



Lake Joondalup
Baptist College

Early Years School Information

Pre Kindergarten to Year 2

Grow with confidence

at our School!



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Early Years Information

The Lake Joondalup Baptist College was established to provide a high standard of education within the context of the Christian faith. The Pre Kindergarten to Year 12 College provides for students from the age of three years to seventeen ensuring continuity for students during their primary and secondary studies.

To be given the opportunity to work in partnership with families in the education of their children is an immense privilege, therefore we strive to provide in all situations a safe, warm and stimulating learning environment, where students can grow and flourish. Building healthy relationships of mutual respect between the student and the teacher is critical to our success in creating a calm atmosphere of warmth, care and stimulation, allowing students to feel they belong, while having an awareness of the opportunities for learning, development and understanding. At LJBC all students are equally valued, respected and appreciated, recognising the unique interests, talents, abilities and learning styles of each individual. The development of values and character strengths is achieved through modelling, direct teaching, reinforcement and consistent exposure to the principles of the Positive Education Program along with the support of leading student welfare systems and practice. Our students love our school and look forward to each day with a sense of fun and adventure, growing in confidence as they meet each new challenge. We hope you are able to catch the essence and spirit of LJBC as you visit us and explore the best possible education opportunities for your child.

Our Mission

Lake Joondalup Baptist College will be a distinctive, Christian, academically focused school that graduates citizens and leaders for a world that needs them.

College Motto

Seek Wisdom Act Justly Love Mercy

Our Christian environment

The College is a ministry of the Lake Joondalup Baptist Church and there is a close relationship between the LJB Church and the College. Church Pastors work on site and Church Children's Workers and Primary Chaplains are involved in the life of the College. Students are encouraged to participate in the excellent children's programs run by the Lake Joondalup Baptist Church during the weekend.

Staff members of the College are committed Christians involved in their local churches in a variety of denominations. Teaching staff are selected for their high standards of training, their dedication to teaching and their personal Christian faith.

Students entering the College are not required to have a commitment to, or an association with, the Christian faith. It is, however, a condition of enrolment that all students must participate fully in the Christian program of the College. This includes a weekly Christian Education lesson which emphasises basic Christian truths and their application to daily life. Bible readings, devotions and prayer are features of each day and Worship assemblies are held regularly. Christian values and a Biblical viewpoint are incorporated into all aspects of the life of the College, including the curriculum.

Primary School structure

The Primary School provides for the educational needs of children from Pre Kindergarten to Year 6 and operates as two sub schools. The Early Years will provide for the particular academic, social and emotional needs of children in Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Pre Primary, Years 1 and 2. The Primary Years will provide for the developmental needs of students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The Primary School is under the management of the Dean of Primary PK-2 and Dean of Primary 3-6.



Caring for our students

The Early Years program at LJBC is carefully tailored to meet the developmental needs of early learners. The team of teachers is experienced with this early age group and realise the importance of the first few years of schooling for children, to enable them to achieve success in their learning, as well as their social and emotional development and self-esteem.

When students enter the College they are allocated to one of six Houses – Lancier, James, Batavia, Cumberland, Windsor or Arcadia. The student and siblings remain in that House during their time at the College.

College expectations and parental

The Western Australia Curriculum and Assessment Outline sets out what all students should know, understand, value and be able to do as a result of their educational program. It provides a structure around which the College builds an educational program of excellence. In addition, LJBC's educational program is distinctively Christian in philosophy and practice and integrates learning within a Christian World view.

Lake Joondalup Baptist College offers a rich curriculum, which is the total of all activities, both formal and informal, which take place inside and outside the classroom, and before and after the hours of normal instruction. The curriculum is rigorous, challenging and enjoyable, has high academic standards and aims to motivate and stimulate all students. It is contemporary, global in vision and caters for a multicultural body of students with a wide range of academic ability. The College believes that such a curriculum enables students to take their place in Australian society with strong personal values that foster respect of self, others and the environment, an appropriate sense of responsibility, confidence based on Christ's teachings, sound knowledge, and appropriate vocational skills. The curriculum strives to achieve academic excellence, as well as breadth and depth of content and is delivered in a challenging, student centred and engaging manner. The curriculum is structured to foster an appreciation of life long learning amongst the College community and there is strong commitment to developing independent, self-directed learners who set realistic academic goals.



