



WELCOME TO MORNINGSIDE STATE SCHOOL PREP 2025

School starts Tuesday 28
January 2025

SESSION OVERVIEW



Welcome and Introductions

Principal Welcome

Sheryl Kennedy

P&C Welcome

Chris Gilbert

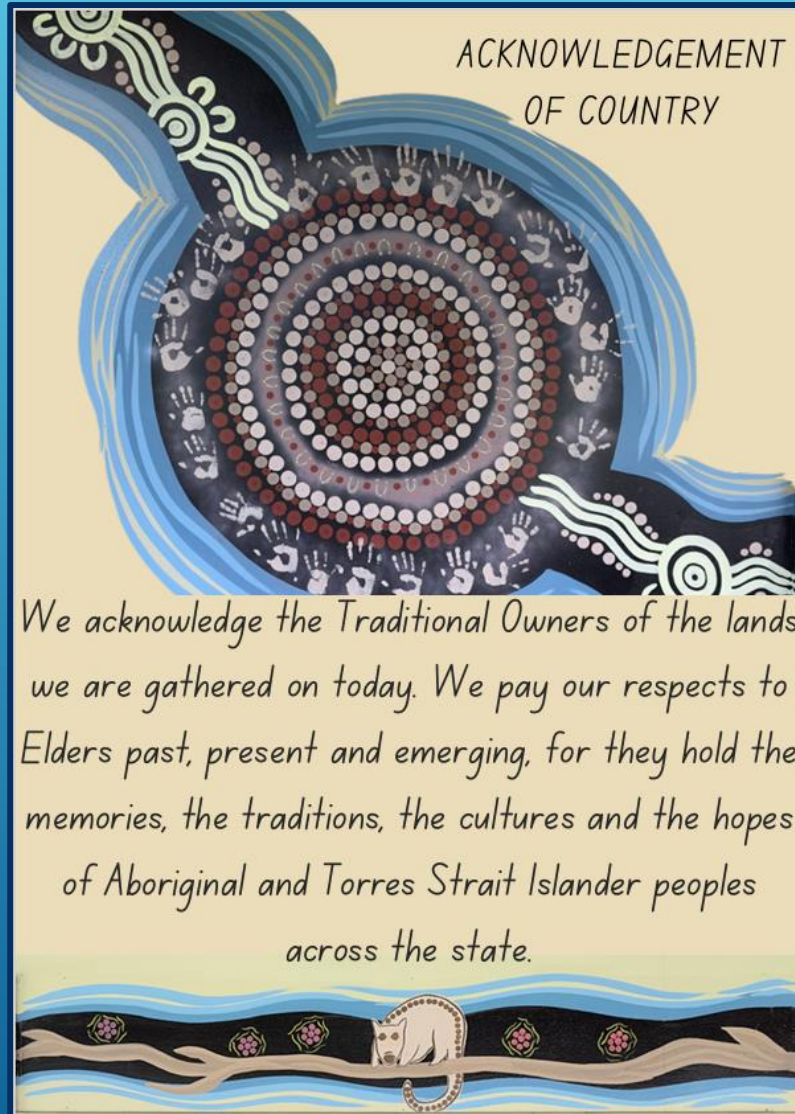
What to expect in Prep

Rachael Komen

Close of Evening



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands we are gathered on today. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures and the hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the state.

OUR CURRENT 2024 SCHOOL PRIORITIES



Morningside State School

Our 2024 “Equity and Excellence” Improvement Priorities

1. Continue to improve **English** achievement for **all** students in **Prep – Yr 2**.
 2. Increase the number of students achieving **A & B in English** in **Yrs 3 – 6**.
- by using **signature school practices** within an **inclusive** and **supportive school culture**.

