

# PREP FAMILY INFORMATION

*For parents and families of students  
commencing Prep in 2027*

Keep Learning

Be Kind

Have Fun



# Welcome to Scenic Shores State School

*A wonderful place to learn, belong and grow*

Starting Prep is an exciting milestone. We look forward to working in partnership with you to help your child feel happy, confident, connected and ready to learn.

We hope you had the opportunity to explore our wonderful facilities while attending our Discover Prep event and experience firsthand the welcoming, engaging spaces where your child will learn, play and grow.

We are very proud of our school and look forward to your family becoming part of our school community.



# Parent Handbook

Our **Parent Handbook** is a helpful guide to everything you need to know about starting school with us. It includes important information about school routines, communication, learning, uniforms, attendance and more.

We encourage all families to take some time to read through the handbook as you prepare for the exciting journey into Prep.



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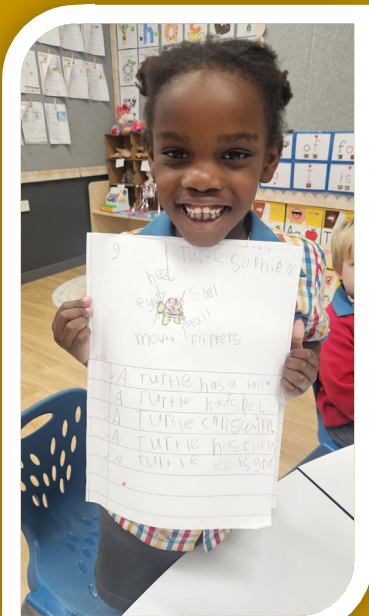


# Our School Motto

*Our motto underpins everything we do at Scenic Shores State School.*

## Keep Learning

We encourage children to be curious, persistent and open to learning throughout their lives.



## Be Kind

Together we build a caring community where everyone feels safe, supported and valued.



## Have Fun

Children learn best when they feel happy, engaged and excited to come to school.



# A Typical Prep Day

*Our school gates open at 8:15am. Prior to 8:25am, children must remain with their parent or caregiver.*

|         |                               |         |                |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| 8:25am  | Line up ready for Smart Moves | 11:30am | Lesson Three   |
| 8:30am  | Whole School Smart Moves      | 12:40pm | Lunch - play   |
| 8:40am  | Lesson One / fruit snack      | 1:10pm  | Lunch - eating |
| 9:50am  | Lesson Two                    | 1:20pm  | Lesson Four    |
| 11:00am | Morning tea - play            | 2:30pm  | Home time      |
| 11:15am | Morning tea - eating          |         |                |

**Important: All Prep children must be collected by an adult at 2:30pm from inside the classroom.**

# Our Prep Classrooms



Each Prep classroom has a dedicated teacher and full-time teacher aide, providing support throughout the day.

Our modern, air-conditioned classrooms offer flexible learning spaces designed for collaboration, creativity and different learning needs.

Students have access to a range of digital technologies, including iPads and Smart TVs, to support engaging and interactive learning.

