

Transition from Kindy to School

Making the move from kindergarten to primary school is an exciting step for your child and we know that starting school is a significant moment for children and their families and, while a majority of children make this transition successfully, it is sometimes associated with anxiety, uncertainty and confusion.

(K Margetts, 'Children bring more to school than their backpacks: Starting school down under', Journal of European Early Childhood Education Research Monograph, vol. 1, 2003, pp.5-14.)

Transition to school should be understood as a process, not a point in time. It is an individual experience for everyone involved. While there are common elements to most children's transition, there are important considerations that need to be thought about and planned to ensure that each child has a successful start to school, for instance if your child has a disability or additional needs there will be extra things we need to think about to prepare for this transition.

- With over 20 schools, both Government and Independent, to which our children transition it is the family's responsibility for enrolment and Orientation to school for their child.
- Staff need to know as soon as possible where you intend to enrol your child so we can make contact with that school, if and when, we need to discuss your child's needs and progress.
- Orientation visits occur in your child's last term at Kindy which will be in Term 4 unless a Negotiated Transition Plan has been developed to support your child.
- Most schools are offering a 3 visit orientation over 3 weeks towards the end of Term 4. The visits generally will increase in length as the visits progress.
- SPK encourages all Reception teachers to visit their new children at Kindy in Term 4 to meet the children in a familiar setting. This also allows them to chat with the Kindy staff to share information regarding their transition children.
- We encourage all local schools to keep us informed of their enrolment process and leave up to date information and enrolment packs at SPK for families to access.
- **SPK strongly urges ALL families to enrol their children in a school by the end of Term 2.**

We hope this information will support you and your child's transition to school. If there is anything else that you think may help with your child's transition, please do not hesitate to discuss this with staff.

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Angle Vale Primary School - ph: 82847222

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