



# The Scots School

BATHURST

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ENROLMENT INFORMATION PRE-KINDERGARTEN

# FROM THE HEADMASTER



Dear Parents,

Welcome to The Scots School Bathurst and thank you for your enquiry about The Scots School Pre-Kindergarten Program. We hope this will be the beginning of a long and happy association between your family and The Scots School.

Here at The Scots School we pride ourselves on offering our students a quality education in an inspiring, vibrant and caring environment. Pre-Kindergarten at Scots is step one in an education program that encourages creativity and excellence, while ensuring your child feels valued, respected and safe.

The enclosed package will provide you with an overview of our Program and life at Scots. We are also happy to arrange a meeting with the teachers of the Pre-Kindergarten Program and to offer you a School tour.

Please note that the selection of days is quite flexible, however some days book out quickly. To avoid disappointment we suggest you enrol as early as possible to secure your preferred days.

Thank you again for your enquiry and please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rebecca Norris on 6331 2766 if you have any questions about our Pre-Kindergarten Program.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Gates'.

David Gates  
Headmaster



# PRE-KINDERGARTEN



The Scots School Pre-Kindergarten Program aims to prepare our students for Kindergarten while ensuring they are happy and have many opportunities to develop their confidence and self-esteem.

Our Pre-Kindergarten class offers a more structured environment than a preschool but less structured than a Kindergarten class. It is not a 'day care centre' or a 'preschool', and is specifically designed to prepare our students to enter kindergarten. Students also enjoy the many benefits of being in a Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 setting.

Our Program will see your child work on pre-number skills, pre-literacy and pre-writing. Each student will be considered on an individual basis and the program adjusted to suit their level. For example, students ready to embark on foundation level literacy and numeracy will be provided with the opportunity to learn these skills.

## Our Aim



We aim for our Pre-Kindergarten students to:

- Be happy
- Know that they are cared for
- Build their confidence and self-esteem
- Enjoy coming to School
- Form friendships and a love of learning





# PRE-KINDERGARTEN

## Our Program

A typical day for our Pre-Kindergarten students would include some of the following:

- Pre-literacy concepts- Jolly Phonics Sound program including pronouncing, writing and tracing single sounds.
- Early Mathematical concepts such as shape, number, position and sequencing
- Develop Fine Motor skills through Art experiences
- Physical education and games for Gross Motor development
- Rhymes, singing games and poetry
- Music, dance and percussion
- Big Books and Interactive Whiteboard
- Outdoor play experiences
- A quiet time for rest



Pre-Kindergarten have many opportunities to be involved in whole school events such as: The Easter Hat Parade, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day celebrations, Cross Country Fun Run, Creative Arts Concert and Book Week celebrations.

## Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Link Program

This program focuses on Creative and Performing Arts, Science and Information Technology, Sport, Gross Motor Skills, Maths and Literacy games.

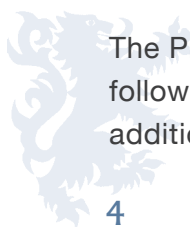
## Reporting

A Student Report will be completed throughout the year to provide you with a guide to the learning your child has achieved. Students will generally receive a New Student Report, Mid Year Report and an End Of Year Report. These will not be ranked against a standard. Interviews with parents generally occur mid year.

Individual Student Portfolios- samples of your child's work are kept to develop a record of learning. These will be sent home at various times throughout the year.

## Eligibility

The Pre-Kindergarten program is designed for children planning on entering Kindergarten the following year. They must be fully toilet trained. Please contact the School if your child has any additional needs that we should be aware of.



## Welcome to The Scots School – Bathurst

### Here are some things you need to know as you begin your education at Scots...

- The Pre-Kindergarten Program is located in the Pre-Kindergarten Room at the side of Coerwull House.
- The School is open at 8:30am.
- Class starts at 9:00am.
- Class finishes at 3:00pm.
- After-school supervision is available on application until 6:00pm.
- Pre-Kindergarten students must be signed in and out each day.
- The sign-in book is on the table at the front door.
- Only registered people listed on your enrolment form are able to pick up students unless other arrangements have been made with the school.
- Students will need to bring a small cushion, A4 sized zipped pencil case and a Scots broad-brimmed hat. Students use painting shirts provided by the School.
- Students visit the Scots School Library three times a week; Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Please bring a bag for borrowing once a week.
- Please have all belongings clearly labelled.
- Each student has a special hook to hang their bag on.
- The Scots School is a NUT-FREE School. This includes peanut butter and Nutella. Please check all foods carefully for nuts. We ask for your special consideration as there are students who may have severe allergies to the following: CASHEW NUTS, PEANUTS, PISTACHIO NUTS, PINE NUTS, PECAN NUTS AND MACADAMIA NUTS.
- We encourage students to bring a healthy lunch. Students should bring a small salad or piece of fruit for Crunch and Sip, a piece of fruit for morning tea, lunch and a water bottle (non-glass) in a lunch box. Please limit any unhealthy foods eg roll ups, chips, custard, cordial.
- Parents are requested to advise your child's teacher if they have any allergies or medical needs.





At The Scots School we believe that:

All students are capable of becoming:

- Successful learners;
- Confident and creative individuals;
- Active and informed citizens.



# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW & STAGES

## Curriculum Overview

At The Scots School we seek to ensure a K – 12 learning continuum which is of the highest standard and supportive of good teaching and learning practices. Our teaching and learning programs are in alignment with Board of Studies Syllabus documents.

Our School provides learning experiences in the Key Learning Areas for each child during the primary schooling years. The Key Learning Areas align closely with the Key Learning Areas of the secondary school, thereby supporting the transition of students from primary to secondary school and facilitating the continuum of learning.

