

Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation for students starting in 2021.

'Opportunity, Excellence, Success'

Welcome to Country

We would firstly like to acknowledge that beneath the playgrounds and buildings that make up Epping Public School lay the traditional lands of the Darug and Guringai First Nations people.

Today we acknowledge our traditional owners who inhabited and cared for this land for many centuries before our school was built. We pay our respect to their ancestors, elders and any who may be with us today.



Opportunity Excellence Success

Welcome to our parent information site.

This week we have information about our school uniform, the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment and communication between home and our school.

Our school gates open onto a very busy road. We have included a facts sheet about ways to keep all our students safe when coming to school and leaving the school to go home.



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

STOP!

one step back from the kerb

LOOK!

continuously both ways

LISTEN!

for the sounds of approaching traffic

THINK!

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across

Kindergarten Uniform

Students are expected to be in the appropriate Epping School Uniform all year round. Uniforms should be well maintained and worn with pride.

Aim

- To maintain and enhance the positive image in the school community
- To develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school
- To promote equality amongst all students
- To provide security for children travelling to and from school and on excursions
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school community
- To promote the health and safety of all students

SUMMER UNIFORM

Girls



Summer school tunic,
navy school hat, white
socks and black shoes.

or



Short sleeve blue shirt with logo,
navy school hat, navy shorts,
navy socks and black shoes.



SUMMER UNIFORM

Boys



Short sleeve blue shirt with logo, navy shorts, navy socks, black shoes and navy school hat.



SPORTS UNIFORM

Unisex



EPS short or long-sleeved Sport Polo with EPS navy shorts or skirt.

In Winter, the navy shorts or skirt may be replaced with the navy tracksuit.





**Every
uniform
option
includes the
school hat.**



THE UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C has appointed a uniform supplier to run the school uniform shop. Reji Uniforms can be contacted for orders and enquiries. Details of the days, dates and times Reji Uniforms are onsite at the school can be found in the weekly newsletter/
Email: eppingps@rejiuniforms.com.au Phone: 02 9771 5454 Website: www.rejiuniforms.com.au

The logo for Reji Uniforms features the word "Reji" in a black, elegant cursive script, followed by the word "UNIFORMS" in a bold, red, uppercase sans-serif font. The logo is centered on a white rectangular background.

Reji UNIFORMS

Road Safety

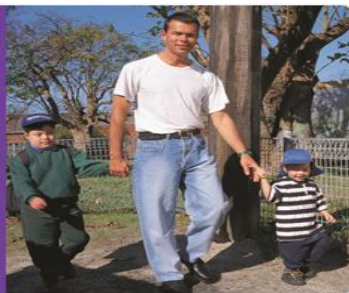
Your primary aged child is still developing an understanding of danger and safety. While they are often keen to do things for themselves, an adult must always be responsible for the child in the traffic environment.

Your child is a vulnerable road user. They are still developing the skills that help them to judge the direction of sound and the speed and distance of vehicles. Your child is physically small, making it harder for drivers to see them. They may be easily distracted and tend to only be able to focus on one thing at a time. This means that they find it difficult to deal with sudden changes in the traffic environment. Your child may be able to tell you the rules and how to keep safe near in and around vehicles, but in reality, will not always be able to apply them.

Please read the safety tips at <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/backtoschoolsafety.html> and take some time to explore and talk about the [Safety Town activities](#) with your child.



When walking near roads, hold their hand or hold them close to keep them safe



... in car parks and near driveways



What is the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment?

Best Start is developed by early learning experts in the Department of Education. Best Start gives teachers, across New South Wales, a common set of high quality assessment tools. It is important to emphasise that Best Start is not a test. Its purpose is to help the teacher gather information to guide the teaching of your child. The teacher will observe each child and use tasks, such as talking about a book that has been read, and record what their students know and can do. The teaching of your child will be based on the information gathered in these ways. You will be given feedback about what your child's teacher has learned about your child.

