



Kindergarten orientation and transition

2021-22

Dear services and providers,

A positive start to school is important and relies on everyone working together to make it happen – family, community, early childhood education service and the school team.

Kindergarten orientation and transition to school should be flexible and responsive to emerging COVID-19 guidelines.

Where current health restrictions will impact on school orientation visits, it is recommended that they be delayed until later in Term 3 or early Term 4.

To support a successful transition, there are still a number of ways you can engage families and children in preparation for starting school in 2022:

- Visit [Kindergarten orientation and transition 2021-22](#) for advice on how schools, families and services can work together in alternative ways.
- Start your Transition to School Statements.
- Access online educational resources.
- Learn about how services are supporting transition to school.

Start your Transition to School Statements

We encourage early childhood teachers and educators to complete a [Transition to School Statement](#) for all children starting school next year. Statements should be completed in Term 3 and provided to schools by Term 4, 2021.

The Transition to School Statement summarises a child's strengths, interests and approaches to learning and passes this information between families, early childhood educators and teachers. The Statement has immediate practical value to Kindergarten teachers, capturing the experience and expertise of early childhood educators and teachers to ensure continuity of learning for each child.

Did you know a digital version of the Transition to School Statement is being trialled? The digitisation of the statement is the first step to increasing access to and usefulness of the statement for ECEC services and schools. Services that are part of the trial will be contacted separately with further information.

Access online educational resources

We've developed a number of [transition to school resources for educators](#) to help you engage children in effective preparation for school.

This includes:



[Daisy's First Day](#)

A storybook featuring fictional native Australian animal characters going through a typical school day.



[Transition to School Guide for ECE](#)

This guide includes guidance on supporting children to develop key skills and sample learning experiences to support the delivery of educational programs for the transition to school.

Learn about how services are supporting transition to school

There are lots of different ways for services to approach transition to school. You can hear from three different services on their transition to school practices and experiences here:

- [Albury Preschool](#)
- [Jumbunna Community Preschool](#)
- [St Peter's Community Preschool](#)

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