

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten

in the PLC Junior School



The early years provide the foundations for learning and PLC's Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten support the students on their learning journey through these early years.

We welcome both boys and girls in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. Our approach is to discover, recognise and respond to the individual child's strengths, passions and contributions. Our students each have their own stories to tell and are respected as being fully formed right now rather than in a state of 'becoming'. Habits of minds are cultivated and thinking is extended. Boundaries, structures and routines are provided to optimise childhood. Our programme is specifically designed to engage students in authentic learning for sustained periods of time. In this way, students feel valued as a unique being in the process of discovering themselves.

We know that these young students are intelligent, resourceful and creative individuals who grow, develop and learn at different rates. They explore their environment and learn about their world through play and relationships with peers, teachers, family and community members. Our personalised approach to learning ensures that all students feel known and valued – this provides the strong foundation of what makes us

so special. We acknowledge that each child is unique.

Early learning at PLC is a holistic learning experience that integrates socio-emotional, physical and cognitive development. In the classroom, it takes place in dynamic environments that promote play, discovery and exploration.

Our littlest students enjoy a range of subjects taught by dedicated, highly-qualified specialist teachers. These programmes are developed to invite curiosity, wonder, imagination and most importantly a love for learning. Music and French every day is one of the cornerstones of our programme. The students also enjoy Physical Education either through the specialist programme or in our nature playscapes which offer the maximum opportunity for learning outdoors, inclusive of appropriate levels of risk and challenge. Through play in this environment, the children are empowered to learn independently as well as collaboratively alongside their teachers and peers.

Visits to the PLC Wild Space allows our students to connect to nature and engages them through questioning, wondering and playing in authentic settings. This allows the students to develop personal direction, self-autonomy and choice.