



Introducing King Street Public School's Kindergarten Tawny Transition to School 2022

Why is a Transition to School Program important?

Transitions occur at many different times throughout a child's life. One of the most important is the transition to school and it impacts more than just the child. At King Street Public School we will work with our families to help facilitate a smooth and seamless transition into school.

The Transition to School Program is a set of planned activities that make starting school as successful as possible for children, families and teachers. The program is designed for under school age children and is based on the play-based philosophy of early childhood education.

During their time in the transition program the children will be playing games such as Simon Says, painting and drawing, cutting, using play dough as well as listening to stories and singing. The children become familiar with school routines and make relationships in a caring and relaxed atmosphere.

There is clear evidence that Transition to School Programs can improve young children's cognitive, social and emotional functioning. Evidence suggests that children who have a positive start to school are likely to engage well and to experience academic and social success.

What will our Program involve?

The Kindergarten Tawny Transition to School program offers the opportunity for children starting Kindergarten to meet once a week to practise settling into a school routine, meet our teachers and mix with groups of other children. They will engage in both structured and unstructured play and school readiness activities. Your children will be happy, safe and engaged as we slowly transition them to 'big' school.

When will it take place?

We will be offering this valuable 8 week program each Wednesday from 9.45am to 3pm. The first day will be Wednesday, 25th August 2021. Please note that the program will not run during the school holidays.

What do I need to bring?

A healthy lunch, something for fruit break and a water bottle. A name tag will be issued to your child on the first day.

Where do I need to go?

Please enter the school via our King Street pedestrian gate on the first morning. The children will then join our teachers in one of our interactive classrooms. Pick up will be via Sussex Street gate.

Who will be facilitating the Program?

The program will be run by our highly skilled Kindergarten teachers and members of our Learning Support Team.

Does my child need to attend each week?

We encourage families to take advantage of this program by attending as much as possible. We do, however, understand that sometimes you may not be able. You are welcome to bring your child for the whole day, or only part of the day if this suits (we understand there will be children with preschool commitments). We do however encourage parents to attend our Parent Information session on the evening of Tuesday 3rd August.

How do I learn more about this program and school life at King Street Public School?

Please join us for a Parent Information Evening to be held on the evening of 3rd August, 2021. Mr Russell, our Principal, will give new parents a tour of the school at 5pm. Our information session will commence at 5:30pm. At the end of this Information Session, please feel free to ask any questions.

Do I need to do anything now?

To assist in our organisation it would be appreciated if you could let us know if your child will be attending our Transition to School Program.

Please contact us on 6572 2281 or email kingstreet-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au as soon as possible. Alternatively, drop into the school where we will be happy to talk to you.

Starting school can be as stressful for parents as for the child! Please do not hesitate to talk to our approachable teaching or office staff if you have any enquiries or concerns. We are committed to making the transition to school for you and your child a happy one.