



### What will Little Lions cost?

The Little Lions program will cost \$250.00 per child. This cost includes all materials and resources that your child will require, as well as a clearly identifiable polo shirt.

Limited positions are available in the program, so you are encouraged to confirm your place along with payment as soon as possible.

Payment can be made at either the Benedict or the Main Administration Office. This payment is non-refundable.

### What will children need to bring?

All learning resources will be provided for children in the Little Lions program. We also encourage children to bring:

- kindy / school bag
- fruit / vegetable snack
- water bottle
- hat (see below)

All items should be clearly labelled.

### What will children wear?

Each Little Lions participant will be given a light blue polo shirt to wear to each session. This can be accompanied with a casual pair of shorts and comfortable, closed in shoes (e.g. sneakers).

Children must wear a hat at Little Lions sessions. We encourage children to purchase the St Mark's College hat or cap to wear during outdoor activities.

**For enquiries about the Little Lions program or to enrol at the College please contact:**

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A transition-to-school program  
at St Mark's College, Port Pirie



## A smooth transition into school is very important to the well-being of our students.

### What is Little Lions?

Little Lions is a 14 week program which will assist current kindergarten children to transition successfully into school life at St Mark's College. Learning outcomes for children improve greatly with a quality transition.

### Why should I enrol my child in Little Lions?

St Mark's College places great importance on implementing a supportive and informative transition process for students and the wellbeing of children and families in their transition to school life.

Under the guidance of a qualified teacher, children will benefit from:

- involvement in a range of activities which will support and enhance their social, emotional and academic well-being
- development of fine and gross motor skills and concepts needed for pre-reading, writing and numeracy

- building confidence and familiarity of the school environment and its community.

Based at Benedict Campus, our Little Lions will have access to school resources and facilities including modern technological equipment, the new natural play area, the junior primary playground and the discovery area of the Magdalen Centre.

### What will happen during a Little Lions session?

The Little Lions sessions are designed to familiarise the child with school. Therefore they will have the opportunity to participate in a regular routine and a number of structured activities, including:

- Welcome to the day and roll call
- Literacy and numeracy activities
- Discovery play
- Fruit break
- Story / mat time
- Buddy Program
- Specialist lessons (PE, Italian, Library)

### When is Little Lions held?

Little Lions is held weekly, consisting of 14 sessions during the Semester. The program runs:

- Semester 1 for students starting mid-year
- Semester 2 for students starting in the new year

(Please note, session times may be subject to change dependant on enrolment numbers.)

The times fit in with current school drop off and pick up times to assist families with older siblings.

The program is designed to ensure that children will access the school yard for play, discovery learning and a fruit break while the Reception - Year 6 school students are in class.

### Where is Little Lions held?

Little Lions has its own dedicated classroom at Benedict Campus, Wandearah Road. The classroom is based in our Junior Primary Area, where our Little Lions will begin as Reception students themselves.

### How do I enrol my child at St Mark's?

We encourage families to submit their enrolment application at least 12 months prior to your child starting at St Mark's College.

The enrolment process and interviews are held in:

- Term 2 for students starting in Term 1 the following year
- Term 3 for students starting in Term 3 the following year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College if you wish to submit your application outside these timelines.

### How do I enrol my child as a Little Lion?

Children who are offered a place in Reception at the College will be given an Enrolment Acceptance form. In this form, parents / caregivers can select for their child to enrol in the Little Lions transition program. Once the child's acceptance forms are returned to the College, you will receive further details.

Children who are unable to participate in Little Lions will be invited to attend 2 transition visits.

