

Our Philosophy

Here at CDPS, high quality early education is fostered within an inclusive and nurturing environment. We acknowledge and appreciate all children and families, whilst providing a stimulating and flexible indoor and outdoor educational program. Children are encouraged to show initiative, make decisions and develop problem solving skills. The curriculum is play-based with a strong focus on providing for each child's individual interests, needs and abilities. The program includes engaging, meaningful and challenging experiences across all learning domains. Creativity abounds at CDPS as we discover and explore the world around us. Our strong links with local primary schools ensures our School Readiness Program is effective in supporting all children during this transition period.

Our Community

At CDPS, we pride ourselves in having a friendly community, with a welcoming and inclusive environment for the children and families involved. Our educators are nurturing and engaging, with some having been at CDPS for many years. Our parent run Committee of Management is made up of enthusiastic and active volunteers. There are a variety of social activities organised throughout the year; such as the Welcome Picnic, Annual Fundraising Night and our family Christmas party. These relaxed social events along with working bees are a great way to meet other kinder families.

CDPS fosters strong Indigenous connections with our local area. We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Custodians of the land, and we respectfully share their stories, traditions and culture with our children.

Exceeding National Quality Standards

The Canterbury and District Pre-School was assessed in March 2022, as Exceeding National Quality Standards in all 7 Quality Areas.

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Programming

CDPS supports a sustainable and environmentally friendly program. We have a rain-water tank, and children and staff consciously recycle. Our compost bin feeds the worm farm which allows children to grow their own seasonal herbs and vegetables, which they then use in cooking.

In addition to our Learning Program, children are involved in a variety of fun and exciting activities that may change from year to year. Examples of incursions and specialist educational programs include:

3 Year old Program

Specialist sessions:

- Mini Maestros
- Ready, Steady, Go Sports Program
- Hello Yoga

Other activities include:

- Grandparent's / Special Friend Day
- Life Education-Healthy Harold
- Wiggerly Worm
- Chinese New Year celebrations
- Boroondara Police Visit
- Mum / Dad mornings
- Wild Action Rockpool
- Visit from local librarians
- Drama Toolbox
- Rhythm Joe

4 Year old Program

Specialist sessions:

- Mini Maestros
- Ready, Steady, Go Sports Program
- Hello Yoga: Mindfulness Program
- School Readiness Program
- Regular interest-based and specialist incursions
- Engagement with our local community through excursions

Other activities include:

- Grandparent's / Special Friend Day
- Bookworm Theatre
- School Choir Visit
- Animal Pet Farm
- Bunnings visit
- Responsible Pet Program
- Mum / Dad mornings
- Little Chompers Dental
- Backyard Honey Beekeeper incursion

Facilities

At CDPS, we're fortunate to have a diverse range of flexible learning and open spaces for our children, such as passive and active play areas, learning spaces and creative sensory

areas for all to enjoy. Our recently completed upper playground is a favourite choice with its swing and climbing fort, the lower garden is magical and engaging with cubbies and it includes the mud kitchen, dry riverbed & sandpit areas.

Sessions for 2024

Group Name (22 places)	3 Year Old Program 2024 Session Times				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Green	8.30am – 4.00pm			8.30am – 4.00pm	

Group Name (14 places each)	4 Year Old Program 2024 Session Times				
	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday
Blue		8.30am - 4.00pm			8.30am - 4.00pm
Yellow			8.30am - 4.00pm		8.30am - 4.00pm
Red		8.30am - 4.00pm	8.30am - 4.00pm		

Voluntary Contributions

From 2023, our CDPS families will benefit from the Victorian State Government's 'Free Kinder' initiative. This is an optional program which CDPS is a participating kindergarten, and it provides certain funding based on the full 15-hours per week program.

Unfortunately, the government funding is not sufficient to cover the full cost of operating a community-based kindergarten, and it will impact the longer-term financial viability of CDPS.

To enable CDPS to continue to provide a high quality educational experience for children attending CDPS, we ask all parents for a voluntary contribution, which is a once-off and recommended amount of \$800 per child per year, or other amount as nominated by parents that covers the full year of the kindergarten program. The financial support provided through a voluntary contribution will directly support specialist incursion programs, procurement of shared supplies, equipment and ongoing maintenance requirements.

Enrolment Information

- CDPS is a member of the Boroondara Kindergarten Central Enrolment Scheme (BKCES): Phone: 9278 4444 or email kindergarten@boroondara.vic.gov.au
- You can apply for a kindergarten place any time after your child turns 2. <https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/community/children-and-families/kindergarten/enrol-kindergarten/apply-enrol>
- **Applications close by Friday 23 June 2023** (Late applications are placed at the end of the waiting list).
- Children must turn 3 (3YO) or 4 (4YO) prior to 30 April in the year of their attendance.
- Children are unable to repeat 3YO kinder due to new Government funding, and will only be eligible for 1 funded year.
- **Enrolment security deposit:** as part of the enrolment process, a security deposit of \$800 per child will be required to secure your child's position at CDPS. The deposit will be refundable in Term 1, but at your election, you may donate that amount as a voluntary contribution to CDPS (see above – Voluntary Contributions).
- To access Free Kinder, CDPS families must agree to allocate kindergarten funding to CDPS, and not to another provider (Childcare, Kinder etc). Families must not have claimed free kinder funding for the same year level in previous years.
- For any queries regarding Free Kinder funding, please contact Central Enrolments via Phone: 9278 4444 or email kindergarten@boroondara.vic.gov.au

