



KOROWA  
EARLY LEARNING  
CENTRE

Co-educational 3 & 4-year-old programs



**KOROWA**  
ANGLICAN GIRLS' SCHOOL



*Korowa's Early Learning Centre has exceeded National Quality Standards*

## ELC at Korowa

**For more than 125 years Korowa Anglican Girls' School has been consistently recognised for its all-round excellence.**

Our Early Learning Centre offers our youngest learners opportunities to explore the world. With an emphasis on play-based learning, Korowa's ELC fosters discovery at your child's own pace with a curriculum that is stimulating and informed by current research and frameworks such as the national Early Years Learning Framework and the new Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework.

Korowa's ELC welcomes three and four-year-old girls and boys to our classes. The programs are flexible, allowing enrolments on non-consecutive days of the week.

As an ELC to Year 12 campus, children can make use of facilities around the school including the gym, music classrooms, oval and library. Our ELC children also have access to dedicated classrooms and their own playground.

Korowa's ELC provides the ideal environment for the transition to Junior School. With the ELC housed on the first level of the Junior School, the children will become familiar with a number of Junior School classrooms and spaces. ELC children regularly participate in whole Junior School events and some assemblies.



## Learning at Korowa

Our ELC is a place for discovery and learning. The play-based program supports the belief that children learn through play. With guidance from our experienced and highly qualified staff, children are given opportunities to explore their own ideas and interests through play.

We support each child's efforts to construct meaning from the world around them by drawing on their prior knowledge, providing inspiration through new experiences and opportunities for reflection and consolidation.

Each term a different integrated learning unit is introduced based

on the big ideas from the world around us, such as sustainability, learning about yourself, the wonder of the world (science) and the multitude of ways we can express ourselves.

The ELC is a stimulating learning environment with a curriculum that prepares children for school.

The curriculum is designed to help children discover their abilities, grow their confidence and learn the foundations. We encourage daily fostering of skills that develop independence and encourage our children to make choices about their learning.

## A place to learn

Korowa's ELC offers specialist facilities and tuition from specialist teachers during a full week in the ELC.

Each week, children participate in specialist programs including art, music, physical education and library visits. Specialist subjects provide introductions to new disciplines and are vital components of the curriculum at Korowa.

### Art

Art is a vital component of the program in the ELC, with time provided for children to work on art with their class teacher and the Art Specialist. The aim is to introduce the children to a wide variety of art materials and techniques, and encourage free expression within a flexible timeframe.

### Library

An appreciation and love of books is developed during library lessons. Children may borrow books on a weekly basis.

### Music

The ELC music program is specially designed to allow for the opportunity to explore sound, melody, rhythm and movement creatively. The lessons provide the opportunity for creative dance, storytelling, listening and playing with musical instruments.

### Physical Education (PE)

The PE program in ELC 3 is designed to improve children's motor skills, enhance social interaction and develop confidence. Children are actively involved in sessions that may be equipment-based, based on rhythm and dance, minor games or exploratory activities.

In ELC 4, children participate in a broader range of activities that include aerobic fitness, spatial awareness, motor skills, balance, hand/eye/foot coordination and minor games. They are also involved in an intensive swimming program to help develop their water familiarization, stroke technique and safety skills.





## ELC Programs

At the 3 year old level, the ELC's developmental program focuses on:

- young children working on leaving their parents;
- individual children working and playing alongside each other in parallel play;
- following teacher direction;
- the introduction of specialist subjects and teachers in the areas of Music, Art, PE and Library;
- children are encouraged to ask lots of questions within very structured classes with a lot of teacher direction;
- rest time provided.

Our 4 year old program provides a rich learning experience where children form strong connections with each other, their teachers and the Korowa school community. Children are introduced to the foundations for Literacy and Numeracy within an experience based program. Children learn to work together and independently to investigate and problem solve through the development of critical and creative thinking skills.

The program focuses on:

- involvement with the current Prep cohort in both social settings and learning contexts, including visiting each other's rooms, sharing eating time, joining in some of the reading activities as an audience;
- developing a greater sense of personal responsibility;
- encouraging greater ownership of their personal portfolio;

- individual children developing an area of interest and following this through with more depth, including an increased level of presentations by children;
- more structured and timetabled activities;
- evidence of children reflecting on their learning in a more formal fashion;
- children approaching activities with a more specific end in mind;
- children working in pairs or smaller, more targeted groups;
- higher level of children's involvement in decision making and leadership opportunities
- increased opportunities for children to engage with technology on a 1:1 basis;
- rest time reduced or not necessary.

Prior to attending the ELC, children should be toilet trained.



## A Snapshot of Korowa's ELC

- Co-educational 3 & 4-year-old programs
- Two, three, four and five day programs for ELC 3
- Three, four and five day programs for ELC 4
- Flexibility to choose non-consecutive days
- Specialist experiences in Music, Art, Physical Education and a Library program across a full week
- Open daily, 8.20am to 3.00pm
- Before and After School Care hosted by Extend from 7.00am to 8.20am and 3.00pm to 6.00pm
- Holiday Programs also hosted by Extend

# Discover our ELC

Our parents love the structure and routine of a day at the Korowa ELC, the nurturing environment and the strong relationships we build between our families and staff. Come and find out more about our ELC by arranging a personal tour with our Enrolments Manager.

Call **(03) 9811 0200** or email **admissions@korowa.vic.edu.au** or visit our website, **www.korowa.vic.edu.au**

Korowa ELC is a registered Child Care Centre and the income-tested Child Care Benefit applies. As we do not run the Centre over all weeks of the year, we do not qualify for the Child Care Rebate. More information is available at **www.humanservices.gov.au**



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