

Preparation for *Kindergarten*



Where Learning
Comes to *Life*



Welcome to Kingsway —

Beginning Kindergarten is the start of a wonderful journey. At Kingsway Christian College, we are honoured to partner with you during these formative years, providing a safe, caring and faith-filled environment where every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish.

Our Early Learning philosophy is simple: children learn best when they feel secure, loved and free to explore. That's why our Kindergarten is designed to be stimulating yet nurturing, balancing structure with play so children can discover, question and grow at their own pace.

Academic expectations for children just beginning school are minimal. Our priority is to help your child feel happy, secure and eager to explore and learn. Young children spend much of their time discovering and making sense of the world around them. At Kingsway, this natural curiosity is embraced. Our educators provide a rich, stimulating environment that is warm, loving and supportive of each child's learning journey. In this fun, non-pressured setting, young learners build confidence, resilience and a lifelong enthusiasm for learning.

Our dedicated teachers model Christ's love daily, guiding students through prayer, devotions and play. By weaving Christian values into everyday experiences, we help each child grow in faith as well as knowledge.

We see education as a true partnership with families. Together, we create a foundation of trust and encouragement that supports your child's wellbeing and development. Our prayer is that every child will begin their formal schooling journey with joy in their hearts, confidence in their abilities and Christ at the centre of their lives.

We warmly look forward to welcoming your family to Kingsway.

God Bless,

Peter Burton
Principal





A Day in the *Life* —

Every day in Kindergarten is filled with discovery, play and purpose. Our routines balance prayer, learning and play, giving children a secure rhythm while sparking curiosity and joy. Children thrive on predictability, so each day is structured to balance routine with freedom to explore.

- ✿ **Morning Arrival** – Teachers greet each child warmly, supporting a smooth transition from home to school.
- ✿ **Morning Devotions** – Short prayers, songs and Bible stories help children centre their day on God.
- ✿ **Play-Based Learning** – Activities are carefully planned to encourage creativity, imagination and problem-solving.
- ✿ **Early Literacy Foundations** – Through the MultiLit program, story time, phonics, rhymes and pre-writing exercises, children build confidence with language.
- ✿ **Numeracy in Action** – Counting games, shapes and patterns are introduced in fun, hands-on ways.
- ✿ **Social Play** – Children learn teamwork, sharing and empathy during structured and free play.
- ✿ **Outdoor Discovery** – Large, safe play areas give space for physical development and exploration of God's creation.
- ✿ **Healthy Habits** – Children enjoy fruit breaks, lunch and rest times, establishing balance throughout the day.
- ✿ **End-of-Day Routines** – Reflection, pack-up and prayer provide calm closure to each day.

How We Support Your Child —

At Kingsway, every child is known and cared for as a unique individual created by God. With small classes, dedicated teachers and a strong pastoral network, your child will thrive academically, socially and spiritually. Our holistic approach ensures your child feels safe, valued and ready to learn.

- ✦ **Small Class Sizes** – Enable close teacher–student relationships and personalised support.
- ✦ **Pastoral Care** – Teachers are supported by Heads of Area, ensuring every child’s welfare is prioritised.
- ✦ **Christian Formation** – Worship, Christian Studies and singing are part of daily life, developing a meaningful understanding of Christ.
- ✦ **Library and Literacy** – Children enjoy visiting the Library, introducing them to reading and exploring the world of literature.
- ✦ **Learning Through Play** – Play is central to our philosophy. It builds curiosity, resilience, independence and collaboration.
- ✦ **Safety and Wellbeing** – Staff model and teach positive behaviour, helping children develop self-regulation and respect for others.



Preparing Your Child *for Kindergarten —*

The transition to Kindergarten is an exciting milestone for both children and families. With a few simple steps at home, you can help your child feel confident, prepared and eager to begin their school journey. At Kingsway Christian College, we see parents as vital partners in smoothing the path from home to school.

