



St Francis of Assisi  
PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TRANSITION POLICY- Kindergarten to Primary School

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### Rationale

Primary students commencing school are required to cope with a very different environment. At St. Francis we will endeavour to make this transition as enjoyable and trouble free as possible.

### Aim

- To provide a smooth and efficient transition from kindergarten to primary school with support provided to those students who need it.
- To inform families about St. Francis of Assisi.

### Implementation

- Open Days are held in Terms 1 and 2. Families are welcome to tour the school.
- Information evening held in Term 2 for prospective Prep families.
- Interviews held by the Principal/Parish Priest with prospective Prep families in Term 2.
- The Principal and members of the Leadership Team will meet with successful applicants in Term 3 to welcome them to the school and discuss student history and readiness.
- Co-ordination of information from Kindergarten to school is done by the Prep Transition Coordinator.
- Teachers and classes for the following year will be finalised in time for the orientation mornings in Term 4.
- There are two one hour orientation session held in Term 4, so that children have an experience with their "new" teacher. Parents at these sessions are given the opportunity to spend time with their child and teacher, and also receive information regarding preparedness for school.
- All parents receive detailed information packages about the school.
- A morning tea for parents will be provided on the first day of school and specialist staff assist classroom teachers if the need arises.