



Discover Calvary

Prepare your child for Prep

SECURING YOUR CHILD'S LIFELONG LEARNING JOURNEY



Fearlessly *Authentic* Learners

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. EARLY YEARS TO 12.



CALVARY
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



centre
for **innovative**
learning design



Our Passion

INQUIRY BASED LEARNING

- Collaboration
- Learning through play
- Problem solving
- Sparking questions
- Igniting creativity



Our Purpose

PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION

which best meets your child's educational, social
and spiritual needs

As you begin to experience the heart of Calvary, we look forward to sharing that journey with you –partnering with you in raising your child to make the most of their abilities and talents, and aiming for excellence in all aspects of their schooling.



Our Strengths

LIVING OUR CORE VALUES

- 1.** At Calvary, your child will be inspired to launch a life-long **LEARNING JOURNEY**
- 2.** Your child will be empowered to be **RESILIENT, RESOURCEFUL** and **RESPONSIBLE**
- 3.** Your child will feel empowered to pursue learning in **UNIQUE CONTEXTS** and environments
- 4.** You will belong to a **CARING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY** where strong, enduring relationships are built
- 5.** **INNOVATION AUTHENTICITY** and **INQUIRY** will characterise your child's learning
- 6.** Your child will feel **SAFE, SUPPORTED** and **SECURE**
- 7.** Your child may discover their **GOD-INTENDED IDENTITY** and **PURPOSE**
- 8.** Your child will be enchanted by the **EXHILARATION OF LEARNING**

Welcome!

EMPOWERED LEADERSHIP

The Heads of Junior School warmly welcome you to the Calvary family. Our Junior School campuses provide authentic opportunities for children to thrive in their learning. This begins with each child developing confidence in who they are and how they learn best.



Meet Kim

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL
SPRINGWOOD CAMPUS

Passionate about education and leadership, I have been involved in schools for many years. At the core of what I love about education is the ability to champion others to lead. Great leaders don't set out to lead, they set out to make a difference – and that is what we aspire to encourage in every child – the courage and capacity to influence their world for good and for God.

One of the most exciting ways for children to realise their potential and find courage to live it out, is through inquiry. An inquiry-based approach to teaching, holds the child at the centre of the learning process. When planning the next thing, teachers ask themselves and their students – 'What's next for you? Every child has the capacity to contribute to their learning as well as others'. Every child has the capacity to be exceptional. With this in mind, we work to design a play based, inquiry rich program that draws out the leader in your child.



Meet Fiona

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL
CARBROOK CAMPUS

An inquisitive and genuinely ardent educator myself, I love nothing more than watching children grow in themselves as they learn. The inquiry-based program provides opportunity for each child to get to know and develop their own strengths and gifts. Through play, children express who they are, but so much more is going on. They are building the foundations for life – communication and collaborative skills, creativity and problem solving, and of course, essential literacy skills.

When your child identifies with their strengths, there is no stopping them. We aspire to excellence in everything we do. My passion, is to see every student actively and willingly invest in their own learning, and provide every opportunity for families to engage in their education and in our positive and vibrant community.

Why Calvary?

We are designing learning to be personal, passionate, authentic, deep, serious, relevant and something that our students and parents are willing to invest in. We do this by focusing on:

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING
AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP
VIBRANT COMMUNITY



NEXT STOP *Big School*

| We're here to help you and your child on the exciting and important journey to 'Big School'.

WHAT WE COVER

✓ Modelling Resilience

✓ Building Independence

✓ Growing Curiosity

✓ Encouraging Learning



INQUIRY BASED *Learning*

WHAT IS INQUIRY BASED LEARNING?

| Inquiry is a way of being, rather than something that we 'do'

It presents itself through many different ways. It's seen in play, collaboration, problem solving, sparking questions and igniting the creative thinking process. We encourage children to take ownership of their learning, passions and interests – learning from experience. Children are more engaged and more committed to their learning when their interests and curiosity are drawn out. At Calvary we encourage each child to harness their curiosity, and help them to develop and grow.



