

Junior School Handbook

Prep – Year 4



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The Junior School program operates as an integral part of Peregian Beach College.

Peregian Beach College's Early Years key aim is to provide a friendly, caring, positive and happy environment where children are recognised and nurtured as individuals.

At no other time in their life will your child experience the same rate of growth and development as they do during their early years. Your child's first years of school are very important ones where many attitudes toward school are formed and a foundation for life-long learning is established. We wish to develop children who are capable and independent learners. During Junior education, students learn to grow and develop in a safe and supportive environment. With our class sizes, teachers and ESO's (Education Support Officers) are able to have vital contact time with students and can provide a more independent learning program for them.

STAFFING:

Your child's teacher has a university degree specialising in early childhood or primary education and is registered with the Queensland College of Teachers. Our Education Support Officers (ESO's) are trained and experienced with young children and are an invaluable asset to the team.

The College actively supports the on-going professional development of all staff members through their attendance at workshops, seminars and conferences.

ATTENDANCE:

The Junior School program is five days per week. Sessions commence at 8.30am and conclude at 2.55pm. Classroom doors will open at 8.30 am. The Playground is supervised from 8.15 am.

If bringing your child to school before 8.30am, please remain outside with them. The Junior Playground can be accessed from 8:15 am. The first bell sounds at 8.30 am. A second bell sounds at 8.40am. At this time, you are asked to leave the classroom promptly so that teaching and learning can commence on time.

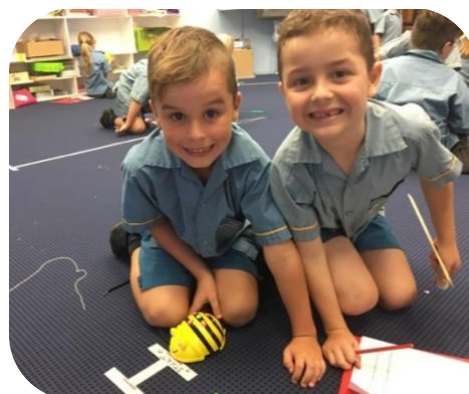
Prior to the start of the school day, staff are involved in preparations for the program and administrative matters. Short conversations are welcome. Please make a mutually convenient time for longer conversations.

If your child is not collected by 3 pm they will be handed over to the office. The office staff will phone you.

CURRICULUM

Learning at Peregian Beach College is a partnership and shared responsibility between the College, students and parents. Programs and practices within Junior School are developmentally suitable and age appropriate. They are designed to foster the social, emotional, cognitive, creative and physical development of each individual. Opportunities for children to think critically and creatively, to investigate and explore, to question and challenge and to create and solve problems are an integral part of the program. Learning occurs in active, interactive, individual and collaborative situations.

Students spend a great deal of time with their teacher who teaches English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography & Digital Technology. In addition to these subjects, students have specialist teachers for Languages Other Than English (Italian), Music, Visual Arts, Physical Education and Library, for a weekly lesson. The Australian Curriculum and Queensland Studies Authority syllabus documents are followed, with a whole school approach to allow a seamless progression of subject knowledge and content as the students move through the school.



The ABCs of Junior School

A

Assembly: Assembly is held every second Tuesday in the Kelly Library and begins at 1.15 pm.

Absences: If your child is going to be absent, please call the College office on 5448 1722, preferably before 8.30am. There is someone in attendance at the office from 8.00 am, prior to that a message may be left on voicemail. You may also email your child's teacher or the office on admin@pbc.qld.edu.au, absences can also be reported via our website: <https://www.pbc.qld.edu.au/pbc-contact-absence-report/>.

After School Care: Parents MUST supervise their children on the College grounds once school has finished for the day. If you are unable to supervise your child please contact the after-school care provider, Peregian Kids (see Collecting your Child).

Art: The children will have an Art lesson with the specialist teacher once a week.

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Birthdays: Birthdays are special for children and we enjoy sharing the celebration with them. If you would like to send along icy poles with your child on their birthday please feel free to do so. It helps to let us know the day before.