More information about the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment can be found at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/best-start-kindergarten-assessment-parent-brochure>

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

A parent and carer's guide to the assessment

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a state-wide assessment that helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten.



Children start school with a range of early literacy and numeracy knowledge, skills and understandings. Many students are already engaging with the world around them to express their ideas. Many students start school knowing a range of things about numbers, patterns and basic mathematical ideas.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a state-wide assessment that helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten. The assessment provides teachers with information on how to best support each student's needs at school. It consists of both a literacy and numeracy component.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment supports teachers to develop teaching and learning programs that build upon what students know and can do. Teachers sit with the child one on one focussing on what they can do. The assessment does not require any preparation.

Teachers will provide parents and carers with information about the skills their child demonstrated during the assessment. All children learn at different rates and parents do not need to be concerned if their child can't answer all of the questions.

Parents and carers will receive information about Best Start when enrolling in their local public school.

Literacy assessment

The literacy tasks are designed to identify whether students can recognise familiar words, recall details about a picture book that has been read to them, write their name, understand how books work and recognise sounds and letters.

During the literacy assessment the teacher will ask questions like:

- 'Listen to these words: map, tap. Can you think of another word that rhymes?'
- Read a story book to the child and ask: 'Can you tell me about the story that I just read to you?'

These questions will assist the teachers in determining if a student can recognise familiar print and recall information from a picture book. These are important literacy skills that children will develop over their first year at school.

Numeracy assessment

The numeracy tasks are related to early number concepts and are designed to identify how well a student can count; which numbers they can recognise; whether they can count a number of objects, add or subtract small numbers; and recognise repeating patterns.

During the numeracy assessment the teacher will ask questions like:

- 'Start counting and I'll tell you when to stop.'
- 'Can you tell me what number this is?' 5

These questions will assist the teachers in determining if the student can recognise numbers and count from one onwards. Throughout Kindergarten students will learn to recognise numbers 1-100 and count to 30.

For more information about the Best Start Kindergarten assessment contact your child's school.

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

NSW Department of Education

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

Parent and Carer Information

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student when they start Kindergarten.

Assessment

Your child will answer questions to assess their literacy and numeracy at the beginning of Kindergarten. There is no preparation required for the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment.

Feedback

You will be provided with feedback about how you can support your child during the first year of school.



Your child

We know that every child starts school with their own set of experiences, skills and abilities.

Understand and plan

The information gathered will help teachers to develop effective learning programs that build upon what each child knows and can do when they start Kindergarten.

Best possible start

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment will ensure your child receives the best possible start to formal school education.

All items are sold at the school uniform shop.

We have booked Reji Uniforms to exchange or sell uniforms on our school site on Monday February 1 2021 between 8:30am and 1:00 pm. You are requested to place an online order in advance of the day to avoid overcrowding and support social distancing.

Students who are unable to wear correct school uniform for one or more days need to give a written explanation to their classroom teacher.

If students need to dress outside of the uniform for an extended time, please contact the school on [9876 1452](tel:98761452) or epping-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and ask for the Executive Team member supervising uniforms.

Families experiencing financial difficulties in obtaining a uniform for their child should contact the Principal.

Connecting Epping Public School's Community

The best education happens when students, parents and schools work together. Working together as partners is fundamental to effective student learning and maintaining positive student wellbeing in our school.

These NSW Department Of Education websites are really useful for hints about starting school and explaining some of the special words or expressions used when talking or reading about education in New South Wales.

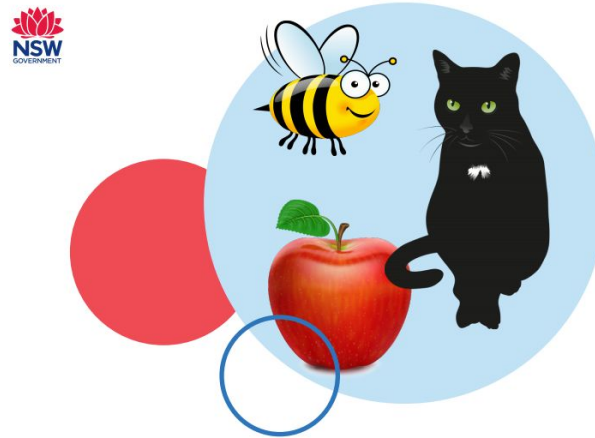
1. [Starting School](#)

Video - Transition to school

Duration - 1:21.

