

Dear Parents

**RE: New Preschool Mid-Year Intake Commencing Term 3 2019**

I am pleased to advise that our preschools (kindergartens) are now offering a mid-year intake at the beginning of Term 3.

This is an exciting new initiative and provides additional opportunities for children and families.

Children turning four between 1 May and 31 October can now begin preschool at the beginning of Term 3. They are eligible for 15 hours of preschool education per week and will complete a full year of preschool by the end of Term 2 in the following year and can commence in Reception.

Children who turn four on or after 1 November can commence preschool at the start of the following year.

Families can decide whether their child is ready to begin mid-year when they turn four or commence at the beginning of the following year. The Principal can assist you in making this decision.

Children in our preschools build strong foundations in learning. They engage in play-based learning to support their cognitive, social, emotional, physical and spiritual development. They are provided with opportunities to explore and build upon their existing understandings and curiosities. Our preschool programs have a strong focus on literacy, numeracy and STEM learning.

All children are supported in their transition to preschool, and then to school. Our transition programs help children to build connections, relationships and confidence as they progress through their schooling experiences.

Preschool is an important part of a child's preparation for school. The mid-year preschool gives families greater flexibility in determining the best time for their child to start preschool and school. It also ensures that all preschool age children have access to their full entitlement of preschool education before starting in Reception.

As parents, you know your child best. Our new intake gives you a choice about when it is best for your child to start preschool.

Yours sincerely



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