



INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

PICKERING BROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2024 Kindergarten Information Handbook

2024 School Term Dates

TERM 1

Start: Wed 31 Jan 2024

End: Thurs 28 March

TERM 2

Start: Tues 16 April 2024

End: Fri 29 June

TERM 3

Start: Tues 16 July 2024

End: Fri 20 Sept 2024

TERM 4

Start: Tues 9 Oct 2024

End: Thurs 12 Dec 2024



Start and Finish Times

Doors Open: 8:30am

Start: 8:45am

Finish: 3:00pm

School Information

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INTRODUCTION

Pickering Brook Primary School is a unique school, nestled in the Perth hills, with community at its heart.

Our school puts student needs' first; with evidence-based teaching practices, and staff who really know their students; how they learn and what they need to learn next. Our multi-age grouping approach sees students learn from each other, lead each other, and have opportunities to develop more sophisticated social skills than students in same-age settings.








Our environment is like no other Perth school – we don't have to create nature play – we live amongst nature! Students have access to two high-quality areas that encourage child-exploration – nature-based play, custom built playgrounds and great sporting amenities.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

What a special time! Your child is about to embark on their first year at school. For some families, this might be the first time you and your child have been apart, for others, your child may have attended daycare or have been cared for by a relative. Regardless of your previous experiences, we understand that is an exciting time but an emotional one for many families. It isn't easy entering the unknown, but rest assured your child will be safe, loved and cared for in an environment that will help and encourage them to grow into independent individuals. We hope the following information assists and eases any worries that you might have.

Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten

Discuss with your child what their day at Kindy will look like and what will happen. Talk about the morning routine including the separating factor.

Our Morning Routine						
						
I need to get ready for the day.						
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Put my bag on my hook.2. Bring inside my drink bottle, folder and lunchbox.3. Go to the toilet and wash my hands.4. Say goodbye to my parents.5. Choose an activity to do. (No home corner play)6. Pack away when I hear the class bell.7. Sit on the mat with the teacher, ready for learning.						

It is essential that your child is prepared and aware that you will be dropping them off and leaving when the bell rings, and that you will return at the end of the day to collect them. Although leaving your child (particularly if it's the first time) may be distressing, whatever you do, you need to remain calm, positive and strong, as your child will pick up on your emotions and follow suit. Don't worry most children settle shortly after their parent/s leave and with each Kindy drop off, it gets easier.



As your child enters Kindy, we aim to develop their independency. You can assist your child by teaching them toileting and hygiene routines, carrying, packing and unpacking their own bag, putting on shoes (preferably Velcro), and teaching them to open and close lunch boxes and containers.

Daily Requirements

Each day your child will need to bring:

- large backpack
- fruit or vegetable for Crunch & Sip
- snack for recess
- lunch
- water bottle filled with water only
- hat
- a spare set of clothes

Please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled.

Our Kindy Program

At Pickering Brook Primary School, we aim to create a warm and inviting environment that optimises your child's learning and development by providing opportunities for your child to explore, play, build friendships and form a bond with the classroom teachers and educational assistants.

In Kindergarten, we plan and create lessons that follow the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines, and the National Quality Standard (NQS). The Kindy program is responsive and created and developed to build the whole child drawing on a repertoire of pedagogical practices to extend and enrich students' learning.



General Information

Pick Up

School finishes at 3:00pm. If someone other than yourself (parents) will be collecting your child after school, please use the communication book and verbally inform a teacher if possible. If you need to collect your child before the official end of school, you will need to sign your child out through the front office prior to collecting them from the classroom.

Birthdays

Birthdays are special days, so you are welcome to bring in cupcakes or a healthy alternative (green foods) to celebrate your child's birthday. Please check with your child's teacher about student allergies.

Attendance

Students learn best when they attend school regularly. It is vital that your child develops the habit of going to school every day, so they do not miss out on important concepts, ideas, knowledge and skills they require for future learning. If your child is sick, please keep them home and where possible, notify the teacher if your child is going to be absent.

Kindergarten Timetable

8.30	Doors Open
8.45-9.00	Greetings
9.00-9.45	Literacy Focus
9.45-10.00	Crunch N Sip
10.00-10.40	(Literacy continued)
10.40-11.20	Recess/Outdoor Play
11.20- 12.00	Numeracy Focus
12.00-1.00	Integrated Learning
1.00-1.45	Lunch/Outdoor Play
1.45-2.05	Rest Time/ story/yoga
2.05-3.00	Integrated Learning
3.00	Home time

Volunteering

We look forward to working in partnership with you and welcome parent volunteers into the classroom, during incursions and on excursions to assist.

Library

Kindergarten students can borrow a book from the library each week. Please ensure that your child returns the book on the allocated library day.

Communication

At Pickering Brook Primary School, we have number of communication channels:

- Communication Book
- Email
- School/class connect notices
- Newsletter
- Term planners
- Face Book/Instagram page

Please see the Parent Handbook for further details.

Research indicates that the attendance habits set up in Kindergarten and Pre-primary are likely to continue throughout a child's school life.

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