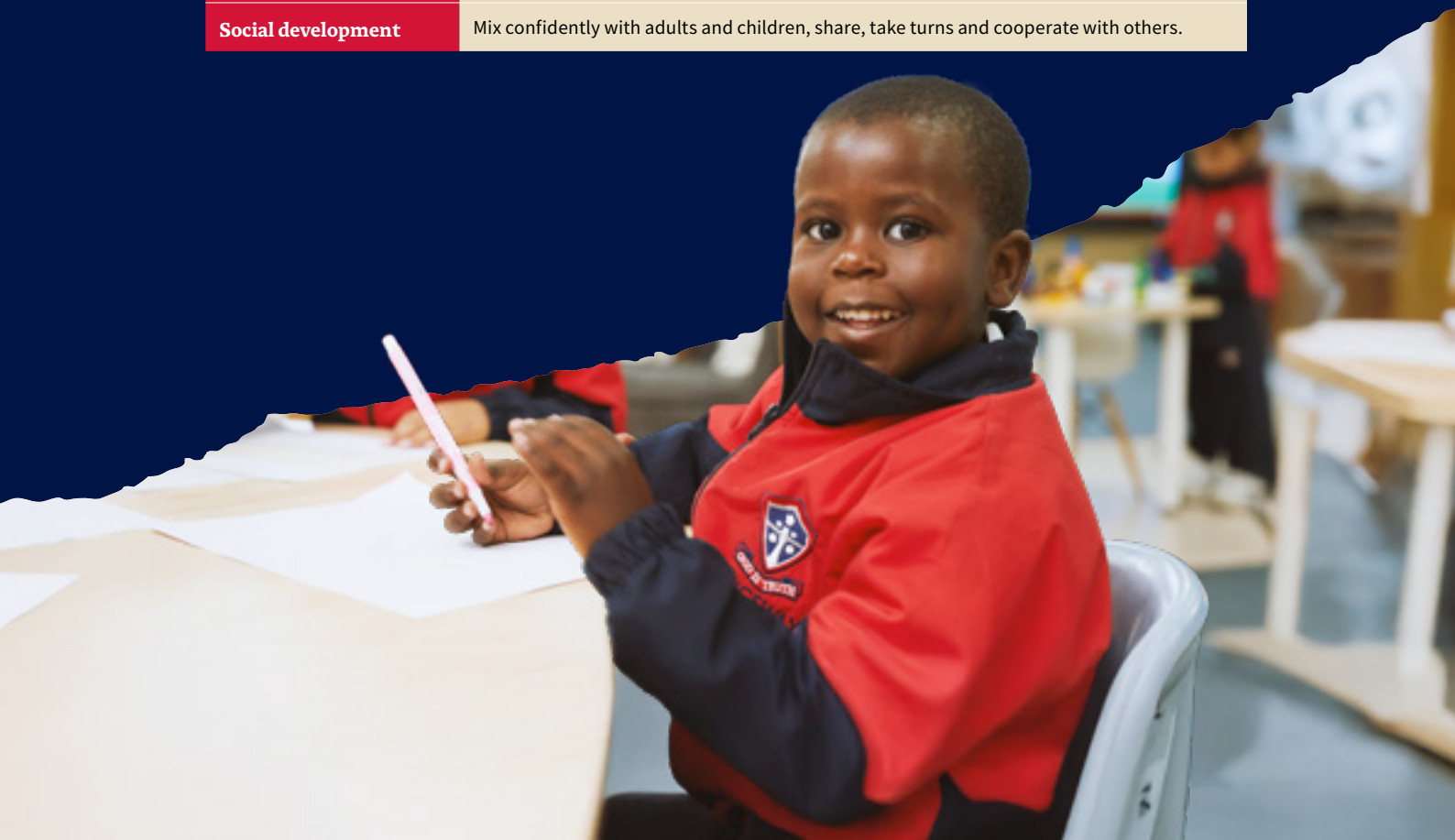
Before your child begins Kindergarten, there are some helpful skills that will support participation in learning activities and encourage independence.

Physical Development

Dressing	Take off and put on jumpers, cardigans and shoes.
Toileting	Manage buttons and zips, wipe independently, flush the toilet and wash hands using taps.
Eating	Eat without assistance, open their lunchbox, unscrew a drink container, drink through a straw, peel fruit and unwrap food packaging.

Social and Emotional Development

Self-control	Manage emotions in a satisfactory way.
Confidence	Approach new challenges with a positive attitude.
Independence	Tackle small tasks on their own.
Responsibility	Take care of belongings and classroom equipment.
Separation	Parents to be positive and cheerful during goodbyes.
Social development	Mix confidently with adults and children, share, take turns and cooperate with others.



Tips for *Parents* —

The expectations for a child just beginning school are minimal. Parents can help prepare children for learning through a range of simple, everyday activities.

