TRANSITION
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Introduction

Somers Primary School believes there should be continuity in a student’s education from Kinder to year 12. We believe the challenge of transition should be a positive experience for students, parents and teachers.

Aims

• To develop and maintain links with pre school settings and secondary colleges.
• To provide opportunities for students to familiarise and adjust to the new environment.
• To develop a rapport with staff, parents and students.
• To ensure transition information is available to parents and students.

Implementation

At Somers Primary School we view the transition process to be in three stages:

1. Kinder to Prep
2. Year to year transition
3. Year 6 to 7 transition

Any new students coming into the School at different year levels will be carefully monitored to ensure they experience a smooth transition from their previous location to Somers Primary School.

1. The Kinder to Prep transition program includes:

• Liaising with kinder teacher.
• Visits to kinder by prep teacher.
• Prep teacher attends kinder/prep network meetings.
• Information session for parents in early 4th term at the kinder.
• Kinder children visit the School.
• Small groups of kinder children participate in activities in the prep room for a few hours in 4th term.
• Year 5/6 buddies visit the kinder in 4th term.
• Orientation day in December - Information Session for parents. Prep teacher takes kinder children for activity session.
• Prep Information Booklet available for parents.
• In the first term of their first year at School, children attend School for shorter periods to begin with.
• Prep parent/teacher interviews held early in term 1.
• Parents welcome to participate in class programs.
• Teacher maintains continual contact with kinders.
• Transition activities are reviewed annually to ensure transition from Kinder to Prep is successful.

2. **Transition from Year Prep to Year 6 will include:**

• Continual communication between teachers.
• Student profiles to be kept and passed onto the following teacher. These will include samples of work, copies of written reports, recommendations.

3. **Transition from Year 6 to 7 will include**

• Visits to secondary colleges.
• Communication with year 7 transition teachers.
• Orientation Day activities.
• Passport documentation to be completed and passed on to year 7 coordinators for students to complete in year 7.
• Written transition forms to be completed by year 6 teacher.
• Follow up with colleges [informally].

The Transition Policy will be reviewed annually in consultation with kinder teachers and year 7 teachers.