

DEAR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Welcome to Flinders Park Primary School.

We are delighted to have you and your child as part of our school. We hope that your family enjoy all the special activities our school has to offer.

Flinders Park Primary School with over 40 years of experience educating children, and our students come from many different backgrounds. We are an Independent Public School, providing families with many involvement opportunities. We are proud to offer high-quality education for children from Kindergarten to Year Six

This pamphlet gives you broad details about our Kindergarten program. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the school office.

We wish you all the best here in your new Kindergarten.

Kind regards,

Julie Simpfendorfer
Principal



EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

Our Kindergarten program is centred on children's development and each child's needs. The teacher plans daily activities to develop children's physical skills, thinking skills, confidence and independence. We use a play-based approach to learning. Children have time daily to learn through play, both inside and outside.

A focus of Kindergarten is to help your child develop oral language and speaking skills. Talking with other children and adults, improving listening skills, and appropriately expressing their feelings are part of this learning and helps them to develop strong literacy skills.

Kindergarten is also a time for your child to mix and socialise with other children. They learn about cooperation, sharing, good manners and being friendly and kind to others. These are all important life skills.

Your child will engage in lots of activities every day at Kindergarten. Please note that students won't always bring something home every day.

Kindergarten at Flinders Park is focused on play-based learning that makes learning fun and allows them to make new friends and enjoy being four years old.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

The part-time (15 hours per week) kindergarten program commences for your child on Thursday, 9 February 2023.

School days and hours are:

- Every Thursday and Friday.
- Every second Wednesday (the first Wednesday is 8 February 2023).
- Classrooms are open from 8:30 am to allow students to settle in and be ready for the day.
- Teaching programs begin at 8:50 am.
- The Kindergarten day ends at 3:00 pm.

It is expected that your child will attend regularly. Regular attendance helps develop social skills, expected behaviour and learning.

In saying this, your child must stay home in case of sickness. Please remember **you** make the decision on attendance, not your child.

Any absences from school require a note, email, phone call or SMS with the reason to be provided to the school within three days of returning to school.

CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND HATS

Wearing the school uniform is optional for kindergarten students but is encouraged. Clothing should be appropriate for play and independent toileting. As many activities can be messy and accidents happen, please include a set of spare clothes in your child's school bag, including underwear.

Please ensure ALL belongings are named, including lunchbox, jumpers, hats, etc.

During the day, children will remove their shoes to play on the equipment. This is to maintain safe practices and for optimal physical development. When selecting shoes, please ensure that your child can remove and replace them independently. Velcro fastenings often help with this.

We have a "NO HAT, NO FUN IN THE SUN" policy. As children engage in active outdoor play, they must wear a Sun-Safe hat. Sun Safe hats are either legionnaire-styled or broad-brimmed. Baseball-style caps are not sun-safe.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Children need a healthy piece of food for the morning break each day. This can be a choice of fruit, vegetables, dried fruit or cheese.

A water bottle full of water is also needed every day. The water bottle will be taken home at the end of the day for cleaning and refilling. Please choose a water bottle your child can independently use so they don't have to ask for assistance when they want to have a drink.



BAG

At each Kindy session, Your child will need a LARGE bag to hold their fruit, lunchbox and bring home their work. Backpack styles are usually the easiest for students to carry.

Please check your child's bag every day for notes

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

If your child's arrival or departure routine is changed for any reason, e.g. change of bus, a different bus stop, or being picked up by someone else, the school needs to be notified. A note to the teacher or a signed message in the communication book will ensure we know what is happening.

We must have a written notification or a phone call to allow your child to go home with anyone else. If you need to pick your child up early or drop them off late, please sign them in and out at the School Reception.

Parents and carers must drop off and pick up the child each day. This responsibility can not be given to siblings or other students. Please try to be on time. If you are late, your child may feel they've been forgotten. This is especially important in the first few weeks.

PARKING

Some parking is available at the side of the Early Learning Centre, accessible from the school driveway. Drop-off and pick-up bays are also available at the front and side of the main school buildings. Please don't park for extended periods in these bays.

Our school is a change point for school buses, and they need access to the school driveway in the morning and afternoon.

Please keep the driveway clear for bus use from 8:00am to 8:30am and from 3:20pm to 3:45pm.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Staff and children enjoy the benefits of having a parent or family member involved with the kindergarten experience. Parents are welcome to come and help at the Centre when they can. Please see the classroom teacher.

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The 2023 School Contributions set by the School Board will be \$60 per student. For families of 3 or more children, the contributions are set at a maximum of \$180. These funds collected benefit the school and contribute towards purchasing valuable resources.

CONTACTING US

The school office is open Please call the school office 8:00 am – 4:00 pm every school day. If you need a quick message passed on to your child or class teacher, the office staff can pass on the message.

Classroom teachers always welcome the opportunity to talk with parents. If any lengthy discussions are required with the teacher, please organise a suitable meeting time. Before and after school are ideal for quick items.

Teachers spend the day teaching and often don't have time to check emails until the teaching day has ended, so please don't rely on email communication for urgent messages.

We look forward to a productive and happy year for you and your child in 2023.



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**A warm welcome is extended to you
and your child.**