Routines

- ✿ Establish consistent bedtimes and morning routines.
- ✿ Practise dressing independently, including shoes, hats and packing the school bag.
- ✿ Encourage your child to carry their own bag and manage belongings.
- ✿ Make reading part of the bedtime routine.

Language Preparation

- ✿ Engage your child in rich conversations – “What are rainbows?” “Why are the leaves falling from the trees?”
- ✿ Share rhymes and songs together.
- ✿ Describe daily activities out loud to build vocabulary.
- ✿ Limit screen time to allow for active play and conversation.

Social and Emotional Readiness

- ✿ Arrange playdates to practise sharing, turn-taking and making friends.
- ✿ Talk positively about school to build excitement and confidence.
- ✿ Listen to your child’s feelings and reassure them that you understand.
- ✿ Be clear and gentle about which behaviours are acceptable.
- ✿ Encourage persistence and celebrate effort.
- ✿ Offer simple strategies for joining in with peers in social settings.

Physical Readiness

- ✿ Include outdoor play in your child’s daily routine.
- ✿ Play with balls, bats and other equipment to build gross motor skills.
- ✿ Provide pencils, crayons, paints and paper for drawing and painting to strengthen fine motor skills.

Academic Preparation

- ✿ Talk to your child often, helping them hear and understand new words.
- ✿ Read aloud daily so they become familiar with the language of books.
- ✿ Listen actively – strong speaking skills are the foundation for reading.
- ✿ Point out letters and words on signs, packaging and picture books.
- ✿ Encourage counting and ordering during everyday tasks (e.g. buttons on a shirt, carrots for dinner).
- ✿ Discuss time in simple ways (e.g. How many sleeps until your birthday? What will we do after lunch?).
- ✿ Play with play dough and water to explore size, volume and shape.

Spiritual Growth

- ✿ Share Bible stories, pray together and sing simple worship songs.
- ✿ Model Christian values at home to reinforce what is learnt at school.

Practical Preparation

- ✿ Label all items (hat, uniform, drink bottle, lunchbox, bag).
- ✿ Choose a lunchbox your child can open independently.
- ✿ Pack a wide-brimmed hat for outdoor play (“No Hat, No Play” applies at Kingsway).
- ✿ Uniforms: Children wear the Kingsway Kindergarten shirt and broad-brimmed hat. Closed shoes or sandals with a heel strap are required.

Our Commitment to Families —

Education is a partnership between school and home. We are committed to building strong connections with families, ensuring you feel supported and welcomed as part of the Kingsway community.

We understand that Kindergarten is a transition for the whole family. This is why we offer:

- ✿ **Open Communication** – Families are kept informed through newsletters, digital platforms and direct contact with teachers.
- ✿ **Parent Partnerships** – We encourage regular dialogue and work closely with parents to support each child's needs.
- ✿ **Community Connections** – The Parents & Friends (P&F) group and school events help families form lasting friendships.
- ✿ **Orientation and Induction** – Our Kindergarten Orientation Day and ongoing support programs help children — and parents — settle in with confidence.



Practical Information —

Kindergarten life runs smoothly with a few key routines in place. From uniforms and lunchboxes to drop-off and pick-up, we will guide you every step of the way.

- ✿ **Timetable** – Kindergarten operates on a 5-day per fortnight model, with children attending designated days each week (details provided at enrolment).
- ✿ **Wednesday Wanderings** – This optional fortnightly program offers families an extra day of Kindergarten, where students explore Landsdale Farm, the orchard and bushland to learn about themselves and the environment.
- ✿ **Drop-off and Pick-up** – A teacher greets students at the gate. Please notify staff of any changes to collection arrangements.
- ✿ **Healthy Food** – We promote nutritious lunches and snacks. Sugary foods and drinks are discouraged.
- ✿ **Rest Time** – Children enjoy quiet rest after lunch to recharge for the afternoon.
- ✿ **Parent Involvement** – Opportunities exist for parents to help in classrooms and contribute to community events.





Next *Steps* —

At Kingsway Christian College, Kindergarten is more than the start of school — it is the foundation of a lifelong journey of learning, faith and community. Together, we will equip your child to flourish with confidence, character and Christ at the centre.

We invite you to take the next step in your Kingsway journey:

- ✿ **Book a tour** to experience our Kindergarten firsthand.
- ✿ **Complete** our online Application for Enrolment form.
- ✿ Register for our **Kindergarten Introduction** to meet teachers, explore classrooms and connect with other families.

Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it. (Proverbs 22:6)

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