The Key Learning Areas for K – 6:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- History and Geography
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Creative Arts



## Curriculum Stages



The Primary Curriculum is organised into Stages:

**EARLY STAGE 1: Kindergarten**

**STAGE 1: Year 1 and Year 2**

**STAGE 2: Year 3 and Year 4**

**STAGE 3: Year 5 and Year 6**

Most students will be working towards the outcomes for their Stage. Some students will be working towards outcomes that are above or below their Stage, based on individual assessments of their needs and abilities.





## Information and Communication Technology

Students are able to develop and apply knowledge, understanding and skills of Information and Communication Technology across a variety of learning areas. Technology is used to enhance learning as students investigate, create and communicate information. Technology also allows students to solve problems and work collaboratively whilst engaging with a variety of learning tools to assist learning.



## Curriculum – Key Learning Areas

### ENGLISH

The aim of English is to enable students to understand and use language effectively and appreciate, reflect on and enjoy the English language and to make meaning in ways that are imaginative, creative, interpretive, critical and powerful.

### MATHEMATICS

We aim for students to be confident, creative users and communicators in Mathematics with a sophisticated understanding of concepts.

### CREATIVE ARTS

This Key Learning Area includes the art forms of dance, drama, visual arts and music. Learning in these art forms provide opportunities for students to develop their abilities to make works and appraise their own works and the works of others.

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

We aim to foster a sense of wonder and curiosity about the world and an interest and enthusiasm for Science and Technology. We aim to enhance confidence in making evidence based decisions and identifying solutions to problems and challenges.

### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This Key Learning Area helps students develop self-esteem, social responsibility, personal fitness and the ability to make informed decisions about health and lifestyle.





# KEY LEARNING AREAS

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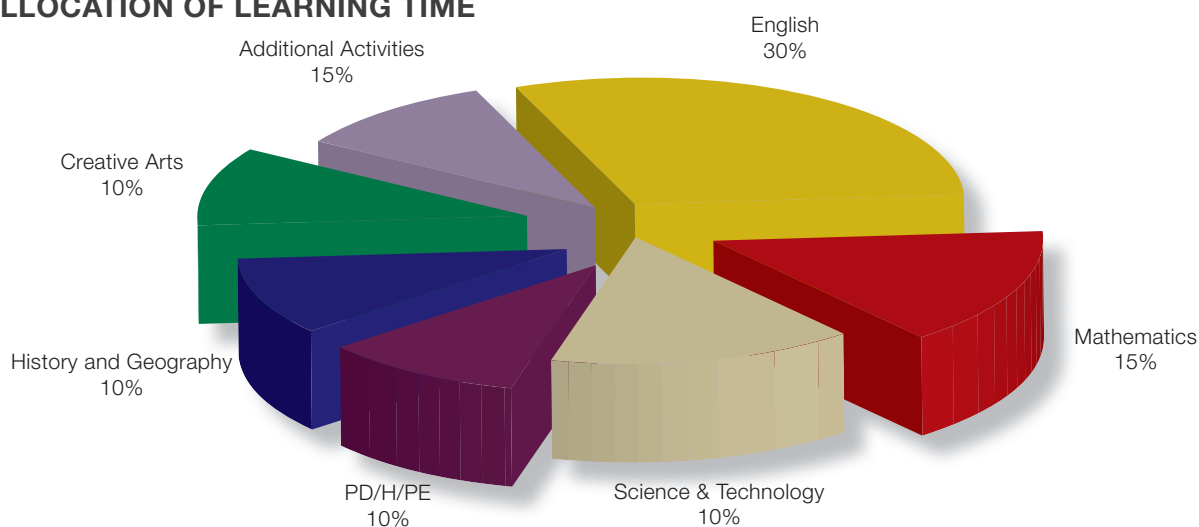
### HISTORY

The aim of History is to stimulate students' interest in and enjoyment of exploring the past, to develop a critical understanding of the past and its impact on the present, to develop the critical skills of historical inquiry and to enable students to participate as active, informed and responsible citizens.

### GEOGRAPHY

The aim of Geography is to stimulate students' interest in and engagement with the world. Through geographical inquiry students develop an understanding of the interactions between people, places and environments across a range of scales in order to become informed, responsible and active citizens.

### ALLOCATION OF LEARNING TIME



## Assessment and Reporting

Assessment is ongoing and includes evaluation of student work samples, observation, standardised and class tests.

NAPLAN tests are conducted in Years 3 and 5.

Our reporting plan is as follows:

Term 1:	Parent/Teacher interviews
Term 2:	Written report and portfolio
Term 3:	Student-led conference
Term 4:	Written report and portfolio



## Gifted and Talented

At The Scots School we believe that every child has strengths, gifts and talents. Our School programs provide many opportunities to strengthen and develop these abilities.

These co-curricular opportunities include:

- Debating
- K-6 Public Speaking
- Sporting Teams
- Choir
- Instrumental groups
- Highland Dancing
- HICES Gifted and Talented Camp
- Chess
- Enrichment and extension programs
- Leadership Day
- Author's Award
- ICAS Competitions
- Creative and Imaginative Thinking Days
- The Scots School initiative 'Mighty Minds Muster' is an exciting, enrichment experience for students across the region.



# FACILITIES AND SUPPORT



## Facilities for Learning at Scots

- Indoor heated swimming pool
- Gymnasium
- Tennis Courts
- Pavilion
- Performing Arts Centre
- Library
- Contemporary Learning Centre featuring Mini Library, Learning Support, Home Reading Centre and Technology space.
- Interactive Whiteboards

## Support for Learning at Scots

- Learning Programs and Professional Development are designed to meet individual needs
- Small class sizes
- Current research-based resources and innovative teaching strategies
- Individual Education Plans
- Collaboration between teacher, student and parents





## The Scots School

BATHURST AND LITHGOW

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