“Realising the Potential of Every Student”



OUR SCHOOL TEAM



Our Staff:

- ▶ Principal, Deputy Principal, HOD-Curriculum (Mon-Thurs), Business Manager.
- ▶ 19 Classroom teachers (full time and part time).
- ▶ 5 Inclusion Teachers: P-2 (Mon-Fri), 3&4 (Mon-Fri), 5&6 (Mon-Fri), Inclusion Wellbeing Teacher (Mon-Thurs).
- ▶ Specialist Teachers: PE & Health, Japanese, Digital Technology & Library, Instrumental Music, Music & Drama, PBL Support.
- ▶ Guidance Officer (Tues – Thurs), SLP (Wed. & Thurs), Sustainability Partner (Fri), Community Liaison Officer, 2 Admin Officers, IT Support (Tues), Technical Officer (Mon-Fri), Teacher Aides, Cleaners, Schools Officer, Chaplain (Wed & Thurs).

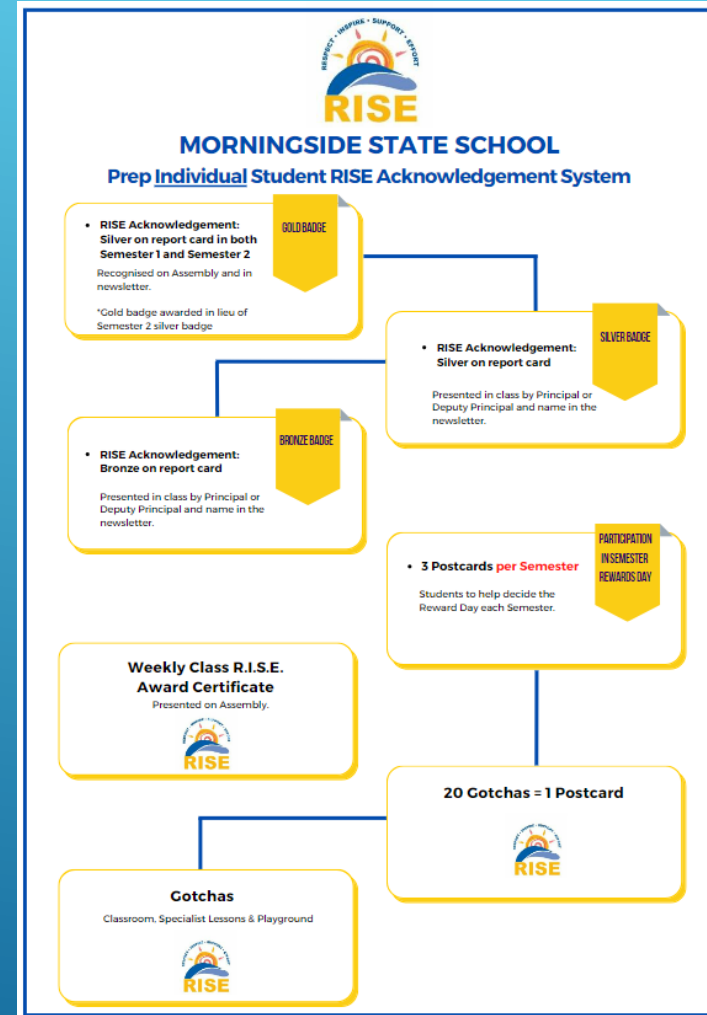


We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning School



R.I.S.E. Expectations:

Respect
Inspire
Support
Effort



PROUD OF OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM



Sports House Shirts

- Rossiter – Red
- Pashen – Green
- McConnell - Yellow



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Active School Travel
Solid Pathways program (Yrs 4-6)
Deadly Choices program
Peg and Line Art Show (biennial)
Coding Club (Yrs 4-6)
Choirs
Junior & Senior Bands (Yrs 4-6)
Ukulele Club (Junior & Advanced)
J Club (P-2 & 3-6)
Home Learning Club
Book Week
Camping program (Yrs 4-6)
Cheer
Talent Show
Environment Club @ Lunch time
Chess Club @ Lunch time
Reader's Cup
Breakfast Club

Sport Gala days with other schools (Yrs 4-6)
Inter-house Cross Country
Inter-house Athletics Carnivals
Inter-house Swimming Carnivals
District & Regional Sport
Student Leadership program
Balmoral SHS Links (STEAM, Japanese, Maths competitions)
Eco Warriors: Tangalooma
Under Eight's Day
ICAS Competitions
Premier's Reading Challenge
Games Club @ Lunch time
Run Club (seasonal)



