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Kindergarten Information Booklet



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Information Supporting Your Child's Transition to Kindergarten

This information booklet complements the Sans Souci Public School Information booklet and is specifically for students starting in Kindergarten in 2024. Sans Souci Public School trusts you will find the following timeline of events and procedures helpful.

Early December 2024

Later this year you will receive notification in the post about your child's Best Start Assessment **Interview date and arrangements**.

Best Start Assessment Interview Early February 2025

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment identifies student's literacy and numeracy skills on entry to Kindergarten. All Kindergarten students complete the literacy and numeracy assessment in the first 5 weeks of school. Once the assessment data is available, it will be sent home with your child. The assessment is conducted in line with existing school practices and builds upon teaching and learning programs that support students in the transition to school.

Health Care/Action Plans

If your child requires a health care plan for asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes or any other medical condition, **please ensure the school has received all appropriate documentation and medication prior to 1 December 2024**. As per departmental requirements, failure to produce this information will delay your child's enrolment start at school.

Kindergarten First Day

The first official school day for Kindergarten will be **Thursday 6th February at 9:30am** meeting in the school hall and pick-up time will be **3:00pm** from under the K-2 COLA.

Morning Procedures for Kindergarten First Two Weeks

- Area under K-2 COLA is out of bounds until the Kindergarten bell rings at 9:30am. Students are required to play in a supervised asphalt area near covered walkways in front of the canteen.
- When the 9:30am Kindergarten bell sounds, walk your child to their allocated class lines under the K-2 COLA. To allow your child to settle please then stand behind coloured dots until all classes enter the building.
- N.B. After the second week **Monday 24 February** Kindergarten students will start school at **9:15am** in line with the rest of the students. Parents will then be required to farewell their child at the 'Kiss and Drop' zone (refer to school map).

Afternoon Procedures

- At home time students are required to sit on their designated class lines for the 'handover' to parents. To ensure student safety please assist the teachers by waiting behind the coloured markers near your child's class.
- **Kindergarten will finish at 3:00pm for the first six weeks and then at 3:15pm from Monday 17 March 2025.**
- If your child runs to you, please redirect them to their class line until their teacher officially dismisses them into your care.
- If there is a change to your child's afternoon 'pick-up' arrangements, please inform the school and make your designated relative or carer aware of our school procedures.

Term One 2025

- **Weekly Sports Day:** Commences **Thursday 6 March 2025** (students are to wear their sports uniform on Thursdays).
- **Canteen Orders and Spending Money:** For the first six weeks the school requests that Kindergarten students bring their own lunch and fruit break until other routines are established. (Watch school newsletter for Kindergarten canteen availability)
- **'Buddy Program' for Kindergarten students during play times:** This program involves Years 5 & 6 buddies helping Kindergarten students facilitate new friendships with their peers.
- **Jackets and Raincoats:** Due to the chance of very changeable weather please ensure your child has appropriate clothing in his/her bag (no umbrellas).
- **Insect Repellent and Sunscreen:** It may be advisable to apply these on your child before coming to school. (students are not to bring insect repellent to school)
- **Library in the first term:** Students participate in the Library Program in Term One and will commence book borrowing in Term Two.



Term One - Special Events

- **'Meet the teacher' meetings** will take place **early in Term 1** in your child's classroom. It is an informal opportunity to discuss your child's interests and ask any questions you may have..
- **Home Reading** will commence in **Week 8 of Term One** (information will be provided during)

Lunch Procedures

Prior to lunch, classes are taken for toileting and handwashing.

Routine:

- i. students will sit together as a class to eat their lunch on designated class platform
- ii. there is a mandatory 10 minute eating time before students are allowed to play
- iii. students show their lunch box to Kindergarten duty teachers before going off to play
- iv. students to eat a minimum of half a sandwich (any concerns about your child's lunch please contact class teacher)

Fruit Break Procedures

- Same procedures as lunch.
- We encourage you to pack a piece of fruit for quick eating as it is important children play at this time.

Wearing of School Hat

For all outside activities students are expected to wear their school hat. Children with no hat will be asked to play in a designated shaded area.



Expectations

Children come to school with a range of abilities and as educators it is our responsibility to assist each and every child to reach their potential. However, for your child's self-esteem and wellbeing it is important that he/she can already:

- toilet themselves
- communicate their needs to others
- follow class and school rules
- cooperate with peers
- follow simple directions
- share and take turns.

Academic/Fine Motor Skills

Each student's start to Kindergarten will be enhanced by working towards achieving the following skills:

- writing their name using lower case except for initial letter (see correct letter formation in booklet)
- holding a pencil correctly (correct pencil grip; see information in back of booklet)
- attempting to colour inside lines
- using scissors
- counting to 10
- recognising colours
- listening to short stories
- answering simple questions

Other Important Information

- Due to Work, Health and Safety regulations, **at no time** are parents/visitors permitted to enter school buildings without first signing in at the school office.
- For any concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment time with the class teacher or Ms Graham, the Early Stage One Relieving Assistant Principal.

- Ensure plenty of sleep for your child via early nights to bed.
- Offer lots of praise for good work in getting ready for school each day.
- It is important that if you change your contact details (or emergency contact phone numbers) while your child attends our school that you update this information immediately with the school office.

Kindergarten Resource Pack

- All stationery resources e.g. crayons, pencils, erasers, books for your child in Kindergarten have been costed into your child's resource pack that they will use in class throughout the year. This will cost approximately \$150.00, a note will be sent out early in Term 1 regarding resource fees.



'Independence Builds Self-Confidence'

Strategies

Give your child age-related responsibilities such as:

- carrying their own bag
- walking independently to class lines
- making sure they have packed their hat, lunch box and home reader
- being able to put on and take off school jumper/jacket
- relaying simple messages
- independently dressing themselves.

A sense of accomplishment and achievement often promotes a positive attitude about themselves and their approach to school.