

SCHOOL TRANSITION POLICY

Preamble:

Our approach to school readiness is holistic. The progression of skills across all developmental areas, including a child's social and emotional self, is supported to provide a readiness for the school environment. We believe that each child will display a varying range of skills and dispositions for learning when they start school. We guide and support all children towards becoming enthusiastic about learning, co-operative with their peers and developing a strong sense of self.

Highland Grove is committed to supporting children and their families in making a smooth transition to Kindergarten.

Our program reflects the awareness that this transition should happen over an extended period of time and that each child's transition will be individual depending on the individual child, the school and the family.

Highland Grove is aware of the importance of communication between the preschool and school environment. The centre Directors and educators take part in school transition meetings with local schoolteachers, local leader's meetings and school transition training. These events continue to support the relationship between the school settings and our centre.

Several of the educators have been provided with the opportunity to visit a local kindergarten classroom. This experience facilitates our educator's knowledge of a Kindergarten curriculum and builds upon our relationships with the wider teaching communities.

Educators from the Moonbeam Room visit the school settings during orientation events. Photographic documentation of children with their peers attending the same school; further supports the transition. These visits also build upon Highland Grove's relationships with the wider

At times we invite a guest speaker, such as an employee from the Dept of Education, to our centre to consult parents and caregivers about the transition to kindergarten.

Centre management and educators regularly engage in discussions with local school leaders and teachers in the lead up to the transition between preschool and school.

Educators complete a School Transition Statement (template supplied by the Federal Government) to share information about the child's learning and dispositions with the child's kindergarten teacher. This document is provided to the families and emailed to the school.

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Sources: N.S.W Privacy Act and Families First "Tools For Schools and Preschools".