



Prep Transition

Introduction

At Elsternwick Primary School we believe that a positive and comprehensive introduction to school life is imperative to the success of children and parents. For many Prep students, this is their first experience of a school environment and for many parents, the first time they have engaged with a school since they were a student themselves. Our Prep Transition Program commences in term four each year and involves a number of transition sessions and concludes with a final orientation morning. During these times parent information sessions are held on current topics taking place in the school while the children are engaged with our teachers in their classrooms.

Transition Sessions

Prospective students attending transition will be participating in activities that provide fun and easy ways to learn and remember class rules and routines. Students are in the same group for each transition session, and they experience a different classroom environment each time, with a different teacher.

Orientation Morning

Students are placed in their final class for the following year and meet their new teacher and class mates.

First Six Weeks of School

During the first six weeks of term one our Prep students do not attend school on Fridays. On one of these Fridays each student will be required to attend an individual student assessment appointment at school.

These student assessment appointments are designed to assist teachers in gathering information about your child's literacy and numeracy understandings. This information will help us provide the very best teaching and learning programs to cater for the individual needs of your child and to ensure that starting school is a rewarding experience. The results of the tasks undertaken during the School Entry Assessment provide a 'snapshot' of your child's performance and are used solely for the purpose of planning your child's teaching and learning programs. They are kept within the school and will be just one part of the ongoing assessment programs used with students throughout their years at school.

The Prep playground is used exclusively by our Prep students during their first couple of months at EPS. This encourages students to build relationships with others in the same year level who are also new to Prep.

Buddies

Our Prep and Year 4 students have the opportunity to become 'Buddies.' The Buddy Program has been running for a number of years. It is one of the many ways EPS helps Prep students settle into school. Buddies meet regularly throughout the year to take part in collaborative activities to tie in with what the preps are learning about. The program has an extremely positive impact on both the Prep and Year 4 students. It is another opportunity for our up and coming leaders to acknowledge their leadership, become more responsible and foster pride in their ability to be helpful and supportive.

Prep Picnic

At the beginning of the school year, Prep families are invited to our Prep Family Picnic. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet other parents, to celebrate the start of our school journey, and for our students to continue to build relationships with other.

A successful and enjoyable transition to school will allow your child to jump into Prep with confidence. Our extensive transition program allows your child to become familiar with Elsternwick Primary School and provides a range of experiences so you and your child are ready for their first steps as a new student.