



LIGHTHOUSE
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL



ALL ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE PREP

ACADEMICS | SPIRITUAL GROWTH | SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT | PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WHAT IS PREP?

Prep is the first year of primary school in Queensland. The Prep program at Lighthouse Christian School uses the Australian Curriculum to provide students with a foundation in Academics, Spiritual Growth, Social & Emotional Development and Physical Development. It forms the basis for learning throughout primary school and beyond.

At Lighthouse, we see Prep as being one of the most important years in a child's educational journey and we recognise the importance of laying strong foundations and instilling a love for learning in a nurturing and engaging environment.



ACADEMICS

At Lighthouse, expert teachers provide children with the very best opportunities to develop individual strengths through a curriculum focusing on literacy, numeracy and positive social development from a Christian perspective.

In small sized classes, evidence-based teaching programs are used to ensure children are making appropriate progress in their learning.



EXPERT TEACHERS USING EXPERT TEACHING PRACTICE

Lighthouse recognises that highly effective teaching is the key to improving student learning throughout the school. All Lighthouse teachers understand and use effective teaching methods, including explicit instruction to maximise student learning. All of our teachers are supported by full-time qualified teaching assistants.

DATA TRACKING AND BENCHMARKING

A high priority is given to the school-wide analysis and discussion of systematically collected data on student outcomes. Data provides feedback to teachers, students and parents to gauge learning progress.

TECHNOLOGY

Implementing technology alongside traditional evidence-based activities allows for more opportunities for students of varying ages to engage, explore and communicate.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY PROGRAMS

Literacy and Numeracy skills are the foundation of every child's learning journey. At Lighthouse, we are passionate about developing these skills to give our students the best possible start with Reading, Writing, Speaking and Mathematics. The Literacy and Numeracy program has a strong emphasis on developing these concepts through oral language. It is hands-on, interactive, engaging and enthuses the students to grow in their love of learning.

OUR PROGRAMS

WRITE2SPELL2READ

W2S2R is a developmentally sequential literacy program for learning letters, numbers, handwriting, phonics, spelling and reading. It is based on neuroscience research and is an advanced platform for teaching literacy to students for writing, spelling, reading, comprehension and fluency.

BIG WRITE

Big Write presents writing in a fun and engaging way and ensures students are continuously challenged throughout the writing journey. Through games, activities, writing tasks, conversations and discussions, students will learn not only where their abilities lie, but also the steps they need to take in order to continue to improve.

MAGIC WORDS

Lighthouse uses the Magic Sight Word Program in an intentional and systematic way across the Early Years of Learning to complement other evidence-based literacy programs. Magic Words are the most common words in English and are essential in seeing students improve reading fluency and develop comprehension.

READING EGGS AND MATH SEED

We also provide every student with a subscription to the Reading Eggs and Math seed applications.



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Lighthouse recognises that every person is lovingly created by God. This perspective flavours our approach, ensuring learning is personalised and encouraging. Bible lessons, praise and worship and daily prayer support the development of Godly character in students as they consider and follow the example of Jesus in kindness, care, compassion and love.



BIBLE LESSONS

Through weekly Bible lessons and Scripture memorisation, Prep students learn Bible stories and Biblical character traits for living out our Lighthouse values. Wherever relevant, teachers incorporate Biblical teaching and world-view in the learning experience. These may be planned or occur naturally through student interest.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Praise and Worship is built into the culture of Lighthouse to foster an attitude of gratitude every day.

MUSICALS

All Preps participate in a Christmas musical promoting Christian values and love for families.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The partnership between home and school is paramount throughout a child's learning journey. We see this relationship as a high priority in setting up students for success through to Year 12 and beyond. This partnership begins in the term before commencement through our Prep4Prep Program.

PREP4PREP

Before formal schooling commences, Kindy-aged children are invited to participate in a program to prepare them for Prep. The Prep4Prep program runs over four days to ensure children are familiar with their class teacher, peer group and surroundings. This is undertaken in Term 4 of the year prior to their commencement of Prep at Lighthouse.

BUDDY PROGRAM

At the start of the Prep year, Lighthouse assists with the transition of new Preps to school life through use of a buddy program.

PLANNING FOR WELL-BEING

At Lighthouse Prep, students commence their day with a check-in. Students are taught how to work in pairs and groups and a culture of kindness is nurtured.

EVENTS AND EXCURSIONS

Students attend key events such as Romp in the Park and other enriching excursions as part of developing students holistically.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Specialist teachers provide weekly Health and Physical Education (HPE) lessons that include a Learn to Swim program, Athletics and Swimming Carnivals and a Fun Run. Each day Prep begins with a motor development program that enhances health and wellness.



HPE LESSONS

Weekly HPE lessons by specially qualified teachers maximise opportunities for physical development through individual and team structured activities.

LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

During one of the Summer terms, Lighthouse Preps have weekly learn to swim lessons provided by qualified instructors. The swimming season concludes with an Early Years Swimming Carnival.

MOTOR SKILLS

Our daily physical activities and newly built playground help our Preps to develop their fine and gross motor skills.

FACILITIES

At Lighthouse we offer a purpose-built Prep Centre with large classrooms, an undercover outdoor area and new playground areas.

The Prep Centre is fenced off from the rest of the school to allow the Preps to feel safe and secure while navigating their first year of primary school.



FAQ'S

Q: WHEN DOES MY CHILD START PREP?

Children must be 5 by 30 June in the year they commence. Check the table below to see when your child can start Prep.

		YEAR THEY START			
		2020	2021	2022	2023
CHILD BORN	1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016	Kindy	Prep	Year 1	Year 2
	1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017		Kindy	Prep	Year 1
	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019			Kindy	Prep

Q: HOW MUCH ARE THE FEES?

Yearly tuition fees for all year levels are shown in the table below. Sibling tuition discounts apply with 20% for the second child, 40% for the third child and 100% for any further siblings attending Lighthouse Christian School.

	PREP	YEAR 1-6	YEAR 7-9	YEAR 10-12
Student 1 (oldest)	\$2200	\$2990	\$3220	\$3440
Student 2	\$1760	\$2390	\$2580	\$2750
Student 3	\$1320	\$1790	\$1930	\$2060
Student 4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fees above are for the 2020 School Year. Please see our website for a more indepth breakdown of the [Fee Schedule](#).

HOW TO ENROL

See our friendly staff at the Administration office to collect an application form and organise a school tour.

Once completed, return the form and we will contact you to arrange an interview with you and your child.

Alternatively, lodge an online application [here](#).

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