



# Forest Hill

Public School

Principal: Cameron Williams

**"In Friendship We Learn"**



Kindergarten Transition Program  
2019



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### Term 3

#### Transition Day 1

**Date:** Tuesday 17th September 2019

**Time:** 9:30am - 11:00am

**Location:** KJ & K/1B classrooms

For their first visit to big school, the children will be brought to school by the Forest Hill Community Preschool and PE4K Childcare staff. Parents whose children do not attend either of these facilities are asked to bring their child along so they do not miss out on an opportunity to get to know their future classmates.

All children will spend the morning in both Kindergarten classrooms where they will have the choice of engaging in a variety of simple games and activities. Each preschool group will begin the session in either the KJ or K/1B classrooms and swap over halfway through so that children can become familiar with both environments.

The aim of this first transition experience is to allow the children to get to know the Kindergarten classrooms and teachers in a relaxed, informal manner with the comfort of their Preschool educators.

#### Transition Day 2

**Date:** Tuesday 24th September 2019

**Time:** 9:30am - 11:00am

**Location:** KJ & K/1B classrooms

**What to bring:** hat

For their second visit to school, the children will engage in a variety of simple games and activities, this time alongside our current Kindergarten students. As part of this transition session they will also be taken on a tour of the school to help them start to learn about all the different areas of primary school, including the classrooms, toilets, bubblers, playground, canteen, library, office and hall. Children will take home a little picture book about Forest Hill Public School. Reading this book together at home will help them become familiar with their new school environment prior to starting school.



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### Term 4

#### Transition Days 3 - 4

**Dates:** Tuesday 15th October 2019

Tuesday 29th October 2019

**Time:** 9:30 – 11:30am

**Location:** KJ & K/1B Kindergarten classrooms

**What to bring:** Crunch and Sip snack, packed recess, drink bottle and hat

For their third and fourth transition visits, parents are asked to drop children off at the Kindergarten classrooms and return at 11:30am to pick them up. During these morning sessions, children will remain in the classrooms with the Kindergarten teachers where they will listen to a story and engage in a simple art and craft activity. Children will need to bring a small snack of fresh fruit or vegetables to become familiar with our whole school Crunch and Sip program. They will also need to bring a hat and a packed recess so that they can experience going out to eat and play with the wider school during the recess break.

#### Transition Days 5- 6

**Dates:** Tuesday 12th November 2019

Tuesday 26th November 2019

**Time:** 9:30 – 1:00pm

**Location:** KJ & K/1B Kindergarten classrooms

**What to bring:** Crunch and Sip snack, packed recess and lunch, drink bottle and hat

For their fifth and sixth transition visits, parents are asked to drop children off at the Kindergarten classrooms and return at 1:00pm to pick them up. Similar to the previous visits, children will remain in the classrooms with the Kindergarten teachers where they will listen to a story and engage in a simple art and craft activity. Children will go out to recess before returning to the classrooms to engage in simple counting games and activities. As well as a Crunch and Sip snack, children will also need to bring a full packed lunchbox to experience eating both recess and lunch with the wider school.

### Purpose

The aim of these transition experiences is to allow children to develop a relationship with their teachers and classmates and become familiar with classroom practices and routines. The simple literacy, numeracy and art activities allow teachers to build a rapport with children and interact with them in a situation reflecting everyday classroom learning. It is important that when dropping off their children for all transition visits, parents say goodbye, reassure children that they will return later and then leave the school until it is time for pick up.



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### Parent Information Evening

**Date:** Tuesday 3rd December 2019

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00pm

**Location:** School Hall

Our transition program will end with a Parent Information Evening to provide important information regarding Forest Hill Public School procedures as well as advice on how best to support your child's first year at school. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend this session to help support their child to make the best possible start with their school journey.

Information regarding Best Start Assessments including each child's allocated interview time will also be handed out, as well as other resources to support a successful start to school.

#### **Cameron Williams (*Principal*)**

- Welcome
- Introduce staff
- KLA overview
- Library, RFF

#### **Sophia Brodie (*Kindergarten Teacher/Assistant Principal relieving*)**

- Preparing your child for school
- English and Mathematics readiness
- Best Start Kindergarten Assessments

#### **Parent Speaker**

- What to expect
- School supplies
- First day

#### **Jenny Murtagh (*Canteen Manager*)**

- Canteen availability
- Lunch orders
- Volunteers

#### **Marguerite Caskie (*School Administrative Manager*)**

- Absences
- Allergies/Medication
- Uniform