Change to Early Learning Centre and Reception Age Policy

2014 will see a change in the school starting age across the state, both in most Independent and Education Department Schools. This policy abolishes mid-year intakes to Reception and sets a new starting age for Reception students and subsequently Early Learning Centre students.

In the interest of consistency Pembroke School will adopt this change as follows, effective from 2014:

- **Students entering the Early Learning Centre (ELC) must turn 4 by 30 April in the year they start ELC**
- **Students entering Reception must turn 5 by 30 April in the year they start Reception**

It remains our recommendation that parents carefully consider the starting age and developmental needs of their child, particularly those at the younger end of any given cohort. It continues to be the trend that parents of children born in March and April will often consider delaying their child’s start a year. In most cases we support this decision as both experience and evidence supports children being advantaged by more development time in the early years.

Should you wish to discuss the best time for your child to commence school please contact me on telephone +61 8 8366 6217 or email admissions@pembroke.sa.edu.au.

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