



OSBORNES FLAT PS

Transition into Primary School Policy

Rationale:

- Infant students commencing school are required to cope with a very different environment. It is our school's responsibility to make this transition as enjoyable and trouble free as possible.

Aims:

- To provide a smooth and efficient transition from kindergarten to primary school with support provided to those who require it.

Implementation:

- Transition from kinder to primary school can be a difficult time for both students and parents.
- Our school will appoint a staff member to coordinate our prep transition program.
- Information will be sought about each child from the kinders, and meetings will be organised with parents of children with special needs to discuss programs and resource requirements.
- A transition program, consisting of at least five sessions, will be organised with each kinder during Term 4, which allows each child (and their parents) the opportunity to attend our school on various occasions during the term.
- Transition sessions will be set by agreement between the kinder and local Principals.
- Visits will consist of familiarisation tours of the school, activities in classrooms, specialist lessons and visits to the principal's office. Any visiting artists or performances that are occurring during Term 4 may be incorporated into the transition program.
- It is anticipated that teaching roles and classes for the following year will be finalised in time for the final kindergarten visit, so that parents can be made aware of, and meet their child's teacher, and so that children can have an experience with their 'new' teacher in the corresponding classroom.
- An information evening will occur in Term 3 so that parents can be informed about readiness for school and expectations. This will be run at the Kinder and attended by local Principals.
- All parents will receive detailed information packages about the school either from the Kinder or when they visit the school.
- All parents will be involved with transition statements and these will be sent to the school by each kinder, prior to the student enrolling the next year.
- A morning tea for parents will be provided on the first day of school, with specialist staff assisting classroom teachers with the needs of the new students.
- Opportunities will be provided for parents to visit classes or communicate with the school regarding their child's progress at all times, and any issues that arise will be attended to as soon as possible.
- Prep students will not attend school on Wednesdays until the end of February.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....	Oct 2017	
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