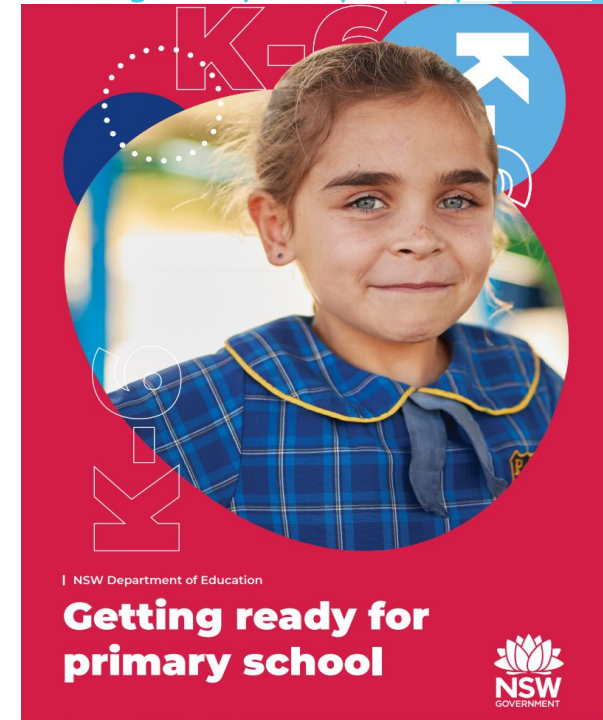


2. [Handwriting - a guide for parents](#)



Handwriting in the early years

3. [Getting ready for primary school](#)



