

Santa Sabina Prep



For pre-kindergarten
girls and boys



Santa Sabina College

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- Commencing Term 2 - 20 April 2015
- Located on the Primary School Campus with access to specialist services
- Santa Sabina Prep is designed for your pre-kindergarten child
- Students must turn 4 years of age by June 30 in the year of enrolment
- Hours - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Our Mission

Santa Sabina College, a Catholic school in the Dominican tradition, educates students to achieve personal excellence, to act with justice and compassion, and to embrace the future with an optimistic global vision.

Our Community

Joining the Santa Sabina Community means you and your child become part of the local and global Dominican family. It is about being known and valued as individuals whose gifts are recognised and interests are fostered. In a Dominican family, communication is highly valued; challenges are shared, achievements are celebrated, and we seek joy in every day events.

Our Program

Prep Year children will engage in rich, holistic learning experiences that address Early Stage One Learning Outcomes. As a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP), our approach to early education is inquiry-based and child-centred. We are committed to supporting the cognitive, social, emotional, physical and spiritual development of each child.

The children will engage in reading, writing and mathematics. With a sound introduction to fundamental literacy and numeracy, our Prep students will build a solid foundation and love of learning. Hands on exploration and experiences across several disciplines will enable children to become independent learners with global awareness.



"Santa Sabina College is a very special place, steeped in history but also future-focussed. We educate our students from the earliest years to love learning, to be seekers of truth and justice, and to treat each other with dignity and respect."

Dr Maree Herrett, College Principal

Specialist Classes and Services

Students will experience specialist lessons in Music and Physical Education and have access to the College's onsite Specialist Services in Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy.

Program Structure

| Program Structure | Program Days |
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| Two Day | Thursday, Friday |
| Three Day | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday |
| Five Day | Monday to Friday |

There are a pre-determined number of places in each program so early registration is advised.



"Children will explore, investigate, and play in a nurturing environment. Expert educators will closely observe individual children's strengths and needs, and work in partnership with parents to support each child."

Mrs Sharon Portlock, Head of Primary

Enrolling in Prep

To enrol in Santa Sabina College Prep Year an online application must be submitted. Submission of application does not guarantee a place.

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A typical day at Santa Sabina Prep:

Each day is structured around a Big Idea from the Unit of Inquiry which encompasses all Key Learning Areas.

Inquiry, interpreted in the broadest sense, is the process initiated by the students or the teacher that moves the students from their current level of understanding to a new and deeper level of understanding.

This can mean:

- exploring, wondering and questioning
- experimenting and playing with possibilities
- making connections between previous learning and current learning
- making predictions and acting purposefully to see what happens
- collecting data and reporting findings
- clarifying existing ideas and reappraising perceptions of events
- deepening understanding through the application of a concept
- making and testing theories
- researching and seeking information
- taking and defending a position
- solving problems in a variety of ways

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| Morning | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival, socialisation and play based learning• Morning meeting• Story, rhyme and song• Fruit break• Literacy |
| Recess/Play | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning tea break |
| Mid-morning | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social skills• Numeracy• Religion - through drama, drawing and retelling |
| Lunch | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch break |
| Afternoon | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yoga/Meditation• Units of Inquiry• Departure |
| Once per week | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialist Art, PE, Music lesson• Library visit and borrowing• Drama lesson |

Common Questions & Answers:

What school activities do the Prep students participate in?

- Specialist Art, PE, Music classes 2 lessons per week, 1 in 3 day program and 1 in two day program
- Specialist Drama lessons
- Library visit weekly including literature appreciation and book borrowing
- Prep Liturgy in Del Monte Chapel on the Primary campus, each term
- Community Masses and Events
- St Dominic's Day Celebrations
- Buddy Program
- Rhyme Time - Storytelling in the library, once per month
- Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls
- Incursions & Excursions relating to learning
- Transition to school program - Kindergarten visits

How will you and the Prep Teacher communicate?

- Daily conversations
- Written message in the school diary
- Formal meetings
- Email communication

Where will my child have outdoor play?

- Prep has its own secure, shaded playground, adjoining the Prep learning space.
- Your child will play outdoors during recess play break and lunch play break, supervised by the Teacher.

Will my child attend excursions/incursions? Yes

- Excursion and Incursion are linked to their learning.

Can my child participate in any co-curricular activities?

Yes your child may choose to participate in some co-curricular activities such as:

- Instrumental lessons and Jujitsu

Will my child have access to technology?

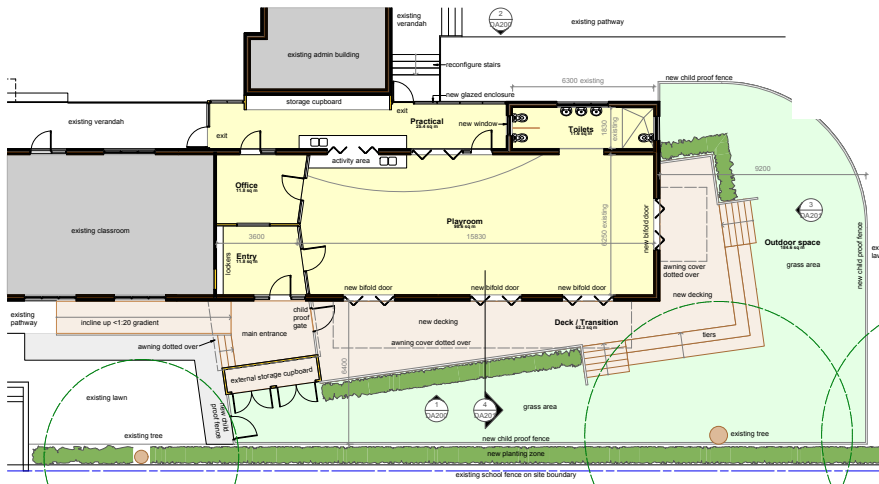
- Prep students will have daily access to a desktop computer and iPads authentically integrated through all areas of learning.

Do the Prep students have toilet facilities?

- The Prep learning space has its own bathroom/toilet area for the Prep students.



Prep Precinct Plans



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