Preparing your child for school
Prep students will begin school on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February.

Please bring your child to the Learning Community at 8:45am.

At the end of the morning home groups will be brought to meet parents and carers outside the Learning Community at 1:00pm.

During February Prep students will attend school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
School Entry Assessments and Rest Days

Teachers use the following days to conduct School Entry Assessments.

Wednesdays
- 1\textsuperscript{st} February
- 8\textsuperscript{th} February
- 15\textsuperscript{th} February
- 22\textsuperscript{nd} February
- 1\textsuperscript{st} March

You will be notified at your child’s final transition session of a time to bring your child to meet with the teacher at school on one of these Wednesdays. Teachers will talk one to one with students and conduct literacy and numeracy assessments. The assessment session will take approximately one hour.

Students are getting used to new routines, people and spaces in their transition to school. The Wednesday rest day helps to provide time to settle in.
Help your child be ready for school by:

• having regular routine – meal times, bed time, story time ......
• dressing him/herself
• trying on school uniform
• practising being sunsmart – applying sunscreen and wearing a broad brimmed hat
• using the toilet and washing hands by him/herself
• having practise ‘school lunches’
  - choosing appropriate food to eat first
    - opening and closing containers
    - unwrapping food (nude food preferred)
• going for a walk to look at the school and talking about:
  - how he/she will get to school
  - which building his/her Learning Community will be
  - playground equipment
The first day of school:

Prep students will attend school from 8:45 to 1:00pm on the first two days Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} February. The teachers will be ready to greet students as they arrive at the Learning Community at 8:45am. Mums, Dads and Carers need to leave children with the teacher promptly. At 1:00pm the teachers will bring the students to meet parents and carers outside the Learning Community.

Children (and parents) can be a little nervous on the first day of school, the best way to manage this feeling is for the child to get started on one of the activities set up in the Learning Community and for adults to either join us for a cuppa or leave the college. Our experience confirms that even if a child was upset when separating from parents or carers it doesn’t take long for him/her to settle and participate in the program.