Values

Our College core values of Wisdom, Justice and Mercy, reflect those acknowledged by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) to be integrated into schools:

- Pursuit of knowledge and commitment to achievement of potential
- Self acceptance and respect of self
- Respect and concern for others
- Social and civic responsibility
- Environmental responsibility

The Early Years Team aims to nurture all aspects of student development – their social, emotional, spiritual, physical and academic potential.

Early Years curriculum

The Early Years Learning program at LJBC informs a creative, play-based curriculum enabling children to connect with each other and their world; to have a strong sense of well-being and be confident and effective learners. It seeks to provide children with meaningful experiences that promote the development of spiritual, social, emotional, language, intellectual, creative and physical skills.

Through the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), we believe that building upon children's experiences and prior knowledge provides the best foundation for learning in early childhood. Our outstanding Early Year's educators assess, anticipate and extend children's learning in a play-based setting.

The Early Years curriculum follows the Western Australian Curriculum from Pre Primary and covers the learning areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Technologies, The Arts, Languages, Health and Physical Education, as well as Christian Education lessons. Primary Specialist teachers teach Physical Education, Visual Art, Music, Library studies and Languages to our Early Years students.

Literacy development is a major curriculum focus in the Early Years, with all teachers sharing responsibility for developing the skills of students in reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing and critical thinking. Literacy is integrated across all learning areas. Our Early Years Literacy programs are effective, exciting, contemporary and challenging. Innovative programs are used, and proven methodologies maintained. Our Early Years Intervention Program identifies levels of phonological awareness in students and targeted programs are put in place for students requiring particular support.

Numeracy and strong foundations in Mathematics are features of the Early Years program. Problem Solving and Working Mathematically are focused on when developing skills in Number Competence and Calculation, Spatial Awareness, Estimation and Direct Measure, Conducting Research, Analysing Findings and Developing Logical Arguments. Meaningful mathematics activities extend outside the four walls of the classroom. There



are a range of teaching approaches in individual, small group and whole class settings, with time devoted to exploration of topics using many concrete materials. Effective interactive and technology resources are used to support and enhance student learning. The time taken in the Early Years for students to really understand Numeracy concepts by discussing them, using concrete and play-based materials to experiment with, to reason and reflect about their findings, and 'have-a-go' in a safe environment, holds the Early Years students in good stead for transitioning to the Primary Years and Secondary School.

Specialist Learning Areas

In a number of subjects, including Physical Education, Health Education, Visual Art, Music, Library and Languages, there are specialist teachers who offer a program that is rich and specific to the Learning Area. There are excellent facilities provided to enhance this learning. Community events, such as musical productions, are provided to allow for students gifted in particular areas to perform to their maximum potential.

Music program

In addition to LJBC's music curriculum, the Private Instrumental Tuition Program allows students to participate in individual or small group tuition during the school day. Students who elect to take private lessons, at a nominal fee, also participate in one or more of the many ensembles, choirs and bands.



The Learning Enhancement Centre

At Lake Joondalup Baptist College we pride ourselves on supporting all students to reach their full potential. We endeavour to provide an inclusive curriculum that challenges and empowers students so that the dignity and uniqueness of each student is identified, valued and respected. The Learning Enhancement staff coordinate and oversee programs for students experiencing learning difficulties. Students requiring support are identified by a combination of classroom teacher assessments, observation and diagnostic testing. Our qualified Learning Support teachers are able to provide educational assessments for students to assist with their placement in our programs and the development of a suitable curriculum for them. Learning Enhancement staff operate in the classroom as support personnel, facilitate small groups of students with similar abilities to address a particular need, offer one-to-one support where suitable, and support teachers in developing suitable activities to address students' needs.