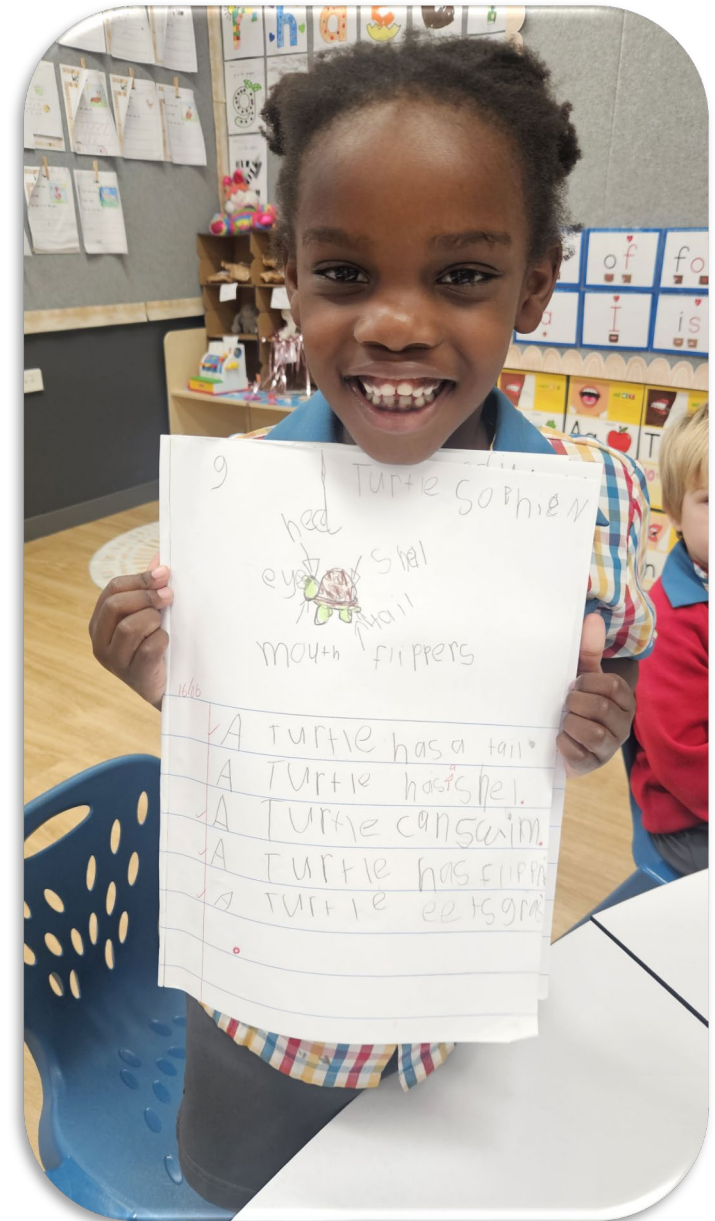
# Literacy Learning in Prep

In Prep, children build strong foundations in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Through explicit teaching, stories, play and engaging activities, they learn about sounds and letters, words, sentences and how texts work.

Children develop the skills to read and create simple texts, share their ideas and build a love of language and books.

Our goal is to grow confident, curious and enthusiastic readers and writers.



# Learning in Prep



## Key Area: Literacy

# Ages and Stages of Literacy Development



Many parents wonder if their child's reading skills are developing at the normal rate. While there are individual differences, there is a general progression of skill development. It is recommended that if you child has not attained the skills outlined for his/her age, that a school-based meeting be scheduled. Following this, it is likely that a referral to a specialist (e.g. Speech and Language Pathologist) may be necessary to provide an in-depth check on your child's development. Research clearly states that the earlier intervention commences the better the outcomes for the child.



PLD's programs that develop the above skills can be viewed by searching the codes: 1) CCst 2) CCa/CCalc, CCpfa, CCpfr, CCpfs 3) CCfrw, CCfsw, CCsight, Mfwa, Bsw1, CHph1, Md1 4) CCread, CCspell, Bsw2, CHph2, Md2 5) Bsw3, CHph3, Md3 on [www.pld-literacy.org](http://www.pld-literacy.org) mail@pld-literacy.org Phone: +61 (08) 9227 0846

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# Numeracy Learning in Prep

In Prep, children build strong foundations in mathematics through fun, hands-on learning.

They explore numbers, patterns, shapes, measurement and data while developing skills in problem-solving and mathematical thinking.

Through games, play and real-life experiences, we encourage children to become confident and curious mathematicians who see maths all around them.



# Specialist Lessons

Each week, our Prep students participate in specialist lessons in **Physical Education, The Arts, STEM and Auslan.**

These engaging lessons give children opportunities to move, create, explore, problem-solve and communicate while developing new skills and discovering their interests.

Specialist lessons are an important and exciting part of the learning experience at Scenic Shores State School.



# Support Services

Every child is unique. We work with families to support each child's learning, wellbeing and development.

- Our school-based team includes our Guidance Officer, Chaplain and Inclusion Team.
- We can also access specialist consultation from a Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist.

If you have concerns, please speak with your child's teacher so we can work together to consider the most appropriate support.



# Every Child Learns Differently

## Differentiation

Each child learns at their own pace and in their own way. Teachers plan and adjust learning experiences to respond to individual strengths, needs and next steps.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

We explicitly teach and encourage our TRACK expectations:

**T** Thoughtful

**R** Responsible

**A** Accountable

**C** Collaborative

**K** Kind



# Buddy Classes



Our Prep students participate in Buddy Classes with older students, providing wonderful opportunities to build friendships, grow in confidence and learn from positive role models.

These special connections help our youngest learners develop a strong sense of belonging and connection to our wider school community.

# Getting Ready for Prep

One of the best ways to prepare your child for school is to build confidence and independence in everyday routines.

