

Early Years & Primary School

Early Learning Centre



Early Learning is an important first stepping stone in your child's education. The aim at the Westminster Early Learning Centre (ELC) is that every child develops a lively and enquiring mind, feels happy, safe and secure, and fulfils his or her potential in every aspect of progress and growth. To achieve this we provide a well-resourced, stimulating environment that incorporates a range of philosophies and current best practice educational methodologies.

The curriculum spans a full range of planned and spontaneous learning experiences that seek to develop children's social, emotional, physical, spiritual and cognitive development.

AGES OF STUDENTS

We cater for children aged three years and over who are ready from a social and independent toilet training perspective to spend time at pre-school.

SESSION TIMES / DAYS

Westminster ELC operates Monday to Friday each day during the school term. Two sessions are available to families each day. The first is from 9.00 am - 12 noon and the second from 12.30 - 3.30 pm. Children are able to attend either full or half day sessions. Children starting at three years of age should attend a minimum of two sessions, preferably on consecutive days. By the age of four, children should attend a minimum of four sessions and in the final semester a minimum of six sessions is expected. Depending on availability, children can attend more frequently than these recommendations.

Please note: session request forms are required each semester. Sessions availability changes as older children leave to enter Reception.

Facilities

As the ELC is an important part of Westminster School, students have access to a wide range of appropriate facilities.

Meals

Students attending the Westminster ELC for a morning or afternoon session are provided with a nutritious snack. Students staying for a full day also have lunch provided as a part of their daily routine.

Staff

Westminster ELC has three qualified staff working per session to care for a maximum of 30 children. Other Westminster specialist staff, such as our Music, Library and PE teachers, also support the learning program in various ways. This integration assists in making a smooth transition for children leaving the ELC and entering their first year of schooling.

Location

The Westminster Early Learning Centre is located securely within the grounds of Westminster School at Alison Avenue, Marion. It is a part of the Junior Primary area of our School, and parking within the School grounds is available for parents.

Uniform

The ELC uniform is the same as the Westminster Preparatory School sports uniform - a combination of shorts, shirt, tracksuit and rugby jacket all designed for children to be active, warm and comfortable. Children can continue to wear this uniform for sport once they start their schooling.

Reception 2012

We are excited to announce that next year in 2012 there will be a third Reception class at Westminster. Creating this third class will mean that the children in Reception in 2012 will enjoy classes of about 17 or 18.