Our school will communicate with you via: -

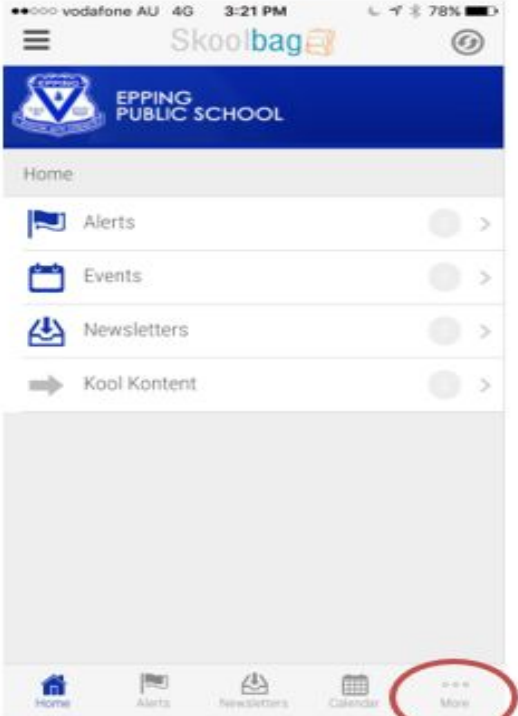
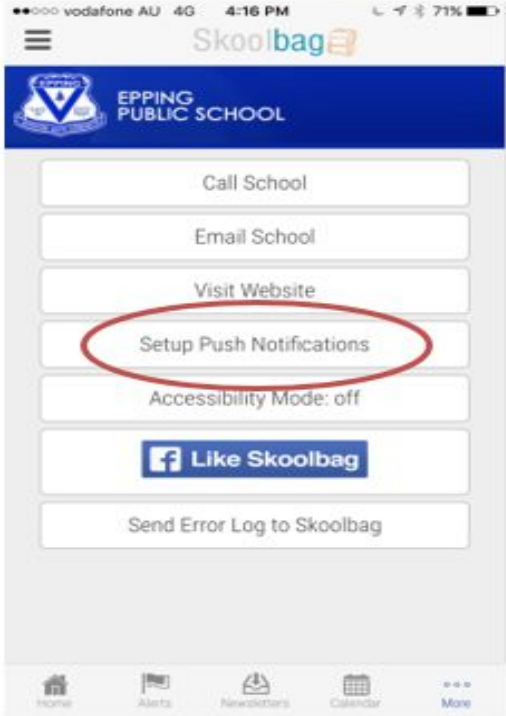
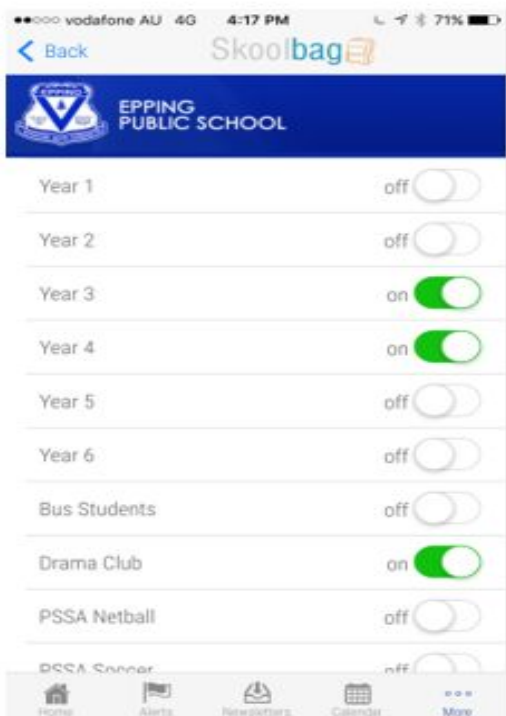
- School meetings e.g. Parent/teacher sharing, parent interviews
- Newsletters - Mondays, found on our app and in our website
- Notes home - e.g. excursions, programs
- Our website - <http://www.epping-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>
- Calendars - on our website
- Our school app - provides real time notifications e.g. school bus is running late. Instructions for installing our school app Skoolbag and setting Up Alert Categories are on the next slide.
- Google Classroom.

Installing Skoolbag and Setting Up Alert Categories

Setting Up Alert Categories on the School App

Now that you have downloaded the Epping Public School App, here are the steps you will need to follow to personalise the alerts you will receive.



| Step 1: In the Main Menu click on the 'more' category found in the bottom right hand corner | Step 2: Select 'Setup Push Notifications' | Step 3: Choose which groups you would like to receive important messages from by turning them 'on' |
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You can contact our school by:

- phoning our school office - you can make an appointment to speak to your classroom teacher, support teacher, executive teachers or Principal on **9876 1452**
- visiting our school office during school hours
- email - epping-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Your child's teacher's work email will be made available to you
- notes from home brought to school by your child
- P&C meetings

If you have difficulty understanding any documents or would like further information, please ring the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask them to telephone the school.

This service will be free of charge to you.

Telephone Interpreter Service 131 450

如果您要讀懂這份資料有困難，或者想要索取更多資料，請致電131 450給電話口譯服務處，請他們打電話給學校。

這項服務不必向您收費。

Telephone Interpreter Service 131 450

CHINESE

यदि आपको इस कागज़ात को समझने में कठिनाई हो या आपको अधिक जानकारी चाहिए तो कृपया टेलिफोन दुभाषिया सेवा को 131 450 पर फ़ोन करें और उनसे स्कूल को फ़ोन करने के लिए कहें।

आपके लिए यह सेवा निःशुल्क है।

Telephone Interpreter Service 131 450

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만일 이 문서를 이해하는데 어려움이 있거나 더 상세한 정보를 원하시면 131 450으로 전화 통역 서비스에 연락하여 학교로 전화해 달라고 요청하십시오.

이 서비스는 귀하에게 무료로 제공됩니다.

Telephone Interpreter Service 131 450

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