## A much-valued kindergarten

Over the last 70 years, many Surrey Hills children have been to St Paul's Anglican Kindergarten of Canterbury. It has cultivated a strong sense of belonging and community amongst the generations of children and families that have passed through its doors. As the demand for high quality early childhood education services continued to grow over the years, so too did the need to expand St Paul's Anglican Kindergarten to accommodate the demand for its dynamic and comprehensive tailored learning programs.

Because of this innovative design, the kindergarten is able to offer two three-year-old kindergarten learning programs, and two four-year-old government-funded preschool programs, with extended hours across two beautiful learning spaces to provide a wide variety of age appropriate experiences that extend and challenge the children

St Paul's has creative and stimulating programs for 3/4 and 4/5 year old children. The emergent curriculum ensures that all children participate in the design of the program, which in turn creates a strong love of learning as the children are connected to the experiences and opportunities offered to them.

Children are taught life skills as well as developing resilience and independence. They are encouraged to create, explore, inquire and discover in order to develop and grow. Creative Arts are a huge focus: yoga, dance, drama, music, sport, Bush Kinder and art workshops enrich the program, and are enjoyed by the children in all groups. Special

visitors and artists-in-residence, share their life experience with the children to enhance learning. When combined with an exciting schedule of excursions and incursions, the children are given special access to the world around them. St Paul's is a warm, welcoming and positive environment for children to learn and grow. It is a place where learning is fun and enduring friendships are made.

St Paul's also has strong and established links with local primary schools that support regular visits during second and third term to ensure smooth transition when the children attend foundation year. Please feel free to visit St Paul's Anglican Kindergarten or call 9830 1117 to speak with the Kindergarten Director, Toula Kladouhos. Alternatively, you can email the kindergarten at office@ stpaulskinder.org.au to arrange a tour or ask any questions. The kindergarten currently



has vacancies in the three year old Sunshine Group, which is held in the 'Sky Room' every Monday and Friday from 8:30am until 12pm.