COURAGE TO QUESTION
Preshil is proudly co-ed and alive to the needs of both girls and boys. We embrace the reality that all children are on different journeys of development and learning. Children are seen as competent, capable, rich in potential and able to construct their own ideas and formulate their own questions. By challenging them to imagine and explore from their early years, their creativity flourishes.

“We can be ourselves here and we don’t have to be perfect. We are allowed to have our own opinions.” Junior Student
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Our Prep program is a seamless transition from kindergarten into school. We embrace the culture of the kindergarten years so that children continue to seek their own learning through exploration and we balance this in the classroom with more structured experiences. During each day the children enjoy a period of investigation called ‘Choosing Time’. Together the group reflects on the children’s learning and our teachers seek opportunities to integrate numeracy, literacy and an understanding of the natural world.

6s to 11s | YEARS 1 to 6

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THE ARLINGTON ENVIRONMENT

The school’s distinctive physical environment is a setting in which children can find spaces to play imaginatively. The garden has uncultivated and dense shrubberies with rope swings, trees to climb and places to construct cubbies. There are many animals our children care for, and our workshop has real tools for the children to use. The classrooms are welcoming spaces, each with a kitchen, comfortable couches and materials for creative expression. The children are able to access these rooms right across the day.

TRANSITION TO YEAR 7

Our Year 6 students make weekly visits to the Senior Campus throughout the year and look forward to rejoining their former classmates in the Years 7 and 8 cohort. Our transition program sees students compile a folio, for their future teachers, which celebrates their journey so far, recognises the learner they are and imagines their future pathway.

AFTERCARE

The after school care program at Preshil aims to provide children with quality out of school hours care which is complementary to the educational philosophy at Preshil. The Preshil Aftercare Program recently achieved an overall ‘exceeding the national quality standard’ rating. The program offers extended care from 3:15 to 6:00pm. Children can attend on a casual or regular basis.

PRESHIL VISION STATEMENT

At our core remains an unshakeable commitment to encouraging all children to progress at their own pace towards their own goals and to be respected as individuals in their own right. This means a commitment to our children to be nurtured and challenged in an atmosphere that inspires creativity and independent thinking in all areas of life and does not, overtly or subtly, use competition or punishment to motivate through the fear of failure. As global citizens we encourage an awareness of world issues and encourage effort to make a positive difference. We believe that education should prepare students to be thoughtful, peace-loving and active citizens of the world. Preshil will remain a school that puts kindness, compassion and social relationships at the centre of its operations.

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to learn more about the Junior School or Aftercare at Preshil, please join us for a school tour. These are held at Arlington, the Junior Campus, at 395 Barkers Road, Kew. Please register your intention to attend by contacting the school Registrar, Cressida Batterham-Wilson.

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