HAPPY • CURIOUS • RESILIENT



The future belongs
to the curious.
The ones who are
not afraid to try it,
explore it, poke at it,
question it and turn
it inside out.

ANONYMOUS

MODEL *Resilience*

Resilience is not about being happy all the time, but about a child's ability to come out of a difficult situation positively - to 'bounce back'.

Resilience is best encouraged through real- life situations. Some children are more naturally resilient than others, but the good news is resilience can be learned. It is influenced by experiences and relationships.

Secure relationships at home and school, opportunities for risk taking, opportunities for conversation and encouragement of exploration around how to solve problems and find other ways of coping, all develop resilience in our children.

Remember, as parents, we will not always be around to save them or fix things for them. We rescue because it feels good, but the long term goal is for our children to learn to rescue themselves.



Don't prepare the path for the child, prepare the child for the path.

ANONYMOUS

BUILD *Independence*

Building independence is an integral part of preparing your little one for their early years learning journey.

A few ways to help build independence in your child is to observe and identify tasks he or she could be doing themselves. For example, helping to pack their kindy lunch, encouraging them to pour their own drinks or choose their own fruit with breakfast. All of these small, yet intentional tasks encourage independence.

You can still nurture and guide their choices, however, in a supportive way. This will allow you to have confidence in their decision making and you'll know that when Prep begins, your child will thrive.

Take a moment to think to yourself: 'how can I help encourage my child to be more independent'?



GROW *Curiosity*

| Children are extremely curious. Keeping curiosity alive is the first priority of education.

Curiosity starts the 'itch' to explore, and the instinct to explore grows into an instinct for inquiry. Nurturing a child's curiosity takes time and effort, but the best way for parents and teachers to encourage curiosity, is to stay curious themselves.

As adults, we may feel completely underprepared for the questions our children ask. We may not know what stars are made of or why the sky is blue, but we have a powerful motivation to stay curious ourselves, to keep wondering about the world – and that is, so we position our children well, for a life of learning.





ENCOURAGE *Learning*

| A play-based approach to learning engages children, encouraging opportunities to investigate, self-initiate, problem solve and explore.

Allowing for elements of risk in play, is a key part of learning and encouraging the development of resilience, curiosity and independence. When children are given a chance to engage freely in adventurous play, they quickly learn to assess their own skills and match them to the demands of the environment.

Learning through play encourages your little one to be the strong, capable and resilient child they are destined to be.

When we make play the foundation of learning, we teach the whole child.

