



## TRANSITION

### PRE-SCHOOL TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

- **SCHOOL FAMILIARISATION**
- Visits by pre-schoolers to school to familiarise the children with classrooms and outdoor facilities occur in Term 4.

### FOUNDATION INFORMATION SESSIONS

- Interested families can contact the school throughout the year.
- Information sessions and tours in the morning and evening during our Open Day in Education Week which is in May each year.
- Family Information Session in December for parents and carers to attend.

### ORIENTATION DAY

- **In Term 4** - Pre-schoolers visit for three mornings as new "Foundation students" and engage in a range of activities with Foundation teachers. Parents/carers will be advised of the dates of these visits in early Term 4. If you feel your child needs more transition visits, please discuss this with the Principal or Assistant Principal. Our main priority is to ensure a smooth transition from pre-school to school.

### FOUNDATION PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

- **At the end of the year prior to starting school:** Foundation teachers conduct one-on-one interviews giving parents the chance to meet their child's prospective teacher and share important information about their child.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS IN TERM 1

- There is no school for Foundation students for the first five Wednesdays. Foundation children attend school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00am to 3:15pm
- Students attend fulltime from the first week of March.

### BEFORE THE FIRST DAY

It is helpful for your child to know these things and he/she could have practice in an informal way. However, do not emphasise these points if your child becomes frustrated etc.

- Does your child know his/her full name and address?
- *Does he/she know how to put things away after use?*
- Can he/she recognise his/her own named belongings?
- *Can he/she tie and untie shoe laces and buckle sandals?*
- Can he/she attend to his/her own toilet needs and adjust clothing?
- *Does he/she know the importance of washing hands after visiting the toilet?*
- Does he/she know how to use a tissue or handkerchief properly and the importance of covering his/her mouth when coughing or sneezing?



## STARTING SCHOOL SUGGESTIONS

- *Have several "school lunches" with your child at home.*
- If the school is within walking distance from your home, follow route to be taken there and back with him/her prior to the commencement of the school year.
- *Acquaint him/her with road safety procedures, including the correct use of the school crossing, always waiting inside the school gates, and never leaving the school grounds without the permission of a teacher or parent.*
- Warn him/her not to accept rides from strangers and to go home immediately after school is dismissed.
- *It is wise to have a medical check up prior to the commencement of school, particularly for sight and hearing.*
- Have all items marked clearly with your child's full name (windcheaters, lunch box, - lid and bottom, drink bottle, school bag, library bag, art smock, hat etc.).



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- *Explain what food is eaten at snack time and what is for lunch time and pack these separately.*
- Encourage healthy snacks such as fruit, vegetable pieces etc. Ordering lunch is best left for a while until children have learnt class routines.
- *Pack spare clothing/underwear at the bottom of your child's bag.*
- Let the teachers and child know of any alternative home time arrangements and talk to the teacher before you use the bus service.
- *Take an interest in school activities and talk about learning when it comes home. Do fun maths things at home (eg. counting, cooking, estimating/guessing, card games etc.).*
- Read, read, read to your child and develop a love of books. Read signs, labels, notes etc., and give lots of praise.
- *Take and collect your child to and from the classroom. When he/she feels confident, explain where he/she will be met at the end of the school day.*

**Please do not allow your child to bring articles to school which could cause harm to others, e.g toy guns, arrows, pointed sticks.**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Orientation Day Sale College (Term 2);
- Visits from current Sale College Year 7 students to pass on relevant information and answer students' questions. (Term 3)
- Two day Orientation Program Sale College

