



St Lawrence's Primary School Bluff Point

Larmenier Kindergarten Information



School Vision Statement

*With Christ as our model, we seek to nurture our community in
an environment that enables all to grow*

Welcome

St Lawrence's Kindergarten, Larmenier, extends a warm welcome to you and your family.



History of Larmenier



St Lawrence's Kindergarten, is called Larmenier.

Larmenier is the surname of the French foundress of the Sisters of Nazareth.

Victorie Larmenier was born at Liffree, in Brittany, France in 1827.

She was educated at the Ursuline convent then worked in business for a time. It is written of her at that time that her practise of religion was more than ordinary.

In 1864 Rome recognised Victorie Larmenier and her companions as a religious congregation. As a religious, Victorie was called Sister.

St Basil - in her role as Superior General of her congregation - Mother St Basil. And so the Sisters of Nazareth began. The work spread and expanded to include the care of children in need. Today many hostels for the aged, and some of our schools, are named after our Foundress and called 'Larmenier'.

Whilst not engaged in education, St Lawrence's continues our relationship with the Sisters of Nazareth.

Beliefs and Practices

The St Lawrence's community believe that every child is uniquely created by God and will develop in his/her own special way. Childhood is an important and valued phase of life. It is a time for wonder, exploration, creativity and discovery.

A gentle transition from home into a school environment is encouraged to ensure that each child feels safe, secure and supported. We respect the important role of parents as their child's first educators. We work together to nurture each child's spiritual, emotional, social, cognitive, physical and creative development. We acknowledge that each child is capable of learning in his/her own way and at his/her own rate, yet provide challenge by devising learning opportunities that will extend their knowledge and skills further.

Early Childhood Educators at St Lawrence's work carefully and intentionally towards establishing trusting and mutually respectful relationships with the children, families and school community. This will allow each child to develop a sense of belonging to and connection with, their new learning environment.

We as educators, aim to foster independent and capable learners who are confident to take risks.

Therefore, we seek to:

- Have children learn in a safe and secure environment where relationships between students, educators and families are valued.
- Respect and acknowledge the influencing cultures of St Lawrence's community.
- Provide opportunities to allow children to develop imagination, creativity and skills through play experiences.
- Challenge students by providing learning opportunities within their zone of proximal development (Vygotsky).
- Plan for learning by implementing the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and Western Australian Curriculum documents.
- Respond to children's interest through an Emergent Curriculum.
- Plan for intentional teaching through play experiences.
- Achieve flexibility in timetabling and learning requirements.

Session Times

Larmenier 1 & Larmenier 3

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - Full Days 8.45am-2:50 pm

Larmenier 2

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - Full Days 8.45am-2.50pm

Program

The kindergarten program is carefully and thoughtfully planned and prepared around the needs and abilities of young children. Our aim is to provide a pleasant, caring and stimulating environment for your child to play, create and interact freely with others. All program activities are designed to meet the intellectual, physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of your child.

Requirements. Your child needs to bring to each session:

- Water bottle - Water please, no fruit juice or cordial.
- A hat - Children must have a hat in their bag for every session 'NO HAT, NO PLAY.' This policy is enforced all year.
- Sunscreen - Please ensure you apply sunscreen to your child.
- Please provide children with a morning tea (small) and lunch - **to be in 2 separate containers.**
- Morning tea - Please provide a piece of fruit or other nutritious food each day e.g., dried fruits, carrots, cheese, any vegetables that can be eaten raw or sultanas etc.
- Lunch - Provide children with a nutritious lunch, separate from their morning tea.
- Spare clothes – Always have a spare set of clothes and underwear in your child's bag.
- A school bag - Children need their own bags for their belongings. It needs to be **large** enough to fit lunchbox, spare clothes, artwork and a water bottle. Encourage your children to be responsible for their own bags; carrying them and zipping them up.

Clothing

As some activities can be messy it is suggested that your child be dressed in appropriate “play clothes”. Aprons will be worn for messy activities. Just in case of accidents, please send along a change of clothes.

‘Little Lawries’ t-shirts are available for purchase at Total Uniforms and make an excellent clothing option for kindergarten (not compulsory).



If children are wearing shoes other than joggers/sneakers, they will be asked to remove them before using climbing equipment. This is a safety precaution. In summer, thongs are ideal. Please dress your child in shoes and clothes they can take on and off independently.

Please label all shoes and clothing.

Punctuality

It is important that children arrive and are collected on time. If parents are late it can result in the children becoming anxious and feeling as if they have been forgotten. If someone else is to collect your child, you need to inform the teacher. A diary at the door is provided for you to report any relevant information concerning your child’s needs for the day.



Punctuality is an important life skill

Please refrain from allowing your child to play on equipment before and after school.

Health & Safety

If your child is unwell (**including cold, flu symptoms**) please keep him/her at home. Children with conjunctivitis or school sores need to stay at home until infections are healed.

