



Erskineville Public School
KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION



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For families residing within our catchment area:

Starting school successfully

Our transition program provides opportunities for children starting Kindergarten to experience school routines, mix with groups of other children and engage in both structured and unstructured play activities.

Starting 'Big' School

As parents, you must keep in mind that your child will need some extra love and understanding during these first weeks of 'Big' School.

Whenever a difficulty occurs, the Kindergarten teachers are available for consultation by contacting the school office to arrange a time to speak, but please allow your child to settle into this new world with its new surroundings, friends and adults called 'teachers'.

Social and practical skills for schools

Does your child:

- Know his/her name, address and phone number well enough to repeat them when necessary?
- Always have a handkerchief or tissues and know how to use them correctly?
- Know how to use and flush the toilet without assistance?
- Know that hands should be washed before meals and after going to the toilet?
- Know how to do up their shoes?
- Put away play equipment and materials after using them?
- Put on and take off outer clothing without help?
- Do up buttons and zippers?
- Get their own food from their lunch box?
- Write their name?

Tips for helping your child get ready for school

- Give your child simple duties around the home. This will foster confidence in the performance of small tasks and practise following instructions
- Encourage your child by acknowledging effort and perseverance
- Do not become over anxious about your child making friends. Your child is seeking and adapting to a new situation. Names and faces are confusing and only time allows all this to come together
- Make your child feel he/she can cope
- Say goodbye! Wave and quickly leave. If you hesitate, or seem anxious it makes it harder for your child to feel confident
- Young children often have a worry about toilets. Point out that the teacher will tell the class which toilets to use and where the hand basins are located
- Encourage your child to ask the teacher if they have any questions or problems
- Be positive about school and learning
- Talk to your child about school
- Use your local library
- Read to your child and talk about what might happen next in the story
- Share many different experiences
- Support your child in your home languages other than English
- Provide experiences with a variety of play materials - water, sand, paper, pens, paint, play doh, scissors and glue
- Encourage your child's curiosity by asking questions and encouraging questions in return
- Your child is commencing their formal education and will learn to become a student. Starting school can be an overwhelming experience for the family, but remember this is a natural process and your child's teacher is there to support them through this process

What your child needs for school:

- A school uniform
- A school bag that is large enough to fit all of your child's belongings and provide support when they unzip it. Floppy bags are harder for children to use independently
- Labelled lunchboxes they can open and a drink bottle
- A home reading bag (available from Pickles School Wear)
- A spare change of clothes, in case of accidents

Please label all belongings and clothing with your child's full name.

School Uniform

School uniforms foster pride in the school and promotes an understanding of the importance of personal neatness, appearance and presentation. By providing identification, school uniforms also help to increase security for children travelling to and from school.

Uniforms can be purchased from Pickles School Wear through their online store. Go to www.youruniformshop.com.au and select 'Erskineville Public School' from the drop down menu. Uniforms are delivered to the school, or you can choose to have them delivered to a nominated postal address at your own cost. Please see the website for more information.

The summer uniform – Terms 1 and 4

Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erskineville Public School short sleeve polo shirt• Dark green skort• Polar fleece vest• Black shoes and green or white socks• Dark green hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erskineville Public School short sleeve polo shirt• Dark green shorts• Polar fleece vest• Black shoes and green or white socks• Dark green hat

The winter uniform – Terms 2 and 3

Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erskineville Public School long sleeve polo shirt• Dark green skort or dark green bootleg pants• Polar fleece vest• Polar fleece jacket• Black shoes and green or white socks or dark green tights• Dark green hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erskineville Public School long sleeve polo shirt• Dark green shorts or dark green cargo pants• Polar fleece vest• Polar fleece jacket• Black shoes and green or white socks• Dark green hat

Student clothing and property

Make sure all articles, especially lunch boxes, drink bottles, jumpers, hats and jackets are clearly and permanently marked with your child's full name. Leave all toys and jewellery at home. They are easily damaged or lost. No responsibility can be taken for the loss of or damage to toys, books, trinkets, phones etc. brought to school.

Make sure your child's schoolbag is easily recognisable, and encourage him/her to leave it in its correct place. Every effort is made to return any 'lost' property to its owner. Any dangerous items such as pocket-knives **must not** be brought to school.

Supervision

Supervision of students is provided by teaching staff from 8.30am - 3.00pm daily. Students are not supervised prior to 8.30am and must not arrive before this time. The time before the school bell is a quiet time and students are reminded that the rainbow serpent is out of bounds.

Once students arrive at the school they must remain within the boundaries of the school playground until dismissed by their teacher at the end of the school day, unless a parent gives written authority to leave and the note is received by the teacher or Principal.

Students must not leave the school grounds without a parent or carer who provides appropriate authorisation.

Students who are late must be accompanied by an adult to the school office to obtain a late note before proceeding to their classroom. Students will hand the late note to their teacher. Parents and carers are asked not to accompany their child to the classroom. If your child leaves before 3pm, please sign your child out. The school office will arrange for your child to be sent to the office foyer. Please do not go up to the classroom to pick up your child.