



Frequently Asked Questions for Junior School 2020 Strategy

What prompted the decision to provide a co-educational offering in pre-compulsory schooling years?

A key factor in the decision was following on from our successful PC Playtime program run in 2018 (and continuing in 2019). We have identified the need for an extension to this playgroup in response to requests from our families using playgroup for their sons. It will enable families with younger brothers to be on the same campus as their sister in the Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten years, before compulsory schooling, allowing easier management for families with young boys and girls. Perth College has previously run a successful co-educational Kindergarten program.

Would the School consider going co-educational in other years in the future?

This is definitely not part of the long-term strategy for Perth College. The School is committed to delivering a high-quality tailored all-girls education throughout their compulsory school years.

Which location will the Pre-Kindergarten program be run?

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will both be located in the current Kindergarten facility at Founders. During school hours, the Outside School Hours Care area will be utilised as a teaching and learning space primarily for Pre-Kindergarten. This area offers numerous learning opportunities and provides suitable access to facilities.

What days and hours will the Pre-Kindergarten program run?

The service will be offered for three days from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm, with the option of extending to five days if required.

When do the co-educational Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs commence?

Term One 2020.

How will the Pre-Kindergarten program interact with the Kindergarten program?

They will be largely separate with their own specific education program, however, there will be the opportunity to combine for different projects and learning experiences.

What will the fees for the Pre-Kindergarten program be?

Pricing for Pre-Kindergarten is:

Three days: \$9,500.00 (approx. \$80 per day)

Five days: \$11,500.00 (approx. \$60 per day)

Are there any planned alterations to the current Kindergarten set-up to accommodate boys?

Our early learning staff are currently planning the 2020 program, which will be an enriched offering to be inclusive of both girls and boys.

Do the facilities (such as designated bathroom facilities) cater for both boys and girls?

The current facilities cater for both girls and boys and meet or exceed all legislative requirements. There will be some additional work undertaken to create some more privacy within the bathroom facilities. This will be completed prior to the commencement of the 2020 school year and will involve minimal disruption to the current Kindergarten and Vacation/Out of School Care programs.

Will the Kindergarten program/timetable be changed? If so, how?

The Kindergarten program will remain largely the same in terms of timetable and the program will be adjusted to be inclusive of boys.

What involvement will the Pre-Kindergarten have in the wider Junior School programs such as musicals and choral concerts?

All opportunities for involvement with the wider school will be explored, however, we will ensure the opportunities are age-appropriate and not overwhelming for Pre-Kindergarten students.

Who will be the designated Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten teaching staff (excluding specialists)?

We have a number of excellent staff suitably qualified to work within Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

What uniform will the boys wear?

- Perth College shorts and t-shirt for boys
- Perth College tracksuit for boys
- Perth College blue bucket hat

Will PC Playtime run on a day to enable families to have a child enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten and still attend PC Playtime?

It is anticipated that PC Playtime will run on a separate day to allow families to access both programs. This will be available to families who opt for the three-day program.

With an additional program being located at Founders, what measures will be put in place for traffic management?

As part of the current Junior School approach, we will continue to have a staggered start and finish time for classes located in Founders. This currently assists with traffic flow and Pre-Kindergarten has a later start and earlier finish time than Kindergarten.

Where will the second Year 3 class be located in 2020?

The second Year 3 class will be located in the current Year 4 classroom in Founders.

Where will the Year 4 class be located in 2020?

The Year 4 class will be located in the main Junior School building currently housing Year 5 and Year 6. The Year 4 classroom has previously been located there before. The main Junior School building in 2020 will house one Year 4 class, two Year 5 classes and three Year 6 classes.

When will Year 4 go to two classes?

From 2021.

Who will be the Year 3 teachers for 2020?

Teaching allocations will be made during Term Four 2019 and will be communicated to current and enrolled families before the end of the school year. We have exceptional teaching staff supported by an excellent learning program and ethos.

What will be the capped class number for Junior School classes?

Our Junior School class numbers are capped at 26 to 27 students depending upon the needs of the class.

Would the School consider double classes for other years in the Junior School?

Currently there are no plans to introduce double classes in any other years within the Junior School. Any future changes would be significantly dependent on a high level of demand from our community.