

Thursday 18 December 2025

Start of 2026 Prep Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Shellharbour Anglican College Prep. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning together. Below is some information to help you commence the year.

2025 Prep Staff:

Coordinator of Early Learning (Prep/Kindergarten): Mr Travis Coutts-Smith

Prep 3 Teacher:

Mrs Julie Rosten

Prep 2 Teacher:

Mrs Kate Jamieson

Prep Teacher Aides:

Mrs Nikki Hunter

Mrs Brianna Piccirillo

Miss Kimberley Smith

Morning Routine:

The Prep classroom is open at 8.30am and the program commences with our morning meeting and roll call at 9am. It is important to arrive before 9am to ensure that your child feels connected to the class and engages in the learning routines. Please sign your child in at the sign in desk and indicate who will be collecting your child in the afternoon. If that changes during the day, please call the College reception with updated information and a message will be sent through or use the seesaw app to send a message.

If you arrive after 9am, please sign your child in at the JS Administration Building (B Block). If your child attends Before School Care with Camp Australia, they will be brought to Prep by Camp Australia staff.

While your child may be nervous or uncertain upon arriving in an unfamiliar environment, it is best to find an activity and gain assistance from a staff member. Remind your child that they are safe, will learn new things and you will return to collect them in the afternoon, and then make a quick departure.

Please note: the prep garden is closed before and after school. Please wait on the veranda until the classroom is open at 8.30am.

Afternoon Routine:

The Prep Day concludes at 2.45pm and **children are to be collected by Parents/carers from the Prep Amphitheatre area (blue shade)**. We often play games, sing, dance or read stories in our afternoon meeting. Students will be brought out to you even if the story or game is not always finished. We appreciate your support in reinforcing that there is 'always another day' as we are creating expectations and building resilience in our students. For safety reasons, the prep playground/garden area is **closed** in the afternoon, and we ask you make your way straight to the carpark. Please ensure that you always hold your child's hand.

If your child attends After School Care with Camp Australia, they will be collected by Camp Australia staff and taken to the Camp Australia classroom.

What to bring:

- A **healthy** morning tea and lunch (in a lunchbox and insulated lunch bag) and a labelled water bottle.
- Freezer bricks in lunch bags as lunchboxes are **not refrigerated**.
- Spare underwear and clothing in case of accidents or water/mud play.
- A College hat.
- Everything needs to be **clearly labelled** with your child's name (including shoes and socks).

Anaphylaxis: There are children attending Prep this year who have severe allergies and anaphylaxis and we kindly request that you do not pack nut-based foods.

Library:

Library lessons with Mr Joshua Stavert occur in our Junior School Library (day to be advised). Each week they will bring a book home (or more during the year) and need to return it the following week on their library day. Please have the College library bag labelled and ready for your child to use each week from the beginning of Term 1.

Seesaw

Seesaw is the communication app that we use to document your child's learning and for communication purposes. You will receive a note on day 1 with a QR code specifically linked to your child's account. Please ensure you download the app and create your account asap as this is the main form of information about your child's learning and activities at school. This app is used throughout the Junior School classes as students' progress through the College.

For all other information regarding our College including what to do when your child is sick, needs medication or is going to be late/away please refer to our Parent Handbook which is available for download on our website.

Kind regards,
Mrs Sara Lundberg
Head of Junior School