



## Important information

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# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

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## Our School

We are a multicultural school that embraces diversity. We promote family and community involvement in our school.

We look forward to welcoming your child to Kindergarten and getting to know your child's family. We support and recognise parents' role as their child's first teacher and welcome open communication with families.

## 2025 Term dates

- Term 1: Wednesday 5 February – Friday 11 April
- Term 2: Monday 28 April – Friday 4 July
- Term 3: Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September
- Term 4: Monday 13 October – Thursday 18 December

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS (No school for students)

- Term 1: Monday 3 February and Tuesday 4 February
- Term 2: Friday 30 May
- Term 3: Monday 21 July
- Term 4: Friday 31 October and Friday 19 December

## Drop Off and Pick Up

Classroom doors open at 8.30am and lessons begin at 8.45am. End of day is 2.45pm.

In Kindergarten, the children MUST be accompanied to and from the classroom by an adult and be handed over to the classroom teacher or education assistant on arrival. This is for your child's own safety. Please be prompt in dropping off and collecting your child, as any delay may cause distress in young children. If you are going to be late for any reason, please contact the office so teachers can be notified. Please inform the staff if someone other than yourself is collecting your child. Unless authorised, your child will not be released.

## What to Bring to School Every Day

- A large backpack with name clearly marked
- A change of clothes in a plastic bag
- A bucket hat (broad brimmed) - no caps please
- Fruit for morning tea, pre-cut if needed
- A clearly labelled drink bottle for water
- A healthy lunch.

*What NOT to bring to school:  
toys, precious items or valuables  
like jewellery that could get lost or broken.*

## Encouraging Independence

We will foster independence by allowing and encouraging children to do things for themselves such as packing their bags, unpacking their lunch boxes, dressing themselves, unscrewing drink bottle lids, and toileting.

Please support us and help your child by providing water bottles, lunch containers, clothing, and footwear that are easy for your child to use independently. Please ensure all belongings are labelled with names.

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## Toileting

Children need to independently manage their own toilet needs. Please send a change of clothing in case of minor accidents. It is strongly recommended that your child is toilet trained before the start of Kindergarten. Please see the classroom teacher if this is not the case.

## Packing a Healthy lunch

We encourage healthy eating at Westminster Primary School and prefer children do not bring lollies, sweets, chips or items in a wrapper. Homemade foods are always a good option as they are often healthier.



## The First Day

We would like to foster as much independence as we can from the very first day, so please ask your child to:

- Carry their own bag into school
- Say 'Good Morning' to staff
- Put their drink bottle away
- Put their hat and lunch box in their tray.

*We encourage you to stay and settle your child with a book or puzzle. When the siren goes it will be time for all parents to say goodbye.*

## A typical day in Kindy

- A typical day will involve both indoor and outdoor activities
- All of the activities are planned so that your child can develop a wide range of skills throughout the year
- Play is the most natural way for children to learn about their world. Our Kindergarten program will be a balance of play-based and explicit teaching, catering for the individual needs and interest of each child.

## Uniform/Clothing

- Comfortable and manageable school uniform can be purchased through Tudor Uniforms. Parents can order online at Tudor's website [www.tudorschooluniforms.com.au](http://www.tudorschooluniforms.com.au).
- Track pants, shorts, leggings and hijabs must be royal blue.
- Shoes need to be ones which children can manage independently such as Velcro grips or slip-ons. Thongs are not suitable for school
- Children are required to wear bucket hats outside all year round, as we are a Sun Smart school
- All belongings including hats and clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.



## Absences/ Illnesses

*It is very important that positive attitudes to school are developed early in your child's life. By attending daily, children will feel a strong sense of belonging to the class, build great relationships, and develop a love of learning.*

### • ILLNESS

If your child is coughing, vomiting, has a runny nose, rash, or generally unwell, please keep them at home. Sending unwell children often means they will not be able to cope with the day's activities. In fairness to other students, to the staff and to themselves, they will be more appropriately cared for at home. Students feeling unwell during the school day will be sent home.

In the event of a student being sick or involved in a serious accident, parents will be contacted.

Any changes in telephone numbers (home, work or mobile), addresses, and emergency contacts MUST be recorded at school promptly.

Please let the school know on the day of the absence as to why your child is not attending. This may be done via our website, sending an email, Seesaw or calling 9413 5050.

### • FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Family holidays during school terms are NOT encouraged. School holiday periods provide a considerable amount of time for families to enjoy holidays. Absence during school terms may disrupt your child's learning and their social development with friends. In the event that it is unavoidable, please complete an approval form from the Administration office for the Principal to authorise.

