

# Mother Teresa Early Learning Centre

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School

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for considering enrolling your child at Mother Teresa Early Learning Centre. Outlined below is a little information that will hopefully help you make your decision. Children need to be 4 years old by 30<sup>th</sup> April the year they attend. Our catchment suburbs are Harrison, Forde, Amaroo, Franklin, Gungahlin, Bonner, Jacka and Throsby. If you reside outside of these suburbs please contact us for more information.

**Curriculum:** Our curriculum is based on a child centred enquiry based learning approach. We follow the children's interests and listen to their questions. We then encourage and guide them, through intentional teaching to discover the answers for themselves. This is done through our diverse and varied project work; the topics can be anything from dinosaurs and rainbows to beaches and Australia. Through these projects we cover all areas of the curriculum. We encourage the children to take risks in their learning both in and outside the classroom. Children are encouraged and supported to push their boundaries both physically and mentally. This is never more evident than in our 'Beyond the fence' program where the classes go on bush walks around our local environment, climbing trees, crossing creeks and stepping stones. We also teach the children how to light fires using a flint and cook delicious food to eat! These activities build independence and self-esteem in the children whilst providing them with an environment where they need to make their own entertainment.

**Class Composition:** Each child is enrolled into a specific class, and every class has a designated teaching team consisting of an Early Childhood qualified teacher and a diploma trained teaching assistant. Each class has spaces for 22 children. We have two full time classes and three part time options. The format of the part time options are three days per week, and two five day fortnight classes. All preschool classes will run from 8.55am to 2.55pm. On your enrolment form front page please indicate whether you would prefer full time or part time.

**Before and After School Care:** We also offer limited spaces for before and after school care for parents who need longer hours. You will be asked to book for these sessions separately after you have been allocated a place in a class. Before School Care (BSC) operates from 7:30-8:55am and After School Care (ASC) operates from 2:55-6pm. These sessions are held within the Preschool class rooms and run by our Assistant Educators.

**Vacation Care:** Our Vacation Care program runs during the April, July and October school holidays and is run by our Assistant Educators in the preschool rooms. Bookings for Vacation Care are taken each term between Wk 5 and Wk 7 for the following vacation period. Our days for opening each vacation are determined by the number of bookings we receive.

**What happens next?** If you decide to enrol your child, please complete an enrolment form during the enrolment period from 4<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 online at [www.motherteresa.act.edu.au](http://www.motherteresa.act.edu.au). You will then be emailed an interview time for you and your child. Please ensure that you have the original documentation including proof of residency, and the pdf emailed to you when you submitted the enrolment form online, signed by both parents, as we will be unable to accept your enrolment without these. It is important that you bring your child along to this informal interview as it is an opportunity for me to meet you and your child and find out a little more about you and them. It is also an opportunity to discuss class preferences.

During the enrolment period we will be holding ELC tours. These are on each Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>) at 10 am. We will also be holding an afternoon tour on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm. Please book your place on a tour by contacting the ELC office on 6241 3211 or [elc.motherteresa@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:elc.motherteresa@cg.catholic.edu.au).

I hope this information is helpful, but if you have any further questions regarding enrolment please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [elc.motherteresa@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:elc.motherteresa@cg.catholic.edu.au).

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