



**CRANBROOK
SCHOOL**

Cranbrook Pre-schools

A great start in life





Opening Hours

8.45am – 2.45pm

Four terms per year

Days

Two days: Thursday, Friday

Three days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Five days: Monday to Friday

Children

Licensed for 40 children per day

Staff

Each class has an Early Childhood Teacher and a qualified Early Childhood Educator. Additional specialist teachers enrich and extend the programme. They include a Visual Arts Teacher, Music Specialist, French Teacher, an Outdoor Educator and an Educational Development Teacher. Many staff work across both campuses to ensure consistency of programmes.



Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is guided by both the Early Years Framework (EYLF) and the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP). We aim to develop life-long skills that children can take and use both inside and outside the classroom, and to support children's efforts to construct meaning from the world around them.

Learning experiences include carefully planned teaching in the areas of language and literature, music and movement, art and craft, dramatic play, science and maths and sensory motor activities.

Our investigations are supported with specialist programmes. Our daily Fundamental Movements Programme works to improve children's fine and gross motor movements. It provides a sequential, developmental set of activities promoting skills that are transferable to other learning areas.

The Visual Arts are also entwined with other learning experiences. A Visual Arts Teacher works across both our Pre-school sites, providing authentic art materials for the children. Child initiated interest allows them to not only make observational art responses but also to connect subject matter they are investigating, enabling cognitive and emotional involvement.

French classes are offered to our 3 and 5 day children. The teaching and learning of French focuses on the communication skills of speaking and listening.

Specialist Music sessions offer music, movement and drama from across the globe. We provide children with a chance to explore musical activities, developing a sense of beat, rhythm and pitch.

Our Daily Routine

8.45am

DOORS OPEN

We have 40 children attend each day. An Early Childhood Teacher and an Educator teach each group of 20 children.

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY

We have both an indoor and outdoor programme. One group begins their session indoors, while the other group starts outdoors. During this time children may also participate in specialist lessons including Music, French, Visual Arts and our Fundamental Movement Programme.

10.15am

PREPARATION FOR FRUIT TIME

Children help the teachers pack away indoor and outdoor activities before group time.

10.30am and 12.15pm

GROUP TIME

The children participate in group experiences such as music and movement, language, arts, story and games, etc.

12.45pm

LUNCH TIME

Lunch is eaten at tables inside or outside picnic tables

1.30pm

REST TIME

They rest on their beds in their classrooms where they listen to stories and ambient music. Story books are provided to those children who do not sleep.

2pm

QUIET WORK TIME

Children select from a variety of activities such as puzzles, drawing, books, and manipulative constructions. Children may sleep through this period. Children who are to attend school the following year have an extension programme in the afternoon, later in the year.

2.30pm

GOING HOME TIME

Story time for children waiting for pick up.

2.45pm

END OF THE PRE-SCHOOL DAY



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