

## MISSION STATEMENT

AGBU Alexander Primary School is dedicated to excellence in education and the realisation of each student's potential, providing a balanced curriculum encompassing academic, spiritual, cultural, physical and practical areas of learning.

*Prospective students and their families are invited to contact the office to arrange an individual tour of the School.*

*Come along and see how we nurture your child in our unique environment and caring community.*

*You are welcome!*

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ENROLLING  
for  
2022



Preparatory aged 3½ - 4 years

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ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Discover what makes our students shine!*

## Why a Preparatory or 'Prep' Class?

The Prep class provides a wonderful stepping stone for formal schooling, by gradually introducing children to some of the concepts and expectations in a fun, age appropriate environment, helping better prepare them for Kindergarten.

The Prep class allows a smooth progression into formal schooling as the children are made familiar with the environment, routines and staff at Alexander Primary School. It provides a nurturing and caring introduction to school life enriched with Christian values and teachings.

## Age

Prep caters for children one year prior to enrolment in Kindergarten. Children will turn four years of age by the end of July in the year that they start the Prep class. All children should be fully toilet trained.

## Curriculum

It is widely accepted that the early years of learning are among the most significant periods of growth for children.



Experiences during this time not only affect cognitive, social and physical development, but deeply influence dispositions to learning and children's views of themselves as learners. Therefore the Prep curriculum takes into account the needs of differing abilities and backgrounds and seeks to provide an enriching school experience which develops individual potential, while at the same time addressing the NESAs Early Stage 1 outcomes.



The Prep class provides an opportunity for the children to further any strength they may have already displayed. It provides a supportive and nurturing atmosphere that enables the child to develop to their full potential.

Play is an essential part of early childhood learning, therefore it is integrated into the daily routine. This includes outdoor play, development of gross and fine motor skills, music, stories and games.

Prep children have the opportunities to visit the Library and interact with the older children on the playground. They also join in school experiences such as excursions, visiting performers, sporting programs, book week parades and various other school based programs.

## Staffing

All teachers at Alexander Primary School are qualified and experienced. Specialised Early Childhood teachers provide a nurturing environment for the Prep children. They are committed to each child's individual needs.



## Facilities

The Prep class is located in the grounds of Alexander Primary School and functions as an integral part of the school. The play area is shaded and equipped with appropriate play equipment. Prep children have their own toilet facilities next to their classroom.

Prep children also enjoy a variety of play and educational equipment, suitable for their age, within the classroom. The Prep room has up to date interactive whiteboard facilities and the children have access to iPads and laptops.

## Uniform

To easily identify Prep children they are required to wear the comfortable sports uniform of the school.

### Summer

Boys: Yellow short-sleeved polo shirt with APS emblem and navy shorts.

Girls: Yellow short-sleeved polo shirt with APS emblem and navy shorts

### Winter

Boys and Girls: Yellow long-sleeved polo shirt. Navy tracksuit jumper with APS emblem and navy tracksuit pants.

## Days and Hours

Prep operates during Alexander Primary School terms. Prep classes are available five days a week. Parents can allocate the days that their child will attend on a term basis. Classes commence at 8.55am and finish at 3.20pm.

## Transport

Children can travel to school using the dedicated buses from the Chatswood or Ryde area with onboard adult supervision. The school also operates a private minibus for the Hills shire.

## Fees

The annual tuition for the Prep class is set at \$3,000. Depending on the readiness of their child, parents have the choice of sending their children up to five days a week. In general, children start attending 2-3 days a week with a gradual increase over time. Most children are expected to attend 4-5 days a week by Term 4 as they start getting ready for Kindergarten.

The school subsidised fee will ensure parents have the chance to give their children the best start in education.

