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**Transition program for preschool and kindergarten**

The preschool transition program involves a number of opportunities for children and families to become familiar with and comfortable at school:

* Before or at enrolment, families are encouraged to make an appointment with the principal to discuss their child’s needs; family arrangements and learn about the preschool philosophy. The principal will organise a tour of the preschool at this time and provide an information pack about the school
* An information evening and/or morning is held for families in term 2 prior to the enrolment cut-off date to introduce families to the preschool and supports available for families such as West Belconnen Child and Family Service and Belconnen Community Service
* Interviews with parents and teachers are held early in the new school year
* Preschoolers visit the school regularly when borrowing library books, attending assemblies or special events.
* Families are invited to events such as the disco, market day, fete, grandfriends day
* A newsletter is distributed to all families in the preschool and school every fortnight
* The school website and facebook site contains information about the preschool and school, including access to policies, procedures, happenings and resources
* In term 3 and 4 of the year before enrolment to kindergarten, visits between the preschool and kindergarten are organised to allow preschoolers to feel familiar with the kindergarten classrooms and routines
* In term 3 of the year before enrolment, a picnic and familiarisation session is held for preschool families based on the Uplifting Australia Hang-Out program. This includes tips on how to help your child transition to preschool or kindergarten
* In term 4 of the year before enrolment, families are invited to attend an information session about starting preschool and/or kindergarten and a welcome pack is given to each family
* Buddy visits between current year 5 students and preschoolers are organised in term 4 so that preschoolers are familiar with older students at the school when they arrive at kindergarten