our vision

To work in partnership with families and community to create enthusiasm and inspiration for lifelong learning, where every child can discover, learn and shine in a safe and nurturing environment.

our mission

We view learning through the child’s eyes and utilise contemporary approaches, which inspire our children to make a difference in their world.

our commitment

At Tenison Woods College our commitment to early learning is more than providing a space for education. Rather, it is a way in which the Tenison Woods College community will engage with the next generation.

Our Early Learning and Community Centre is informed by contemporary approaches to early learning. Family and Parish are central to our Catholic learning community. Critically, our early learning journey will assist us in reflecting on the role of parents as prime educators and co-creators of wellbeing and the learning environment.

We aim to evolve a community that seeks connection with the world, serves the world, challenges the paradigms of convention and works towards a more just community.
our faith

Our Early Learning and Community Centre is an expression of our faith commitment. We place the family at the centre of our supportive endeavours that nurture the individual gifts and love of life in the precious child.

our partnership with families

We welcome and encourage parents and carers to be active members of our community. The Early Learning and Community Centre has a strong philosophy of working in close partnership with parents, carers and families. It strives to create a warm and welcoming environment where children and families are respected for their diversity. Teachers are committed to ensuring parents/carers are well informed and engaged in their child’s learning and development.

our environment

The Early Learning and Community Centre is a separate, purpose built facility and outdoor area for 3+ year old children with close connections to Tenison Woods College. There are many wonderful opportunities for visits, interactions and participation between Early Learning Centre children and school students.

Experiences in the outdoor environment will invite children to explore, discover and interact with nature. Being involved in gardening, looking after pets and sensory experiences, will enhance their learning and enjoyment of the natural world and materials.

our learning experiences

Play and real-life experiences are contexts the Early Learning and Community Centre will embrace to meet the needs of the children. The experiences are based on the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia (EYLF) and encompass the inclusive vision that ‘all children experience learning that is engaging and builds success for life’.

The framework describes a set of five learning and development areas for children that relate to the five broad learning outcomes identified in the EYLF:

> Children have a strong sense of identity.
> Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
> Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
> Children are confident and involved learners.
> Children are effective communicators.
The Early Learning Centre includes:

Learning programs for 3-5 year olds incorporating the Early Years Learning Framework and contemporary approaches.

- Early Learning Program (3-5 years)
  During school terms
- Stepping Stones Program (4+ years)
  Getting ready for school
- Holiday Program (3-5 years)
  During holidays

The Centre is licensed so current Government Child Care Rebates are available.

The Community Centre will offer:

- Parish and community sessions for families
- Community access
- Visiting specialists and access to child and family related professionals
- Toddler Time playgroup sessions

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