



Pre-Prep (Kindergarten) Learning Centre Fact Sheet

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

Birth Date:	Your child can start Pre-Prep in:	Your child can start Prep in:
1 July 15 – 30 June 16	2020	2021
1 July 16 – 30 June 17	2021	2022
1 July 17 – 30 June 18	2022	2023

What days would my child attend Pre-Prep?

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.

What are the hours of operation for the Pre-Prep?

Sessional hours in the Pre-Prep will run from 8.20am to 2.50pm school terms only.

Is there a deposit for Pre-Prep?

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 choose to withdraw your application, this deposit is non-refundable.

What are the enrolment procedures for the Pre-Prep?

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 places are full, your enrolment application will be placed on a waiting list and an interview with the Pre-Prep Director will be arranged when a space becomes available. 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.

What does my child need to bring to Pre-Prep?

- Backpack or MCC Bag (named with identifiable tag)
- 1 lunch box (named) that your child can open by themselves if appropriate (no cooler bags)
- 1 separate morning tea container named (no cooler bags)
- 1 water bottle with a lid over the mouthpiece (named)
- 1 spare change of clothes & underwear (named)
- 1 raincoat with a hood and a pair of named gumboots
- 1 small cushion for resting (named)
- 2 cot size sheets not fitted (named)
- 1 small bag to hold both cushion and sheets (named)
- 1 small light blanket for winter (named)

Is there a compulsory uniform for Pre-Prep?

Yes. Children will be required to wear the Junior School Sports Uniform each day. Uniforms are available from the School Locker at the Senior Campus site, 9 Quarry Street, North Mackay.

MCC Junior School sports shorts and the Junior School sports polo shirt (both with MCC logo)

Closed in shoes or joggers (velcro straps instead of shoe laces) **NO THONGS or SANDALS ALLOWED**

MCC socks preferred or short white socks visible above shoes

MCC Legionnaires Hat is also compulsory

MCC jacket and track pants may be worn during winter logo or plain navy blue track pants may be worn over the sports shorts.

Do I need to supply proof of my child's Immunisations?

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.

What will the fees be for Pre-Prep?

Pre-Prep is billed at \$33 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.

How can I make payments for Pre-Prep and how often?

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.

Will I be eligible for a Child Care Subsidy (CCS)?

Mackay Christian college Pre-Prep Learning Centre is a Registered Child Care Provider. As such, parents will not be eligible for a Child Care Subsidy from the government.

What if I am on a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card?

Families that hold a current Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card with Health Benefits may be eligible to claim a QKFS Plus Kindy Support Subsidy. A copy of your current Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card needs to be provided to the college. Please note that if your child attends full time, the subsidy will only cover half your fees. The remainder will need to be covered by the account holder. If a student identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or both they may also claim a QKFS Plus Kindy Support Subsidy.

What curriculum is followed in the Pre-Prep?

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.

What if my child is not ready for Prep after a year in Pre-Prep?

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.

Will my child automatically be enrolled to commence at MCC?

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 Enrolment Pack available from the College Office or on the college website www.mcc.qld.edu.au.