Children with head lice will be excluded from Kindy until their hair has been treated. Nits then need to be removed to avoid reinfestation.

Please, keep contact information always updated in case we need to contact you in an emergency, inform the school office of any changes.

Cooking activities form part of our curriculum, so please let us know if your child has any allergies.

Nut Aware School

Please note, that due to the prevalence of nut allergies in our community, St Lawrence's is a **nut aware** school. Therefore we ask that you:

- Refrain from sending foods containing nuts for your child's morning tea and lunch.
- Ensure any foods sent in to be shared for birthdays or other celebrations do not contain nuts

Foods that may contain peanuts and tree nuts include:

- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Nut bars



Rosters

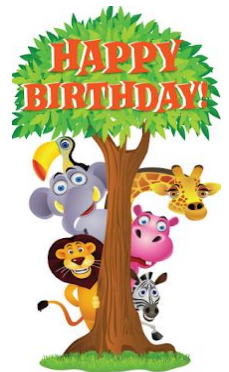
We hope to offer a Parent Roster from Term 2 to Term 4. This is to enable parents to attend a session, be involved in children's play and assist with activities. This is an ideal opportunity for you to share your skills and interests with the children. (*All visitors are required to sign in at the office*). **Please, remember to bring a hat when you are helping.**

Absentees

An attendance roll is marked twice daily. If your child is absent, an SMS message will be sent to guardians. A written note or online notification (see our website: www.stlps.wa.edu.au >Contact us >Absent note tab) is required . Please direct all calls/notifications directly to the office. Should your child be arriving after 9.00am or leaving school premises before 2.50pm, it is a legal requirement for all children to be tagged in and out using the electronic kiosk located in the front office.

Birthdays


The children enjoy celebrating their birthday with their friends. Treats are more than welcome at Kindy, PURCHASED and SEALED treats, e.g. 'Freddo Frogs' etc are a suitable option. Please be aware that we do have children highly allergic to nuts in the school. Birthday invitations are not to be sent to school for distribution. They can be given to the parents discreetly outside the classroom or placed in children's note folder



Communication

Parent communication is posted outside each classroom, which provides constant information regarding the Kindy program, events, meetings etc.

Please read them carefully. Seesaw will be used as a source of correspondence to update you with information and photos of your child's activities at Larmenier. Your class teacher will activate your 'Seesaw' account at the beginning of the year. Please ensure your email address is current with the class teacher and the School's office.

The school newsletter is published fortnightly and is made available to families via Schoolzine, download the SZapp on your phone  (code 2733) or access via website. A link to the newsletter will also be accessible on Seesaw and Facebook.

Larmenier is "child-centred" but you are important too. Please feel welcome to share stories and information as well as ask questions of us. You can be as involved with your child during this exciting and important stage of his/her development as you wish to be. Welcoming approach is adopted where families are able to join us at any time they wish. Excursions are attended throughout the year to teach the children about the community around them.

As all children at this age develop individually, we ask that you respect the confidentiality of other families, particularly when you are assisting in the classroom.

Learning Experiences

A play-based learning approach is adopted at St Lawrence's. Your child will learn through a carefully planned balance of play experiences integrated with explicit teaching. When planning units of work the teachers use data to inform them of the required content relevant to the development of your child.

During Term One, your child will be screened for their articulation, vocabulary, comprehension and semantic skills by our school Speech Pathologist, Trish Chivilo. If required, you will be informed of a referral to Allied Health, or your child will participate in Trish's intervention group.

The principles and practices which guide your child's learning experiences in Larmenier are aligned with those from the **Early Years Learning Framework**. Each child is guided and supported to ensure they develop a sense of **BEING, BECOMING AND BELONGING**.

Content for the curriculum of Larmenier is planned for by using the Western Australian mandated document, **The Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines**.

Information about this can be found at:

http://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/Curriculum_k-10/kindergarten_Curriculum_Guidelines/KCG

The standard of the centre will be assessed to align with those of the **National Quality**

Framework. See:

<http://www.acecqa.gov.au/national-quality-framework>



School Prayer

Jesus, you had things to learn when you were young.

Whatever we do each day, help us always to do our best.

We thank you for our school, all the staff, children, parents and everyone who helps us. St Lawrence was thoughtful and kind.

May we learn to be like him.

We ask you to help us live our school motto, "Love and Serve the Lord."

Amen



Fruit of the Spirit

LOVE
JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL

GALATIANS 5:22-23

St Lawrence's School Song

St Lawrence is our Patron Saint
A man of truth and love
His courageous faith inspires us
To praise God above.
With all our fellowman
Let our hearts rise and sing.
Help each other in friendship
And do the right thing.

So let's sing a song for St Lawrence's now
To love and to serve is our motto proud
With teachers to guide us and help us learn
Our parents beside us at every turn
Wherever we go we'll remember
St Lawrence's by the sea.
Yes, wherever we go we'll remember
St Lawrence's by the sea.

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14