PARTNERING WITH THE P&C AND OUR COMMUNITY

- ✓ Family Fun Night
- ✓ Trivia Night
- ✓ Fete
- ✓ Eco Fair
- ✓ Movie Nights
- ✓ Discos
- ✓ Swim Club
- ✓ Book Club
- ✓ Peg n Line
- ✓ School Centenary in 2026



TO COMPLETE YOUR ENROLMENT



Complete Enrolment Forms:

- ▶ Birth Certificate to be sighted by office staff
- ▶ 2 forms of official documentation for proof of residence (rates notice/lease agreement & utilities bill)



Student Resource Scheme:

- ▶ Total payment
- ▶ 3 instalments
- ▶ Centrepay or payment plans
- ▶ (In 2024, cost was \$245)



TO COMPLETE YOUR ENROLMENT



✓ **Kindy Transition Statement:**

- Sign permission form at your Kindy.

✓ **Interview:**

- Book a time on the SOBS link that will be emailed.
- Indicate if your child has a diagnosis or any special needs. We can plan to support your child and help with their transition to school.
- Complete the questionnaire and bring it for your interview.
- Interviews will start in July.

✓ **Prep Orientation Day:** (for 2025 enrolled students only)

- Wednesday 6 November 2024 11.30am - 1.30pm.
- SOBS booking link to be emailed.

✓ **Meet the Teacher Day:**

- A time to drop in and meet your teacher
- Monday 2 December 2024

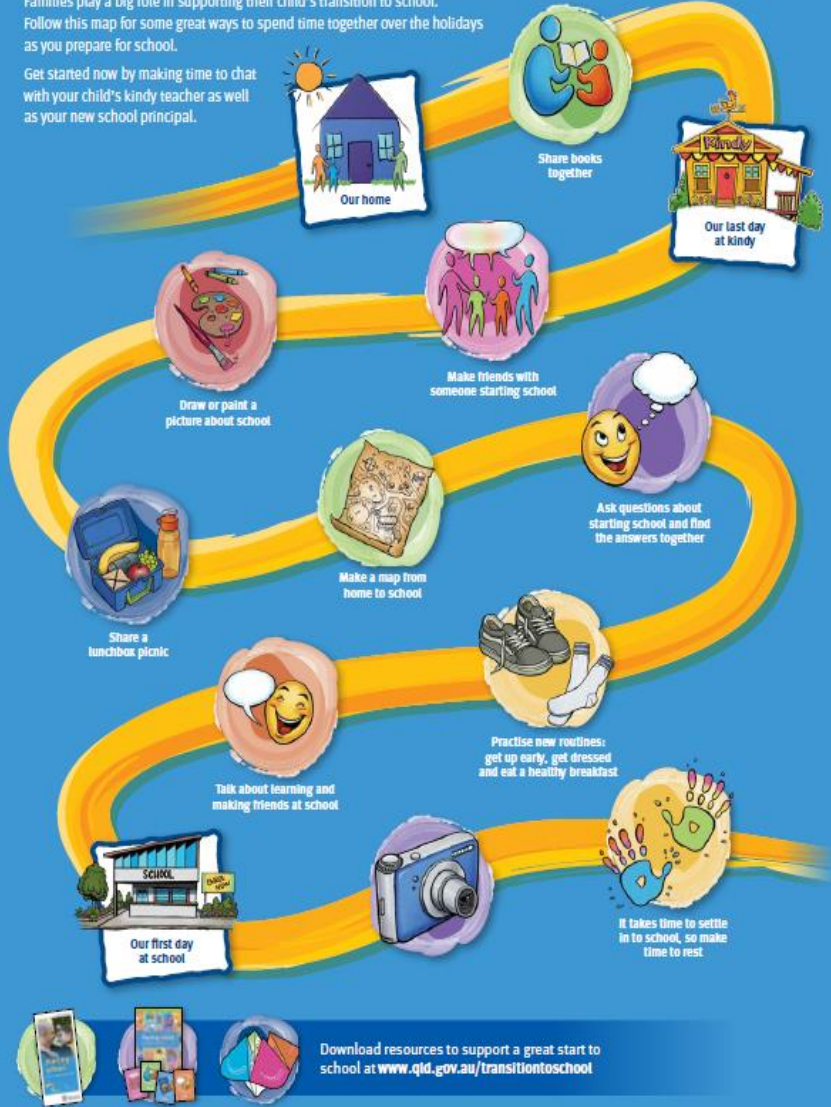


Starting school:

What can families do together?