Book Club: Scholastic book catalogues come home once a month. They offer books at reduced prices and are a great way to add to your child's home library while at the same time the school library benefits! **Orders are placed and paid for by parents through the Scholastic website.** Please note orders cannot be placed through the school.

Bus: Please keep us informed of any bus arrangements or changes to arrangements, for either before or after school. Bookings for the bus are made through an app called Roll Call. To get set up please contact the office. Buses provide transport services to the most convenient set down point nearby to the child's residence. You can make enquiries via email to: bus@pbc.qld.edu.au.



Code of Conduct: Please familiarize yourself with the Parent Code of Conduct. Copies are available from Reception or downloadable from the College Website.

Collecting your child: Please pick up your children at 2.55pm; if you will be late, please let us know. Children can become concerned if they are left after other children have been collected. It is helpful if you can phone the office on 5448 1722 to let us know of changed pick up arrangements. There is an After School Hours service provided by Peregian Kids. All parents are encouraged to register with Peregian Kids so that casual bookings can be activated for late pickups or early arrival to school. Registration can be made via: www.peregiankids.com.au.

Communication: Communication is very important. Please read any notices and the online College newsletter. Please view our Facebook page.



Drop-off time: Please do not drop your child off before 8.15am. Prior to the start of the school day staff are involved in preparations for the program and administrative matters. From 8.15 am there is a teacher on duty in the junior playground until the bell goes. Peregian Kids opens at 7.00am and provides casual and permanent bookings for primary students.



Email: Reception admin@pbc.qld.edu.au

Excursions: From time to time we have excursions or visitors and performances at the College. You will receive written notification about excursions prior to the day of the excursion.

Emergencies: Please ensure we have the most up-to-date details of emergency contacts for your child/children. Also in the event of other emergencies i.e. weather events etc. a notice will be placed on our Facebook page in the first instance.



Facebook: To stay up-to-date with College events and goings on, please subscribe to our Facebook page: facebook.com/peregianbeachcollege.

Food: Children require morning tea, lunch and a small fruit break. This is stored in our class refrigerators on arrival. In order to promote good nutrition and dental health we recommend that parents send along fruit, cheese, yoghurt, vegetables and sandwiches. Chips, lollies, Roll-Ups and chocolate are **not** encouraged. Please ensure your child has ample water to drink. Canteen is available Monday-Friday, we do not encourage canteen orders for Preps in Term 1.

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Goodbye: Separation can sometimes be difficult. Involve your child in an activity but do not linger too long. Remind your child when you leave, that you will be back to collect them at the end of school to hear about their exciting day.

Grounds: There are two playgrounds utilised by the Junior School, the Junior playground is for Prep to Year 3 and there is also a Year 4 Playground near the oval. The College has its own pool on the grounds.

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Hats: It is essential for your child to have their school hat each day (named clearly).

Head Lice: Head lice can be a problem from time to time. It is advisable to check your child's hair once a week. Long hair is to be tied back, as per the uniform policy. This also acts as a preventative measure. Please inform staff if your child has had head lice.

Home time: The day finishes at 2.55pm.

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Illness: In a close environment illness can spread quickly. It is important that children who are ill remain at home until the infectious period is completely over. It is a parent responsibility to consider other children and the staff. Children should not make the decision about attendance.

Immunisation: In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease, parents/guardians of a non-immunised child may remove the child from the College until the risk has passed.

Independence: Independence builds confidence and self-esteem. Junior School children are capable of doing many things on their own and we encourage them to do as much for themselves as possible.

iPads: Students will require an iPad from Year 2 onwards. Please refer to our ICT Requirements.



Japanese: Students will have one Japanese lesson with our specialist teacher each week.

Junk: Your junk is our treasure. We are always re-using plastic containers, cardboard cylinders, ice-cream containers, wrapping paper, cards, magazines etc. We will let you know when we require these items.



