



# Prep at MEPS – Ready for School

## Q: Will my child be ready to start Prep?

**A:** Most importantly, MEPS will be ready for your child. We understand that 2020 has been a disrupted year. If you have specific questions about your child's readiness for school do not hesitate to contact our principal, Kim Wheeler.

## Q: Will transition take place?

**A:** In keeping with the priorities of the Department of Education & Training, transition is one of MEPS' key priorities for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021.

Our 2021 Prep students will enjoy a taste of school from early Term 4. Depending on COVID-19 restrictions, Transition will occur onsite at school or online. We aim to notify families with details of our transition program by mid-October.



## Q: How will MEPS know what my child needs?

**A:** Your child's kinder/childcare will provide us with information about their development. When possible, our principal or one of our teachers will visit your child in their kinder or childcare setting, to learn more about them. We welcome information from parents/caregivers at any stage.



In early 2021, your child will have a one-on-one appointment with their Prep teacher to complete a range of assessments. Results will enable our teachers to cater for your child at their point of need, whatever this may be.

To meet the social/emotional and academic needs of your child when they begin school, we will continue to prioritise transition to school, student wellbeing, play-based and inquiry learning.

## Q: How can I start to help my child feel comfortable about starting school?

**A:** Speak positively about school as a place to learn, play and make new friends. You could watch our online assemblies as a family (see our website). Depending on COVID-19 restrictions, explore and become familiar with our schoolyard and playgrounds. In the lead up to starting school, give your child opportunities to spend time without you, perhaps with a trusted family member or friend.



*The excitement of your child's primary school journey awaits!*

**Do not hesitate to contact reception or principal, Kim Wheeler, with any questions.**

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