

# What to Expect on Day One in Kindergarten

- 1 Unpack your stationery order from the box and remove any wrappers. There is no need to label any stationary, but please do label individual folders. Bring everything to the classroom on their first day. There will be labelled boxes outside the classroom for you to sort these items into.
- 2 Children should wear the Shelley Primary School uniform. This promotes a sense of belonging and unity between the new group of children.
- 3 We will open the classroom door at 8:30am on their first day. You are welcome to come in to help settle your child. We do kindly ask for you to try to leave when the bell rings at 8:45am.
- 4 Leave promptly. Smile, have a quick hug, wave and leave your child to it is the best approach you can take. If you see tears, they will be fine in minutes if you don't make a fuss. Go have a nice cup of tea or coffee and relax. We promise to contact you if necessary.
- 5 Please be aware the number of adults in the classroom can be stressful to some students. We encourage everyone to keep calm, use quiet voices and have lots of positivity.
- 6 Our dedicated teachers aim to capture children's natural love of learning while developing Literacy and Numeracy skills. Children will learn through play-based activities and engaging in meaningful learning experiences to build their excitement as they explore, imagine and learn.
- 7 To communicate messages, teachers will use Seesaw and Connect, so please see the Office if you are not part of the community and check regularly. If you need to speak with the teacher specifically about your child, it is recommended you email them directly to set up a time to meet. Drop-off and pick-up time can be a busy time to chat. Email addresses will be given in 2025.
- 8 No hat, play in the shade. Children's hats are kept in the classroom and only sent home on the holidays to be washed.
- 9 After school, please be on time at 2:55pm to pick your child up from their classroom. Greeting them with a healthy snack can keep their spirits up to make their way home.
- 10 Ask them about their day and make a big deal about the great things they did.
- 11 Your child will be tired in the first term of school. Be patient with them and prepared for some bigger emotions than they may normally display. This is completely normal; they will be fine. They just need some time to adjust.
- 12 Keep after school activities to a minimum in Term One as your child will need time to relax and unwind. Extra sleep will be beneficial to everyone.

Always talk about going to school in a positive way. If you show your child that you are calm and excited for them to be starting Kindy, they will feel happier too. Enjoy this time of their life!