



EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Our ELC is on the move!

Geelong Grammar School's Early Learning Centre (ELC) is entering an exciting new chapter with the move to a purpose-designed space at Corio Campus. Opening in Term 2, 2026, the new ELC will continue to offer a nurturing, play-based programme rooted in the Reggio Emilia philosophy and the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP).

While the values and teaching approach remain the same, the Corio setting brings new richness and possibility. With access to bushland, farmland, creeks and open fields, our young learners will explore a nature-based curriculum that includes a bespoke GGS Bush Kinder and Children's Agricultural Programme. These experiences will support deep curiosity, creativity, connection to Country and meaningful, hands-on learning every day.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where will the ELC be located at Corio Campus?

The ELC will be located on the western side of the Corio Campus, within The Estate, close to the School Road entrance. It will be nestled among staff residences and adjacent to the existing Family Day Care building.

2. What ages does the ELC cater for?

The ELC offers both a 3-year-old and 4-year-old kindergarten programme.

3-year-old programme: Children must turn 3 years old on or before 30 April in the year of entry and must have turned 3 before they can commence.

4-year-old programme: Children must turn 4 years old on or before 30 April in the year of entry.

3. When will the ELC open?

The new ELC at Corio Campus is expected to open at the beginning of Term 2, 2026. In the interim, the ELC will continue to operate from its current location at Bostock House for Term 1, ensuring continuity and minimal disruption for children and families. We will retain access to Bostock House until the move occurs.

4. What are the start and finish times for the ELC?

At this stage, the ELC schedule is planned to follow the same structure as the current Bostock House ELC:

Start time: 8.45am

Finish Time: 3.15pm

Final session hours will be confirmed closer to opening.

5. Will there be Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)?

Yes. Before and after-school care options will be available for ELC and Junior School families. Final arrangements will be confirmed closer to opening.

6. How many children will be enrolled in the ELC?

The ELC will accommodate up to 33 children per day, with a maximum of 15 places for the 3-year-old programme and 18 places for the 4-year-old programme.

7. Are there specific days for the 3-year-old and 4-year-old programmes?

No. The new ELC will offer flexible attendance options for both the three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten programmes, with the choice of three, four or five days per week. Families are encouraged to consider the five-day option, as it provides greater consistency and allows children to fully benefit from the broad range of learning experiences on offer.

8. What specialist classes and programmes will my child engage in at the ELC?

Children at the ELC will continue to enjoy a rich specialist programme, including Chinese, Music, Performing Arts, Library and the Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP). These sessions are delivered by subject specialists and support the development of communication, creativity, confidence and imagination.

The new Corio Campus location also expands opportunities for nature-based learning, including participation in the GGS Bush Kinder and Children's

Agricultural Programme. ELC children will regularly explore the Junior School precinct and surrounding bushland, take part in these bespoke programmes and enjoy play-based movement across the open fields and natural spaces.

9. How will the ELC children connect with the Junior School students?

Although the ELC is located in a separate part of the Corio Campus, it is closely aligned with the Junior School through shared educational philosophy, specialist staff and learning experiences. Children will participate in assemblies, Chapel, celebrations, incursions and events such as Athletics Days.

ELC students will also explore the surrounding natural environment through regular outdoor learning and nature walks, fostering a strong sense of connection to the Junior School community and supporting a seamless transition into Prep and beyond.

10. Will meals be provided at the ELC?

Children will be asked to bring a packed lunch each day. However, the Nutrition Kitchen at the Junior School may be utilised from time to time for events and community occasions.

11. Are there buses available for the ELC students?

No. Due to regulatory requirements, all ELC children must be signed into the centre and collected by a parent or authorised adult each day. As a result, ELC students are not able to access the GGS Bus Network.

12. What is the current quality rating of the ELC?

The ELC at Bostock House has received an Exceeding rating from the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

This rating reflects that the Centre has been assessed as performing above and beyond the requirements of the National Quality Standard – a recognition of the strength of our programme, the quality of relationships and the depth of learning experiences offered.

We are committed to maintaining this exceptional standard as the ELC transitions to its new home at Corio Campus.

13. Can families claim the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) or access the Victorian Government Free Kindergarten Programme?

No. As an independent school kindergarten, our ELC does not operate under the long day care model and is therefore not eligible for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). Additionally, our School does not participate in the Victorian Government's Free Kindergarten Program.

Admissions FAQs

14. What do I need to do to apply for a place at the ELC?

Current Bostock House families: If your child is currently attending the Bostock House ELC, they are automatically guaranteed a place at the Corio Campus ELC. You will have already been asked to confirm your intentions and secure your child's place.

New applicants: If your child is not currently attending Bostock House, you will need to complete the enrolment application form via the School website:

www.ggs.vic.edu.au/apply

Upon receiving your completed application, a member of the Admissions team will contact you to schedule an interview. Please note: Submission of an application does not guarantee a place.

Students already registered for Geelong Grammar School: If your child is already registered to join Geelong Grammar School and you would like to change their enrolment to the ELC, please contact the Admissions team to discuss your options.

15. Is there a waiting list for the ELC and Junior School?

Limited places are available for the ELC in 2026.

16. What are the tuition fees for the ELC?

The ELC will follow the existing Bostock House fee structure, subject to annual review in line with Geelong Grammar School's policies. Families enrolling in the five-day ELC programme can expect fees to be aligned with those of the Prep year level.

A full schedule of fees is available at

www.ggs.vic.edu.au/enrolment/geelong-grammar-fees

17. Who can I contact if I have further questions?

For all enquiries regarding enrolments, transition or general information, please contact our Admissions team at **admissions@ggs.vic.edu.au** or call **+61 3 5273 9307**.