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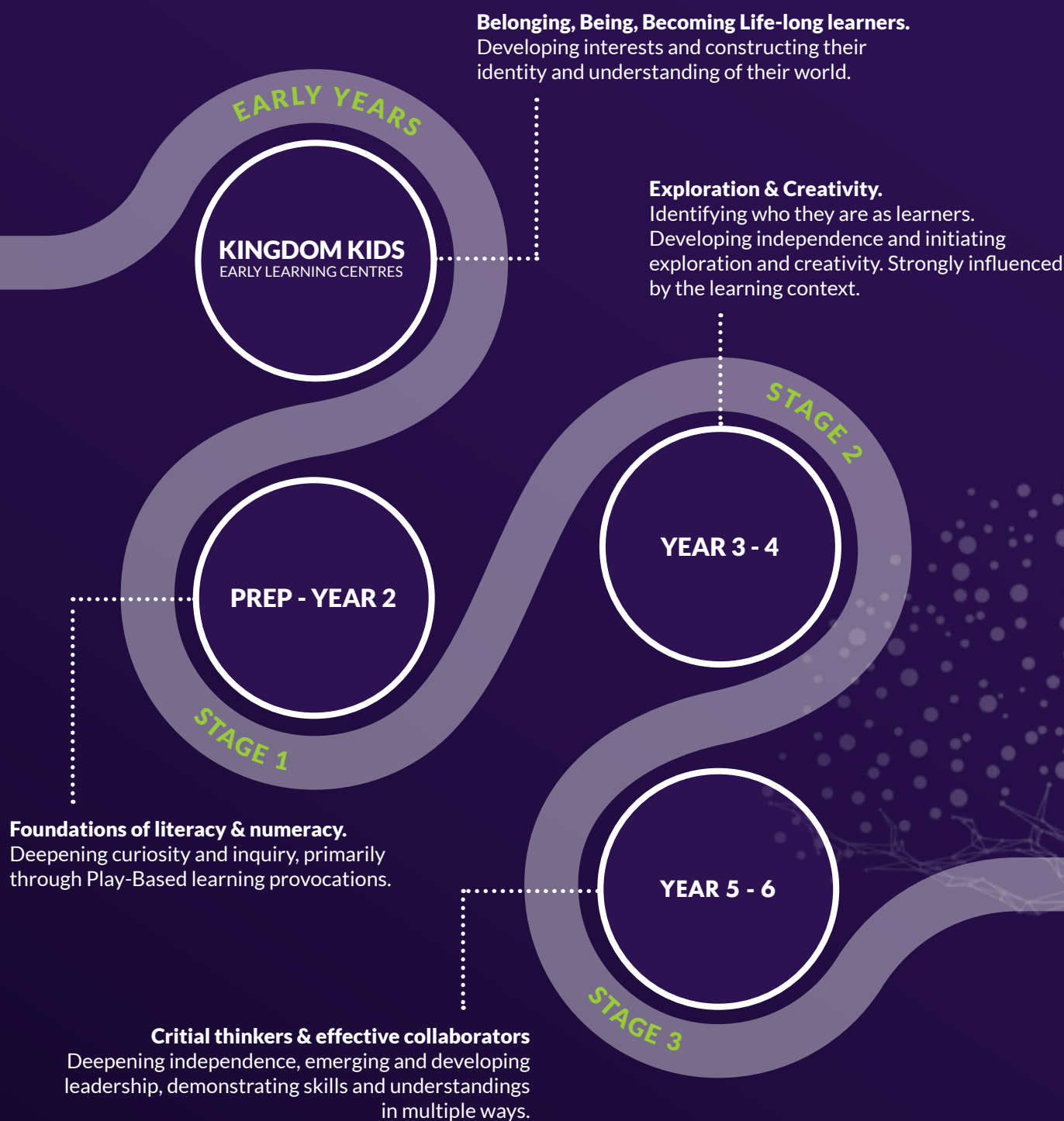
PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S LIFE LONG LEARNING JOURNEY

at Calvary

When your child embarks on their learning journey here at Calvary, we empower them with high-level skills so your child is equipped and inspired to be a life-long learner. We aim to create an environment that unleashes the potential of each child through exceptional learning and a holistic approach to their personal development. We believe every child can be successful.



PREPARING FOR **JUNIOR SCHOOL** *at Calvary*



PREPARING FOR **SENIOR SCHOOL** *at Calvary*

Increasing ownership of learning deep understanding of place and contribution to community.

Taking responsibility for direction and depth of personal learning. Deepening capacity to collaborate effectively both through teams and work alone/work together contexts. Contribution to local community.

STAGE 5

YEAR 9 - 10

YEAR 7 - 8

STAGE 4

YEAR 13 & BEYOND

**READY TO
FORGE THE
FUTURE AS
LIFE LONG
LEARNERS**

YEAR 11 - 12

STAGE 6

Future focused.

Demonstrates consistent capacity to influence the community beyond the immediate context. (Aware of privileges & responsibilities associated with place within national and international context.) Gateway to lifelong learning embedded in a "productive and fulfilling life" (Melbourne Declaration, 2008).

Collaborating in the digital space & developing global perspectives.

Stronger integration of digital learning environment. Consolidation of Learning Habits (work habits and cognitive habits dispositional traits emerging).

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TO APPLY DIRECTLY FOR 2022 & 2023

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