



## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> term.
- Year 5/6 buddies visit the kinder in 4<sup>th</sup> 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.