

Whitfield State School

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2025 Prep Transition Program



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Prep Enrolment Process



1. Book in for a Principal Tour (Optional)

Experience what Whitfield State School has to offer by visiting our school classrooms. See and hear about our High Impact Teaching and Learning practices, the breadth of opportunities our students have to grow and extend their talents; and witness how fun, safe and enjoyable a place our school is for students to learn.

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.

These tours are for adults only to minimise disturbing our current students as you enter their classrooms.

All Tours are held on Mondays from 9.30am to 10.30am and are on the following dates:

18 March	22 July
29 April	19 August
27 May	14 October
10 June	11 November



To arrange a booking please use the QR code or

use the link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code> and enter the event code **pqe8v**

2. Contact us to apply for enrolment by:

- Picking up an Application for Enrolment Pack from our front office.
- Calling the school on 4034 7333 to have a pack posted to your address.
- Downloading an Application Form from our website.
<https://whitfieldss.eq.edu.au/enrolments/enrolling-at-our-school>
- Sending in an Expression of Interest (from our website) and our enrolments officer will give you a call to discuss enrolment.

Paperwork to be handed in when you Lodge your Enrolment:

- Application for Enrolment Form
- Your Childs' Birth Certificate
- Junior Resource Form
- Prep Questionnaire
- Proof of residency (if you live in our catchment area)
- Court Orders (if any)

*Every
student is
capable of
achieving
success*

3. Attend a Prep Enrolment Interview

Enrolment Interviews are being held on the following days:



Monday 13 May
Tuesday 11 June
Thursday 11 July
Wednesday 7 August

Monday 9 September
Thursday 17 October
Wednesday 20 November
Monday 9 December

Confirmation of Enrolment

You will receive an email within 1 week of your enrolment interview with information regarding acceptance / non acceptance to Whitfield State School.

Please see our website for information regarding out of catchment enrolments.



Prep Transition Activities

Early Learning Fun (ELF) Day on Thursday 6 June 2024.

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 use the link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code> and enter the event code **cfxbe**



Prep Experience / Open Morning on Wednesday 30 October 2024

Come and experience Prep the “Whitfield Way”. Parents who have already applied for enrolment will receive an invite to this event.

The Prep Experience Session, will provide you and your child with information needed to:

- ✓ have a little taste of what prep learning will be all about
- ✓ gain vital information needed for a smooth transition to prep
- ✓ give your child more confidence starting prep at the beginning of 2025.

There will also be a parent information session during the morning.



Supporting The Move To Prep

As a parent, you play a vital role in your child's education. There are many things you can do to support a great start to school for your child.

Starting school can be an exciting but stressful time for you and your child.

For some children it may be the first time that they have been away from their parents. They may be going into a strange environment with unfamiliar people and things around them.

Here are some simple steps you can take to help make your child's time at school more enjoyable and relaxed.

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

- putting on and doing up his or her shoes
- eating and drinking without help (opening lunchboxes, wrapping and unwrapping school lunches and drinking from drink bottles)
- caring for and putting away play things
- using a handkerchief or tissue
- going to the toilet independently
- using playground equipment safely
- carrying his or her own bag
- identifying his or her own belongings.



2. Work with your child to develop his or her communication skills.

Help your child to:

- make his or her own needs known
- 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 his or her things, such as a school bag and hat
- making sure your child knows who is collecting them at the end of the school day and where to wait to be collected, or where to go for after-school care
- visiting the school, if possible, when other children are there so that your child can get used to the number of children, the playground and the movement of children around school grounds
- introducing your child to other children in the neighbourhood who will be attending the same school
- ensuring you have any equipment and materials are needed (list is in your enrolment pack). Make sure all possessions are clearly labelled with your child's name
- checking with your pre-Prep provider (kindy, childcare) about how they can help children make a smooth transition to school
- encourage children to understand that staff are at school to help them.



Making the first day a success

There are some simple steps you can take to make your child's first day at school more enjoyable and relaxed. Be prepared, the best thing you can do is to make the first day as stress-free and relaxed as possible.

The day before school starts, write a list of all you'll need to organise, such as food and a change of clothing. Stick the list to the fridge and tick each item off with your child as you complete it.



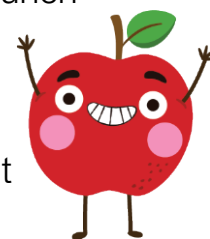
On the Day

- leave plenty of time to get ready
- make a nutritious breakfast — this is essential for sustained energy and concentration
 - talk through the daily routine — start, lunch and finish times
 - talk through a few simple self-help ideas — for example, asking teachers for help or directions
 - be positive and encouraging about your child's attendance at school
 - be flexible in the early days of school, children may take a little while to settle in.



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 (plastic film wrap can be very difficult for little fingers)
- provide a variety of smaller items rather than one or two large items
- provide a water bottle every day and encourage your child to drink from it
- keep sweets, chips and other party food for parties or special occasions.



How to get involved

As a parent, you play a vital role in your child's education. By getting involved in the school you can demonstrate an active involvement in your child's education, whilst supporting the school.

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
- checking school bulletin boards
- attending family fun days
- attending parent association meetings and talking to other parents
- Volunteering to attend school excursions or participate in classroom activities, such as 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:

- Take an interest in your child's schooling and value the importance of attending. Ask your child over dinner: '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 games and board games with your child. This helps to develop mathematical, problem-solving, language and social skills such as turn-taking and not always winning.
- Spend time together as a family — activities such as shopping, going to the park or working in the garden build children's awareness and knowledge of the world around them as well as develop language skills.
- Find opportunities to write with your child. This includes making lists for grocery shopping or things to take on trips and writing letters. These opportunities build children's awareness of vocabulary and the importance of reading and writing.



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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!