

Noarlunga Downs Preschool Transition Policy & Procedure

Rationale

Successful transition from Preschool to School is vital to each young child's social, emotional and intellectual development throughout their schooling and beyond.

Our Transition to school Policy uses a range of strategies both informal and formal to develop a strong belief in each child of being a part of their school well before the Reception Year begins. In this way our Transition to Belonging Policy endeavours to reduce anxiety for both families and children, engaging children in successful learning through school, recognising each child's strengths and abilities as a means of becoming engaged, imaginative, positive and successful learners in, their own right and as a group member.

We recognise that each child's culture, development, socio---economic and family background forms the basis of how they, as individuals become successful learners in their own unique ways.

Aim

To use a collaborative approach between families, children, the community, preschool and junior primary staff in developing an internal belief in each young child of belonging to their school through transition.

Creating positive relationships with new families within the educational setting is a priority to developing a sense of belonging. Therefore

- All preschool staff will be very familiar with the information to be provided to new families and the location of enrolment packs
- New families are encouraged to book a tour of the school with the principal

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- Gradual process from informal to formal processes
- Focus on play based learning to continue through shared spaces
- Children are supported to naturally develop a sense that preschool is part of the whole school site. This may include whole school activities, class visits and shared spaces.

Transition visit

All children will have 1 transition visit to preschool in the term prior to them starting. This information will be provided to families via mail or email, once enrolment has been confirmed.



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