- Pack and carry their own school bag
- Use the toilet independently
- Put on clothes, shoes and a jumper
- Open their lunch box, drink bottle and packets
- Use a tissue to blow their nose
- Recognise and look after their belongings

Please pack a spare set of clothes, just in case!



# Learning Through Everyday Moments

Families make an enormous contribution to early learning. You do not need to recreate school at home - simple conversations, games and routines are powerful.

- Read and talk about books together
- Sing songs and play with rhyme
- Play games with dice and count everyday objects
- Talk about colours, shapes, sizes and quantities
- Sort toys or household items
- Spot numerals when you are out and about



# What can families do together?

Many children wonder what starting school will be like. It is a big change for your child and family.

A positive start to school can help your child develop a lifelong love of learning.

You know your child best and play a big role in helping them transition to school.

Here are some practical ideas for supporting your child at this important time.

## Talk about school

Talking with your child about their first few days at school is an easy way to support them.

**Talk about:**

- their first day
- how to make friends
- your happy memories of school.



## Build independence

At school, your child will look after their belongings and follow daily routines. Independence supports your child to join in at school.

**You can support your child's independence by:**

- setting up morning and evening routines
- helping them choose a lunch box they can open and close
- practising putting on their socks and shoes.



## Your school community

Starting school is a chance for you to make new friends with other families and support each other.

**You can meet other families by:**

- going to school P&C nights
- helping in the tuckshop or uniform shop
- spending time in your child's classroom
- attending events at the school.



## Read with your child

Reading with your child is special. You are bonding together and supporting their growth.

**Sharing books with your child:**

- builds their reading and language skills
- encourages a lifelong love of reading
- grows their understanding of the world.



## Celebrate starting school

Starting school is a time to celebrate. Your child will feel important and their confidence will grow.

**Celebrate starting school by:**

- counting down to the first day of school
- taking photos of your child's first day
- have a family party.



## Your child's wellbeing

Your child's excitement about starting school may be mixed with sadness about leaving home and kindy, and worry about what school will be like.

**You can support your child's wellbeing by:**

- talking about how they are feeling and why this might be
- teaching them how and who to ask for help
- making time to rest before school starts and over the first few weeks.



# Reading at Home



Sharing books together is one of the most valuable ways to support early literacy.

- Read aloud together regularly
- Let your child choose favourite books
- Talk about pictures and characters
- Wonder together about what might happen next
- Encourage retelling in their own words
- Keep reading relaxed and enjoyable

# Health and Development

Before your child begins Prep, we ask families to complete an Initial Interview Form. This provides us with valuable information about your child from the person who knows them best — you, their parent or caregiver.

The information you share helps us understand your child's strengths, interests, personality, learning needs and what helps them feel happy, safe and confident.

By getting to know your child before they begin, we can help make their transition to Prep as positive and successful as possible.

This will be emailed to you. Please take the time to fill it out and return to our administration.

It can also be helpful to make sure your child's health and development checks are up to date, including hearing and vision screening where appropriate.



Scenic Shores State School  
Initial Interview Form

The information that you provide on this form will help us to get to know your child better and will enable us to plan for his/her individual needs.  
We appreciate your assistance.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's place in the family: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of other children in family: \_\_\_\_\_

Any information on family changes recently?: \_\_\_\_\_

# Ready, Set, Prep!

Our Ready, Set, Prep sessions help children become familiar with school and build a sense of belonging before their first day.



## READY, SET, PREP!

*A great start to school!*

It is now time to book in to our wonderful "Ready, Set, Prep" sessions. These sessions are designed to support students transition into Prep. They provide the opportunity for the children and their parents to get to know our teachers and to develop a real sense of belonging at school.



There are **four sessions** available. You and your child are welcome to attend all sessions or as many as you can.



All sessions will be run in our **Prep Precinct**. There will be a variety of activities set up for you to complete with your child.



A wonderful opportunity to **connect, explore and grow** together!

### DATES AND TIMES

| SESSION 1                                                                                                              | SESSION 2                                                                                                              | SESSION 3                                                                                                              | SESSION 4                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <br>Tuesday<br>13 October<br>9-10am | <br>Tuesday<br>20 October<br>9-10am | <br>Tuesday<br>27 October<br>9-10am | <br>Tuesday<br>3 November<br>9-10am |

 PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK TO **BOOK YOUR SPOT**  
<https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=71071>

- Meet Prep teachers
- Explore the Prep Precinct
- Enjoy activities together
- Build confidence and familiarity
- Connect with other children and families

Have you booked a spot or two to attend ?

Go to the below link....

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