



MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Endeavour & Achieve

An Independent Public School

PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

Early Years of Schooling Kindergarten and Pre-primary

Teaching and Learning: An effective teaching and learning program in the early years provides the platform from which every child can become a successful student. Our Kindergarten and Pre-primary programs assist in the development of competent, confident and creative learners who grow to be responsible citizens. Our teaching and learning programs lay the foundation for language, literacy, numeracy, and social and emotional development.

Welcome to our school.



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Direct Number: Kindergarten/Pre-primary: 0436 625 784

Arrival and Departure Times: It is important to note that Kindergarten and Pre-primary children should be dropped off to the classroom and collected by a responsible adult at all times. Please notify the Kindergarten/Pre-primary immediately if arrangements are changed. Please be punctual when bringing and collecting your child. Being late causes anxiety, distress and often embarrassment.

Attendance: Going to school every day does really matter. Teachers plan programs in a sequence so children can build on skills and activities from one day to the next. Developing the habit of going to school regularly from Kindergarten is vitally important. It is compulsory for children in Pre-primary to attend full-time. If your child is late, please get a late note from the school office. If your child is going to be absent, please inform the school office of the reason in person, by telephone, in writing or by text.

Booklists: Please bring all items on the booklist on the first day of school. Please name all books. Most booklist items will be used as shared resources in the classroom. Children will need a large school bag that will easily hold a lunch box, water bottle, spare clothes, jumper and completed work. Booklists will be provided after transition meetings or with school reports. Copies of booklists are also available on our school website.

Bumps and Accidents: First Aid measures will be used if a child is hurt at school. Parents will be notified if a more serious incident takes place.

Bus Children: Those children who travel by bus will be taken directly to Kindergarten/Pre-primary each morning. Please advise the classroom teacher if your child is not on the bus as usual. Bus students will be taken across to the buses by the Education Assistant at the end of the day.

Change of Clothes: It is recommended that students bring a change of clothes in case of emergencies.

Communicable Diseases: Please contact us if your child contracts measles, mumps, chicken pox, glandular fever, German measles, conjunctivitis, ringworm, head lice, slap cheek or other communicable diseases so that we may notify parents if necessary. General health information can be obtained from the Health Department.

Communication: Please contact your child's teacher first if you have any concerns or questions. Whole school events and information will be available through the school newsletter, Facebook, SMS and parent notes. Classroom teachers will notify parents of any class events. Further information about our school can be found on our school website. Other information regarding your child's education can be found on the Department of Education's website.

Custody Arrangements: Please advise the school of any custody arrangements that involve your family. Documentation involving these arrangements must be provided.

Dogs: Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds at any time even if they are on a leash.

Early Departure of Children: If you need to collect your child early from school, please report to the school office at the main school to complete the sign out procedure.

Emergency Contacts: Parents must ensure that their phone numbers and the emergency contact's phone numbers are kept up to date in the event of an emergency. Please inform the school office and the class teacher of any changes to details.

Fruit and Snack: Children are asked to bring a piece of fruit and healthy snack to school every day. All children are asked to bring a water bottle that contains water only.

Library: Children in Pre-primary will be able to borrow books from the library once per week. Children will need a waterproof book bag to borrow books. Lost or damaged books will incur a cost.

Lost Property: Please write your child's name clearly on all clothing and belongings so that they may be returned as quickly as possible.

Lunch: Please provide your child with a healthy and nutritious lunch. Children are able to purchase lunches from the school canteen. The canteen follows the traffic light system, which promotes healthy, nutritious and affordable food and drinks. Menus are available from the school office.

Medication: Most prescribed medication can be administered at home. There are times however when medication needs to be administered at school. Before doing so, parents must complete a Health Care Form. If your child suffers from any health concerns, then the relevant medical forms need to be completed. All forms are available from the school office.

Money: Please send any money in an envelope with all details written on the front. Permission slips for excursions or incursions must be returned with money if requested for students to be involved.

Nut-Aware Zone: Some children experience severe allergies to nuts. Please assist us to keep these children safe by ensuring you provide nut free foods in your child's lunch box.

P&C Meetings: Meeting dates are published in the school newsletter, Facebook and SMS. We encourage you to support the P&C as they have made many significant contributions to our school.

Parent Roster: Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate in the parent roster. Helpers are welcome to stay until recess. Your assistance helps to enrich and extend our learning programs. All helpers need to sign a *Confidentiality Declaration Form* which is available from the school office or classroom teacher.

Parking: Parking is available across the road from Kindergarten building (Prater Street). Buses park directly in front of this building and parents are asked not to park in these spaces. Parents are asked to refrain from parking directly in front of the Kindergarten fence and along the Performing Arts building. Our students' safety is our priority.

Picking up Children: Parents are asked to inform the class teacher if adults other than the parents are to collect children from school.

Recycling: Clean recyclable materials are of great value to our early childhood program. Please collect and send along items suitable for collage work, eg cardboard boxes and cylinders (no toilet rolls or milk cartons please), foam trays, packing foam, greeting cards, cotton reels, plastic containers, wrapping paper, fabric, egg cartons, buttons, beads, corks, etc. Dress-up clothes (hats, shoes, bags, etc), dolls clothes, toys and books are all most welcome for the home corners.

Rest: We recognise that students have different requirements for rest, relaxation and sleep and we are responsive to those needs to ensure students feel safe and secure.

Separation Difficulties: Most children do not have difficulties parting from their parents at Kindergarten or Pre-primary. For those that do suffer from anxiety there are a few simple steps:

- Talk positively about school so that your child is happy to go every day.
- Settle your child at an activity before leaving.
- If your child is crying it is best to explain that you will be going, kiss them goodbye and then leave promptly. Linger can prolong the upset.
- We employ a variety of strategies to calm upset children and they usually calm down within a few minutes of your departure.
- You are welcome to contact the class teacher to check on your child, however we will contact you if your child experiences further distress.

Sick Children: The spread of infections or viral infections such as a cold or flu can be minimised if children stay home in the early stages of illness when they are most likely to spread the virus through coughing and sneezing.

Sun Smart School: We are a Sun Smart School. Students must wear a hat when outside.

Toys and Valuables: Parents are asked to ensure that toys are left at home as damage or loss could occur. Class teachers will advise parents about what items they may want students to bring as part of the learning program.

Uniforms: Uniforms are available from the Uniform Shop. Please contact the school office for opening hours. Please provide a hat for your child and ensure there is a change of clothes in their bag. Pre-primary is the first year of compulsory uniform. Please ensure students wear sandals or closed in shoes, and sneakers for sport.

Kindergarten Times - TBC

Pre-primary Times

8.30am to 3.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

8.30am to 2.30pm Wednesday