



General Information

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Dates and Times of Operation

Cornerstone Christian Preschool operates by the school term, in line with Cornerstone Christian School. Terms for 2022 are as follows:

2022 Term Dates

Term 1: Tuesday 8 February – Thursday 14 April

Term 2: Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

Term 3: Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September

Term 4: Monday 17 October – Friday 16 December

Other Dates to Note (Preschool Closed):

1 April (Teacher Only Day, LNICCOL)

26 May (Teacher Only Day)

6 June (Queen's Birthday Weekend)

24 June (Matariki)

24 October (Labour Day)

Hours of Operation

The preschool is licensed for 40 children aged over 2, and generally caters for 3 – 5 year olds. The hours of operation are 8.15 – 3.15 Monday to Friday. Most children come at 9.00 and leave at 3.00, but children may be booked to attend for the longer hours. Wherever possible, we try to accommodate the attendance needs of your children and family, e.g. some children attend a combination of whole and half days.

Staffing

All permanent teachers are ECE or primary trained, registered with the Teaching Council, and hold current certification. All staff on site are fully safety-checked, which includes a police vet.

Fees

The Preschool offers "20 Hours ECE" funding; this is available to all children aged between 3 and 6 years old, for up to 6 hours per day, and 20 hours per week across all services. An Attestation Form must be signed to access this free funding. Any hours in addition to the 20 hours ECE are charged at \$5.70 per hour per child. This will be billed each term unless otherwise arranged with the Administrator.

For children attending more than 20 hours, there is currently a Childcare Subsidy which may be available from Work and Income New Zealand. This is independent to ECE funding.

Please note that absences are charged for.

Your child may be able to attend additional sessions on a casual basis at the same fee: this depends on vacancies and staffing, and is only by pre-arrangement.

Optional Charges and Donations

There are no optional charges at present. Some families like to make donations; this makes a huge difference to the Preschool's functioning. At this point in time, donations (but not fees) are able to attract tax rebates for families.

Uniform

There is no uniform required by the Preschool. However, upon starting, each child is issued with a named green hat, which remains the property of the Preschool. This individualised hat is worn by that child only.

Other requirements

Unless there is a special need, children need to be independent with toileting upon starting preschool, as the teacher to child ratio does not permit one teacher leaving the floor for this purpose. However, the teachers are there to support and help children, and can remind children if they need to use the bathroom.

Please note: All children are welcome to attend. However, the Pastoral Reference form gives priority entry. Parents need to be able to support the Preschool's Special Character, which is Christian. The Pastoral Reference form can be accessed by the link on this website, along with Cornerstone Christian Preschool's Enrolment Form.