



**Whitfield** State School

*A world of opportunities...*



Resilience, Responsibility, Respect

# 2026 Prep Transition Program



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# Prep Enrolment Process



## 1. Book in for a Principal Tour (Optional)

Experience all that **Whitfield State School** has to offer by touring our classrooms. Learn about our High Impact Teaching and Learning practices, discover the wide range of opportunities for students to grow and develop their talents, and see firsthand how fun, safe, and welcoming our school is for learning.

The best way to get a feel for our school is to experience it for yourself. We warmly invite parents or prospective parents of our school to participate in a Principal's Tour, followed by an opportunity to have a conversation with our principal and meet other school personnel.

To minimise disruption to our current students, **Principal Tours** are for adults only.

All tours are held on the following dates from 9.15am:

20 March	5 June	18 September
3 April	17 July	23 October
8 May	14 August	27 November



To arrange a booking please use the QR code or use the 'Book Principal Tour' button on our website at <https://whitfieldss.eq.edu.au/enrolments/prep>

## 2. Contact us to apply for enrolment by:

- Collecting an Application for Enrolment Pack from our front office.
- Calling the school on 4034 7333 to have a pack posted to your address.
- Submit an Expression of Interest form by using the *Expression of Interest* button on our website. Our enrolments officer will then email you the Prep Enrolment application forms.

<https://whitfieldss.eq.edu.au/enrolments/prep>

### Paperwork required when applying for enrolment:

- Application for Enrolment Form
- Your child's Birth Certificate
- Student Resource Scheme Form
- Prep Questionnaire
- Proof of residency (if living in the catchment area)
  - current rates notice or lease agreement and
  - current utilities bill
- Court Orders (if applicable)
- Medical Information, Diagnosis or Health/Action Plans (if applicable)

*Every student is capable of achieving success*

### 3. Attend a Prep Enrolment Interview

Once you have lodged your enrolment forms, our enrolment officer will contact you to arrange an enrolment interview. Enrolment Interviews will be held on the following days:



Wednesday 26 March  
Tuesday 20 May  
Thursday 19 June  
Thursday 24 July

Tuesday 26 August  
Tuesday 21 October  
Thursday 20 November

#### Confirmation of Enrolment

You will receive an email within one week of your enrolment interview with information regarding acceptance / non acceptance to Whitfield State School.



## Prep Transition Activities

### Early Learning Fun (ELF) Day Thursday 12 June 2025.

Our ELF Day (Early Learning Fun Day) promotes ways to explore and celebrate young children. There are many different ways that learning can occur in the early years, and it is important for parents, teachers and community members to foster this learning.

To RSVP, please use the QR code or the link on our website under Prep Enrolment Page : <https://whitfieldss.eq.edu.au/enrolments/prep>



### Prep Experience Morning

Wednesday 5 November 2025

Come and experience Prep the “Whitfield Way”.

Parents who have already applied for enrolment will receive an invite to this exciting event.

The **Prep Experience Morning**, will provide you and your child with everything you need to:

- ✓ Get a sneak peak of what Prep learning is all about.
- ✓ Receive important information to ensure a smooth transition into Prep.
- ✓ Help your child feel confident and ready for their first day of Prep in 2026.

There will also be a parent information session during the morning. We can't wait to welcome you to this invaluable experience.



## Supporting the move to Prep

Starting school can be an exciting yet stressful time for both you and your child. For some, it may be their first time away from home, surrounded by new people and experiences. Here are some simple steps to help make this transition smoother:

### 1. Encourage your child to be independent by helping them get used to:

- Putting on shoes and fastening them
- Eating and drinking independently (opening lunchboxes, unwrapping food)
- Caring for and putting away their belongings
- Using a tissue or handkerchief
- Going to the toilet independently
- Using playground equipment safely
- Carrying their own bag
- Identifying their own items.



### 2. Work with your child to develop their communication skills.

Help your child to:

- Express their needs clearly
- Use appropriate greetings
- Respond verbally when spoken to



### 3. Familiarise your child with the school environment and routine by:

- Driving or walking by the school a few times so that the school becomes a familiar place
- Attending our Prep Experience Day
- Showing your child where to put their school items, such as a school bag and hat
- Ensuring your child knows who will collect them and where to wait, or where to go for after-school care
- Ensuring you have all necessary equipment and materials (listed in your enrolment pack). Ensure all possessions are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Checking with your pre-Prep provider (kindy, childcare) about supporting a smooth transition to school
- Encourage children to understand that staff are there to help them.



## Making the first day a success

To make your child's first day more enjoyable and relaxed, it's important to be prepared, this is best thing you can do to make the day as stress-free as possible.

The day before school starts, create a list of items you need to organise, such as food and a change of clothes. Stick the list on the fridge and go through it with your child, ticking off each item as you complete it.

## On the day

- Allow plenty of time to get ready
- Serve a nutritious breakfast — this is essential for sustained energy and concentration
  - Talk through the daily routine — start, lunch and finish times
  - Go over simple self-help strategies — for example, asking teachers for help or directions
  - Be positive and encouraging about your child's school attendance
  - Be flexible in the early days of school, as children may need time to settle in.



*Don't forget that first day photo*

## When packing your child's lunch:

- Provide healthy food and drink in realistic quantities for morning tea and lunch
- Ensure that your child can open and unwrap their lunch
- Offer a variety of smaller items rather than one or two large items
- Send a water bottle each day and encourage your child to drink from it
- Reserve sweets, chips and other party food for special occasions.



## How to get involved

As a parent, you play a key role in your child's education. By getting involved in the school, you show active support for your child's learning while helping the school community.

### You can do this by:

- Introducing yourself to your child's teacher
- Sharing information with your child's teacher
- Keeping the teacher informed of any changes that may affect your child
- Talking with your child about their day
- Attending parent information sessions
- Reading the school newsletter
- Liking the school Facebook page
- Attending school events
- Attending P&C meetings and talking to other parents
- Volunteering to attend school excursions or participate in classroom activities, or helping out in the tuckshop
- Participating in school working bees.

## Things you can do at home

You can also help your child progress at school by taking some simple steps at home:



- Show interest in your child's schooling. Ask, "What new things did you do at school today?"
- Read aloud to your child. Reading aloud helps develop the imagination, because it allows listeners to form a picture in their minds. It also helps develop an awareness of the patterns of language.
- Provide a variety of experiences to stimulate your child's imagination — for example, visit the zoo, park or airport.
- Play card and board games with your child. This helps to develop mathematical, problem-solving, language and social skills such as turn-taking.
- Spend time together as a family — activities like shopping, visiting the park, or gardening help develop language skills and awareness of the world.
- Look for opportunities to write with your child, like making shopping lists or writing letters, to build vocabulary and an appreciation for reading and writing.



# Whitfield

State School  
Established 1989



*"Every child has a different learning style and pace.  
Each child is unique, not only capable of learning, but also capable of succeeding."  
Robert John Meehan*

**Thank you for choosing our school!**