Learning Enhancement staff oversee the programming needs of the more able students and encourage their maximum development with enrichment activities and accelerated courses, providing enrichment opportunities for students who are gifted and talented. LJBC has an enviable record in assisting academically gifted students to excel and reach their full potential. In addition, a range of co-curricular activities encourages all students to extend their interests and to embark upon new pursuits.

Communication

Communication between parents and college staff is encouraged. Throughout the academic year, parents receive a variety of documents relating to the curriculum – handbooks, information documents and letters. Class teachers will contact parents by phone, email or via the Homework or Communication Books to provide

positive feedback, or if there are concerns about academic progress. The student's Class Teacher is the point of contact for parents regarding their child's overall wellbeing. Throughout the year numerous parent information sessions provide briefings and background information for parents and students. Parent Teacher interviews are held at the beginning of the year and following the issuing of College Reports, and at other times by appointment. An Interim Report is issued at the end of Term 1 and College Academic Reports are provided at the end of Semester 1 and 2.

Primary Weekly notices are published each Friday and emailed to every family, with a copy available on the College website. A link to the College eNewsletter is also emailed to families and published on the College website at <www.ljbc.wa.edu.au>. The purpose of the Weekly Notices and the College Newsletter is to keep families up-to-date with important information, and the newsletter also includes reports on activities and events which have taken place in the life of the College.

Co-curricular activities

The College offers an extensive co-curricular program. During the average school week, several after school clubs and activities are available to Primary students. These will vary from year to year, but will generally include sporting activities, chess, construction and craft, as well as student Christian groups.

College life is enriched by special events such as College drama productions, music performances, inter house events and concerts. The College Calendar includes incursions and excursions for each class.



Recognition of student achievement

The College encourages and recognises achievement and personal effort across a wide range of activities. Awards, medals and certificates celebrating excellence, high achievement and endeavour are presented at class and special assemblies and at Presentation Evenings. Commendation stickers in the Communication Book provide encouragement and positive feedback. Students with good behaviour records receive various treats and outings. Student successes are celebrated at LJBC! Our College mascots, LJ the Lion and BC the Bear usually attend formal assemblies to congratulate Merit Award recipients.

The school year

Students are expected to be in attendance on all designated school contact days, unless absent due to illness. Term dates are similar to other independent schools; however, the LJBC school year generally finishes in the second week of December each year and staff professional development days are scheduled for the beginning and end of each term. Term dates are published well in advance.

College events

All students are expected to participate fully in the life of the College, including attending all official College events, inter house and inter school sporting carnivals.

Facilities

The Early Years classrooms are environments filled with displays that celebrate learning, discoveries and achievements. Classrooms are bright and spacious with ample storage facilities. All classrooms are air

conditioned and well equipped. Specialist rooms for Music and Visual Arts, a Computer laboratory in addition to mobile computer trolleys, and a vibrant Primary Library, greatly enhance the delivery of the curriculum in the College. Data projectors and computers are available in Early Years classrooms. LJBC students have access to excellent information technology facilities, an email account and space on the College Portal. College licensing agreements gives the College access to the latest software.

In addition to modern classrooms, the College has a state-of-the-art Technologies Centre with specialist facilities for Foods, Woodwork, Metals, Fabrics, Technical Graphics, an iSTEM laboratory and Computer laboratories that can be accessed by Primary school students. A purpose built Science Building provides excellent opportunities for the study of the physical and biological sciences. The College has a superb specialist Sports Centre, providing a variety of outstanding court and gym facilities. Other facilities at the College include a College Auditorium, well-resourced Primary and Secondary Libraries, a Canteen, a Hall, playing fields and ovals, outdoor Basketball and Tennis Courts and a Uniform Shop. Excellent facilities, fields, playgrounds and dedicated nature play spaces are provided to stimulate learning. Targeted use is made of the sporting facilities and laboratories.



Uniform

Students have a very smart uniform and it is a condition of enrolment that students wear the uniform at the required standard and that they conform to College regulations. All uniform items, except shoes, can be purchased from the College Uniform Shop. The uniform includes a summer and winter uniform and a sports uniform. The Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Pre Primary wear a different uniform, which is colourful and practical for students of this age group.

