



St. Anne's

Primary School

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TRANSITION FROM KINDERGARTEN TO SCHOOL

RATIONALE:

New students entering primary school from kindergarten are required to cope with a very different environment. It is our school's responsibility to make this transition as enjoyable and smooth as possible.

AIM:

- To provide a smooth and efficient transition from Kindergarten to Primary school with support provided to all students.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- The Foundation Level Leader coordinates our Foundation Transition Program
- The Principal and/or Parish Priest will invite each family to meet after enrolments are accepted.
- A notice with a timeline of all Foundation transition events will be sent home at the end of Term 3 of the preceding year.
- The incoming Foundation teachers will visit all incoming students (where possible) at their kindergarten before students commence school unless an alternative model such as additional school visits is considered more valuable for the children's transition.
- A Transition Program will be organised with each kindergarten during Term 4 which allows each child (and their parents) the opportunity to visit St. Anne's for a morning session.
- Two subsequent playground visits are offered to all families to provide an opportunity for the children to become more familiar with the school environment.
- Information will be sought about each child from the kindergartens and meetings will be organised with parents of children with specific needs to discuss programs and resource requirements
- A letter is sent home informing the parents of an Information Evening
- An Information Evening will occur in Term 4 so that parents can be informed about the school's programs and procedures and an opportunity will be provided for questions and discussion

- At the Parent Information Evening all parents will receive detailed information packages about the school prior to commencement. This information pack will generally include:
 - Guidelines for school readiness
 - A Parent Handbook that includes practical information such as;
 - Term dates
 - Foundation dates
 - School Procedures

- Students will be informed of their class group at the information evening if possible but no later than the last week of Term 4
- Generally Foundation students attend school from 9.00am – 2.30pm for the first two weeks and 9.00am - 3.30pm every day except Wednesdays for the next 4 -5 weeks
- Each Foundation child will have a Year 6 buddy who will help support them in their transition to school life. The buddy program will be facilitated by the Year 6 and Foundation teachers
- A morning tea for parents will be provided on the first day of school

EVALUATION:

The Transition from Kindergarten to School Policy will be reviewed every four years or when necessary.

This policy was reviewed in 2018
The next review will be in 2022