



2023 ELC INFORMATION



At Maranatha we believe in Christ-centred education, acknowledging that Jesus is Lord over every aspect of our lives. We delight in giving 'OUR UTMOST FOR HIS GLORY'

Our Early Learning Centres offer the youngest members of our community an environment that aims to instil a sense of joy, wonder and enthusiasm in learning.

Maranatha has two Early Learning Centres located at Officer and another at Doveton. We welcome children between 3-5 years of age and offer two early learning programs at each site; a 3/4 year old early learning program and a 4/5 year old early learning program.

Our rich and responsive programs are designed to build an excellent disposition toward learning and to provide children with meaningful opportunities to explore, discover and develop their God-given gifts and interests. Programs are facilitated through play-based experiences as well as adult-guided units of inquiry, which invite and inspire curiosity, investigation, creativity, imagination, and a love of learning. Children will enjoy topics such as '*Precious in His sight*' and '*God made the world and everything in it*' throughout their time in the ELC. These units thread together biblical truths in a relevant, engaging and age-appropriate way. Our young learners also experience the benefit of routines within their day. These routines assist children to become independent through consistency and predictability.

Our Programs

3/4-Year-Old Early Learning Program

Our 3/4-year olds enjoy a safe, secure, and loving environment that reflects God's love and the beauty of His creation. Learning is promoted through language rich exploratory play opportunities designed to inspire and delight. It will be a time of discovery; a time for new friends and a time to investigate new surroundings and possibilities.

Children must turn 3 years of age before they commence. Deferment is recommended for children who turn 3 after the ELC year commences to ensure they receive a smooth transition and a full year of ELC. Children will only receive two years of funded ELC so for this reason it is crucial to select the appropriate entry year to ensure your child's readiness for prep. A meeting with the ELC teacher will be scheduled to determine your child's readiness.



4/5-Year-Old Early Learning Program

Our 4/5-year-old early learning program builds on the strong foundations established in the 3/4-year-old program. We continue to support children as active and involved learners who each have a special contribution to make. Opportunities for learning are rich and diverse as children practice and master skills, investigate, ask questions, create, construct, work collaboratively with others and experience the joy of shared experiences. Children are introduced to the foundations of numeracy and literacy within the program and also benefit from specialist music, physical education, and library classes each week.

For admittance into the 4/5-Year-old early learning program children must turn 4 by April 30 in the year they commence. However, if your child's fourth birthday falls between December and April a readiness meeting will be scheduled to help determine the best entry year for your child.





This is private, secure and encrypted eportfolio and communications platform that our Early Learning Centres use. Storypark allows teachers and families to partner together by effectively sharing meaningful information about children’s experiences, learning and perspectives through observations, images, videos and reflections.



2023 Early Learning Fee Schedule

3/4-Year-old	2 days per week	\$NIL per annum
4/5-Year-old (funded)	2.5 days per week	\$NIL per annum
4/5 Year Old (funded & unfunded)	3 days per week	\$1,899 per annum

Other fees and charges, outside of the Free Kinder program:

- School Enrolment Fee \$250 and School Security Deposit \$750 per child, membership fee \$55 per parent. The Security Deposit is credited in Term 4 of child’s Prep year at Maranatha.

- Excursions/Incursions:

Each family will be charged for the cost recovery for special excursions/incursions during 2023. These charges will not be required of families who would be eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy (KFS). 3/4-Year-Old cost per student is \$100; 4/5-Year-Old cost per student is \$210

- Families with students only in the ELC may choose to make a donation of \$100 to the Building Fund in 2023. This is used to maintain and improve the school’s facilities. The donation would be tax deductible. An amount of \$100 will be added to the family account and will be removed on request. Note: children accessing a second year of 3/4 or 4/5 kinder may not be eligible for free kinder.





2023 Early Learning Timetable

Days	Monday 8.30am- 3.00pm	Tuesday 8.30am- 3.00pm	Wednesday 8.30am- 3.00pm	Thursday 8.30am- 3.00pm	Friday 8.30am- 3.00pm
Doveton	4/5-year olds Pre-preps	4/5-year olds Pre-preps	3/4-year olds Joeys	4/5-year olds Pre-preps	3/4-year olds Joeys
Officer	4/5-year olds Pre-preps	4/5-year olds Pre-preps	3/4-year olds Joeys	4/5-year olds Pre-preps	3/4-year olds Joeys

Enrolment

Come and find out more about our wonderful Early Learning Centres and school community by booking an Open Day Event or complete an online enrolment application form and we will be in contact. Early applications are highly recommended.

ELC Locations

DOVETON

129 Kidds Road, Doveton 3177

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63 Rix Road, Officer 3809

Endeavour Hills

104-108 Reema Boulevard
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