Bookshop

Books and stationery are supplied through a local agent and online ordering is available.

Canteen facility

The Canteen, the LJ Café, is open each day for pre orders for Pre Primary to Year 6 students, which are delivered to Primary classrooms. A range of healthy snacks and lunches can be purchased.

P&F Association

Parents and guardians of current students automatically become members of our P&F Association. The P&F is an important reference group within the College. Primary P&F Meetings are held once a term and include a range of relevant presentations and discussions.

Parents' & Collegians' Auxiliary (PCA)

The purpose of the PCA is to create opportunity, support the needs of students, parents/guardians and collegians and facilitate community connection. The PCA aims to contribute to the prosperity of the LJBC community and create positivity in the wider community. The activities undertaken by the PCA will support the LJBC Strategic Plan and will contribute to the four key areas of the Plan. They will support the needs on a financial, social, promotional and educational basis. The PCA will contribute to the ongoing success of the School in keeping with current trends and will provide opportunities with a vision for success in life.

Parents/guardians and collegians are encouraged to join the PCA and are invited to contact Mrs Botha for further information via the email address pca@ljbc.wa.edu.au

Opportunities for parent involvement

(Parent Participation Program)

Parental help is of great importance in any school community. At LJBC, participation in the Parent Participation Program (PPP), or payment of a levy in lieu, is a condition of enrolment. Each family is required to contribute a minimum of 10 hours of voluntary work per year, for the period in which their child attends the College from Kindergarten through to Year 11. This is regardless of the number of children attending the College: 1 child = 10 hours, 3 children = 10 hours. There is no maximum; every hour worked is of benefit to the College community. A description of the tasks and a nomination sheet are circulated to parents, enabling them to contribute in a chosen area of interest or an area of competence.

Overseas students

Lake Joondalup Baptist College is registered to accept Full Fee-Paying Overseas students, provided they are able to arrange their own accommodation. Details of Tuition Fees & Charges for full-fee paying students may be obtained by contacting Enrolment staff.

Transport

Public Transport authorities provide services to and from the College bus bay or adjacent bus stops. Bike racks are provided for students who choose to cycle to school.

Admission and conditions of enrolment

Admission to the College is dependent on a satisfactory behaviour report from the child's previous school and evidence of academic and social readiness for the year of entry. Conditions of enrolment include the prompt payment of fees; an active commitment by parents and students to College behaviour, uniform standards and discipline policies; respect for and full participation in the Christian program of the College; and completion of Parent Participation Program (PPP) obligations.



Fees

Lake Joondalup Baptist College is a not-for-profit organisation which exists to provide a Christian, low fee, independent education. Tuition fees are reviewed each year and set as an annual fee after establishing the year's total anticipated operating income and costs. Tuition Fees are invoiced at the commencement of each semester and must be paid by the end of the first week of that semester or by Direct Debit arrangements. Credit card facilities are available. A student's placement at the College will be reviewed if fees fall into arrears. Sibling discounts apply if more than one child from a family attends the College at any one time.

Enrolment procedure

Generally there are waiting lists for entry to the College, although vacancies may sometimes be available for immediate entry. To be entered on the waiting lists, a non-refundable Registration Fee is charged. Places are offered first to siblings of current or past students of the College; however, these offers are subject to the student (or sibling/s) having consistently met College behaviour standards, and to parents having given full support to College policies and standards. Any remaining vacancies are offered to new families in order of registration, subject to academic readiness and good behaviour reports. Religious affiliation is not a factor. When an offer of place is accepted by the family, a non-refundable and non-transferable enrolment fee and a bond are payable. This enrolment fee and bond will not be refunded should a student not commence studies at LJBC.

Further information

You are encouraged to visit the LJBC website <[http:// www.ljbc.wa.edu.au](http://www.ljbc.wa.edu.au)> and our LinkedIn company page. Further information, including dates of monthly tours of the College facilities, can be obtained by contacting our Enrolments Registrar at the College on 9300 7444 or email <enrolments@ljbc.wa.edu.au>



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