Cranbrook Pre-schools

A great start in life
Cranbrook's two pre-schools, St Mark's Pre-school at Darling Point and St Michael's Pre-school at Vaucluse, provide an environment that is secure, warm and exciting. Our pre-schools incorporate the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) into the early years education 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.

Everything we do is designed to stimulate imagination, creativity, decision making, language and expression. We nurture children's emotional and social skills and equip them with self-confidence and happiness to reach their full potential.

We engage the children in the inquiry of learning from the very beginning of their education and develop:

- a positive self-concept and an increasing understanding and knowledge of the world
- emotional security and the freedom to have fun through exploration and social interactions
- social awareness and friendship skills that instil trust, the ability to share, to cooperate and to develop positive relationships
- language and communication skills through guided and free inquiry
- intellectual skills, reasoning skills, problem-solving skills and the understanding of basic concepts through guided inquiry
- physical health through body awareness, sensory perception, and fine and gross motor skills
- creativity through self-expression, language, music and inquiry.

Fundamental Movements Programme
The newly introduced Fundamental Movements programme works to improve children's fine and gross motor movements, and is language focused. It provides a sequential, developmental set of activities promoting skills that are transferable to other learning areas.

Specialist Areas
Cranbrook’s pre-schools have a fully integrated, holistic art learning and music programme. Visual Art and Music are entwined with all the learning areas through child-initiated interests; the flow-on effect of embedding the arts at such a young age is that the children flourish in confidence and focus.