Pre-Kindergarten at
TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Realising potential, passions and purpose
Why Pre-Kindergarten for my son?
PK is a ‘bridge’, a foundation year between a conventional Pre-School/Long Day Care Centre and the first formal year of School, Kindergarten. PK (a Kindergarten ‘minus one’ programme) is an ideal preparation for Kindergarten. It is a five days per week, Term time programme.

How old should my son be to enter PK?
Boys will be four years old before April 30th in their first year at School.

What are the PK hours?
PK operates from (8.30am playground supervision) 9am to 2.45pm. Out of Hours Care 7.30am – 6pm (Before and After School Care as well as Vacation Care) is provided at the Preparatory School and is available to PK students.

Do PK boys Wear uniform?
Pre-Kindergarten boys wear the Trinity Grammar School uniform.

What’s the PK curriculum?
The Primary Years Programme (PYP – International Baccalaureate Organisation) forms the core curriculum framework. Embedded in the PYP units of inquiry are recommendations/outcomes from Early Stage One (NSW Board of Studies). Students benefit from being immersed in a learning environment rich in opportunities. Differentiated Literacy and Numeracy experiences are both integrated into units of inquiry and taught explicitly as skill-based activities. PK boys have specialist Music, Developmental Sport, Library and Christian Studies teachers. A Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist and Educational Psychologist are also at hand. The PK boys participate in the PALS (Playing and Learning to Socialise) programme. THRASS (Teaching Handwriting, Reading and Spelling Skills – a phonemic awareness teaching tool) is introduced in PK.

Are there co-curricular activities for PK?
An on-site Trinity English Centre provides additional support for ESL/NESSB students with intensive after School classes available. The PK students have the opportunity to participate in ‘Minimites’, a gross-motor development skill programme using the extensive sports facilities at Summer Hill on Friday afternoons.

What about the PK Facilities?
The PK boys benefit from using the spacious, well-lit, ideally-resourced, flexible, multi-purpose space in the Preparatory School Pavilion which links effectively with the PK ground floor facilities in the ‘Milverton’ Infants building, joined by a large, enclosed outdoor learning and play environment.

Is there a Kindergarten orientation programme?
The PK boys participate in a Kindergarten Orientation programme in preparation for their first formal year of School. The boys visit the Kindergarten teachers for three 90 minute sessions on three consecutive Fridays, followed by a whole Kindergarten Orientation Day on the fourth Friday in October/November. Parents are invited to participate in School Readiness sessions which include presentations by an Occupational Therapist, a Speech Therapist, an Educational Psychologist and a presentation “Literacy and Numeracy Counts” by the Preparatory School Academic Support teacher.