

Wantirna South Primary School

Transition Policy

Rationale

Transition is the successful movement of children from pre-school to primary school and later to secondary college. The school aims to make these experiences positive for students, their parents and teachers.

Expectation

Based on this rationale the expectations of the policy are -

- To promote positive feelings towards the next stage of their schooling;
- To establish effective communication between parents, students and teachers within the pre-schools and schools involved in the transition process;
- To encourage the idea of parents and teachers as partners in children's education;
- To develop the students abilities to adapt to changes involved in the transition process.

Implementation

Consistent with these expectations the program shall be implemented according to the following guidelines:-

Transition to Primary School

- Our school will provide pre-school children and their parents with relevant information to enable a successful transition between home/pre-school and school;
- Our school will provide familiarisation activities for local pre-schools and interested families.
- Foundation teachers and relevant staff will liaise formally and informally with local pre-schools and child care centres.
- Our school will adhere to the agreed Knox Network protocols for transition and enrolment.

Transition to Secondary Colleges

- Representative staff will participate in the district transition meetings;
- Representative staff will help children and their parents obtain information about local secondary colleges and assist them with their selection.
- Our school will work with local secondary colleges in providing familiarisation opportunities.
- Our school will provide relevant information concerning students with the secondary college.
- Our school will adhere to the agreed Knox Network protocols for transition.

Transition through Primary School

- Our school will provide incumbent students and their parents with relevant information to enable a successful transition between grades.
- Our school will provide familiarisation activities for current students through the 'Flying Start' program.
- Teachers and staff members will liaise formally and informally with current families.
- Our school will adhere to the agreed Knox Network protocols for transition and enrolment.

Other Policies

This Policy has been developed in accordance with the Department of Education's Professional Development Advisory Guide.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/profdev/Pages/default.aspx>

Evaluation

This Policy will be reviewed as part of a five year cycle or as directed by School Council. Review date: May, 2017.

This Policy was ratified by School Council in May 2012