Keep updated: Stay informed by reading the College newsletter which is emailed once per fortnight on a Friday, and is also available on our website. Any notices are sent home via your child's Library bag or diary.

Kiss and Drop Zone: The drive through along the front of the College is a drop and go zone only. Please do not leave your vehicle and please move forward when possible to keep traffic flowing.



Library: Children are able to borrow two books per week. Books should come to school in a Library Bag. We have a specialist Library lesson and you will be informed of the day early in Term 1.

Lunch: We eat lunch at approximately 12.25pm. Canteen orders may be placed in the white box in administration. Orders should indicate if they are for Morning Tea or Lunch. Money is to be placed in the bag. Alternatively you can place orders using the My School Connect App, or website: www.myschoolconnect.com.au.



Medication: Please discuss this with your child's teacher. No medication will be given without written authorisation and medication must be clearly labelled and prescribed for the child. All medication must be handed to

Reception and not left in a child's bag. If your child has an action plan (i.e. asthma or anaphylaxis, et.) please provide a copy to the office.

Morning Tea: Morning Tea is at 10.20am. Tuckshop is available Monday to Friday. Please ensure your child has plenty of healthy food choices.

Music: Each year level has a specialist Music lesson, weekly.



Name: Please name **EVERYTHING!**, especially hats and water bottles.

Newsletter: The College Newsletter is delivered by email every fortnightly and can also be found on the website. Please ensure that your current email address has been provided to Reception.



Organisation: Encourage your child to be organised and ready to learn.

OSHC – Outside School Hours Care: Peregian Kids operates before and after school care as well as a vacation care program. Please register via: www.peregiankids.com.au.



Parents: We value the assistance of parents. . Parent involvement maintains continuity between home and school. Please let us know of any particular skills you may have and are willing to share. Parent Rosters are not implemented until children are settled into a routine.

Parking: A carpark can be found at the front of the College. If you are intending to leave your vehicle this is where you should park, not in the drive through drop and go area.

PE: Specialist lesson once a week.



Questions: Please feel free to call or make an appropriate time to discuss any concerns or issues about your child. Confidentiality is respected.

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Relaxation (Prep): Our program is a busy one, however, we ensure that the children have a quiet time and short relaxation session after lunch.

Reports: Progress reports are emailed at the end of Term 1 and then at the end of each semester.

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Shared Care: If your child is in a shared care arrangement and you would like two copies of documentation please advise administration.

Spare clothes (Prep): Wet or dirty clothes can be uncomfortable. Please keep an extra set of clothing in a plastic bag in the bottom of your child's bag. Please check periodically that these clothes suit the season and still fit.

Sunscreen: Sunscreen should be applied before arriving at school. The children will reapply their sunscreen during the day.

Swimming Lessons: Swimming lessons are conducted in the College swimming pool and are taken by a specialist swimming instructor in Term 1 and Term 4.

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Tuckshop/Canteen: The College Tuckshop operates five days a week Monday-Friday. Orders should be written on a brown paper-bag, and money placed inside.

Orders are to be placed in the tuckshop box in the office by 9.00 a.m. Children are to go to the tuckshop to collect Morning Tea and/or Lunch orders.

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Uniform: Junior School children wear the formal College school uniform every day, except for their designated PE day when they wear their College sports uniform (with the exception of Prep – who wear the PE uniform everyday). Children must wear appropriate black footwear that they can take off and put on themselves.

Please do not buy shoes with laces if your child cannot tie the laces.

These items of clothing comply with the College's SunSmart Policy and are available from the School Locker in Maroochydore.

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Water: Children should always have plenty of water to drink. Please send along water in a clearly named drink bottle. These are kept in the classroom fridge to ensure they are always easily accessible.



Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome!



Zebra Crossing:

For your child's safety, please use the zebra crossings to move from the classroom to the car-park.

ZZZZZ: Make sure your child has plenty of sleep. Setting and adhering to a bedtime is important for your child.

Moving Forward Together

Our staff and students offer you a warm welcome when you visit.

