

Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation
for students starting in 2021.

Session 3

'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.



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Welcome to our parent information site.

This week we have information about helping your child with starting school.



The school day

8:50	Teacher on duty
9:20	School begins
11:20	Lunch
2:00	Recess
3:20	Dismissal



How can I get my child ready for school?

Please practise

- ★ Holding scissors, cutting, gluing
- ★ How to use toilets
- ★ How to put jumpers on and off
- ★ How to open food wrappers, lunch containers
- ★ Separating - saying goodbye in the morning



The first week of class

- ▶ Walk your child to the Cola in the morning for the first few weeks of class
- ▶ Get your child to place their school bag against the hall's folding door (outside) or along the fence line of the Cola
- ▶ Collect children from the COLA at the end of the day.
- ▶ All children must have their own food, including lunch, recess and crunch and sip. The school cannot heat a child's food.
- ▶ If your child is upset, please take your child to one of the teachers in the Cola area, give them a kiss, tell them they will be fine and leave the Cola.



What to expect during the first semester of Kindergarten

- ❖ Reading - Literacy groups and home reading
- ❖ Writing - Shared writing, interactive writing, independent writing, sentence copying and handwriting. Focusing on sentence construction, using a capital letter, a full stop and recording beginning and final sounds
- ❖ Speaking and Listening - listening to different people, stories, ideas
- ❖ Mathematics - Numeracy groups, number identification, counting forward and back, patterns, early measurement concepts
- ❖ Science - working scientifically to investigate possibilities and design and production to develop solutions
- ❖ History - Communication of stories of their own family heritage, sequencing familiar events, identify and compare features of objects past and present
- ❖ Geography - Identification of familiar places, recognising special places and people
- ❖ Creative arts - Building fine motor skills with cutting, colouring, pasting.
 - Building self awareness and personal expression through drama and music
- ❖ Sport - Fundamental Movement Skills are taught explicit and practiced to develop gross motor skills and coordination

Ensuring a successful start at school

Label everything

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Please ensure that your child's clothes and belongings are labelled clearly with their name.

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Getting Ready for School

- Write your child's name on everything!
- Tie back long hair
- If you have a son, make sure he knows how to use a urinal.
- Help your child to pack their school bag.
- Pack a spare pair of underpants, socks and a change of clothes in a plastic bag. Let your child know these are in their backpack.
- Teach your child to dress themselves and open/ close lunch boxes and packaging.
- Practise walking or travelling to school.
- Organise out of school hours care.
- Make sure you have the school's phone number.
- Have your child's hearing and eyesight checked

Some things you might need to buy

- School uniform (available from the school uniform shop)
- School hat (available from the school uniform shop)
- school shoes, socks and running shoes(try **Velcro straps** if your child can't tie laces)
- backpack (available from the school uniform shop) and personal identifier
- lunch box (have your child choose one they can open)
- water bottle
- paint shirt (an old T-shirt will do)
- raincoat
- library bag



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Frequently Asked Questions

How will classes be formed?

At Epping Public School we take great care in forming the classes. We use our knowledge of your child's development to form classes.

What time do students arrive on the first day of school?

You would have received your child's Best Start Assessment and school starting date and time at Kindergarten Orientation. Please ring our office on 9876 1452 if you have any questions.

Do Kindergarten students come every day after their starting time?

Yes, once your child has started school, they stay for the whole school day and then come every day with the same start and finish times as the rest of the school.

Do Kindergarten have an early finish time in Term 1?

No. From the very first day, your child will be staying at school until the end of the school day at 3.20pm.

A hint!

Most of the students' school bags look exactly the same.

Let your child choose something special to hang on their bag. This will help with easy identification of their own school bag.



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

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आपके लिए यह सेवा निःशुल्क है।

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Thanks.

**We look forward to seeing you
next year!**



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