Families play a big role in supporting their child's transition to school. Follow this map for some great ways to spend time together over the holidays as you prepare for school.

Get started now by making time to chat with your child's kindy teacher as well as your new school principal.



Transition statement consent form

Parent/carer: Release your child's transition statement

Child's name:

Parent/carer's name:

This form enables you to give consent for your child's transition statement to be shared by the kindergarten teacher with their new Prep teacher and/or other relevant staff at their new school.



There are many resources available to help families and children enjoy a positive start to school.



Download resources to support a great start to school at www.qld.gov.au/transitiontoschool

What else can I do?

- Remain positive about starting school, knowing that children settle in their own time.
- Share your child's kindy transition statement with your new school.
- Rest and relax together to support your child's wellbeing.

Find out more

- Visit www.qld.gov.au/transitiontoschool for more information and to download the online resources.
- Email transitions@qed.qld.gov.au

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Starting school
Tips to support your child

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Supporting positive transitions

Information for parents and families

Starting school is an important time in the lives of children and families. A great start can help your child develop a lifelong love of learning.

What can families do together?

Many children wonder what starting school will be like. It is a big change for your child and family.

A positive start to school can help your child develop a lifelong love of learning.

You know your child best and play a big role in helping them transition to school.

Here are some practical ideas for supporting your child at this important time.

Talk about school

Talking with your child about their first few days at school is an easy way to support them.

Talk about:

- their first day
- how to make friends
- your happy memories of school.

Build independence

At school, your child will look after their belongings and follow daily routines. Independence supports your child to join in at school.

You can support your child's independence by:

- setting up morning and evening routines
- helping them choose a lunch box they can open and close
- practising putting on their socks and shoes.

Your school community

Starting school is a chance for you to make new friends with other families and support each other.

You can meet other families by:

- going to school P&C nights
- helping in the tuckshop or uniform shop
- spending time in your child's classroom
- attending events at the school.

Read with your child

Reading with your child is special. You are bonding together and supporting their growth.

Sharing books with your child:

- builds their reading and language skills
- encourages a lifelong love of reading
- grows their understanding of the world.

Celebrate starting school

Starting school is a time to celebrate. Your child will feel important and their confidence will grow.

Celebrate starting school by:

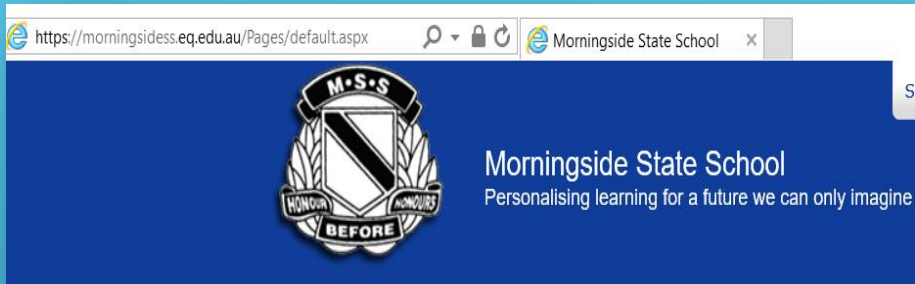
- counting down to the first day of school
- taking photos of your child's first day
- have a family party.

Your child's wellbeing

Your child's excitement about starting school may be mixed with sadness about leaving home and kindy, and worry about what school will be like.

- You can support your child's wellbeing by:
- talking about how they are feeling and why this might be
 - teaching them how and who to ask for help
 - making time to rest before school starts and over the first few weeks.







Morningside State School P&C

“Doing it for the kids”



Want to get
involved?



Why?



Make a difference



Network with the principal,
teachers, and other parents



Discuss concerns



Have a say

What?



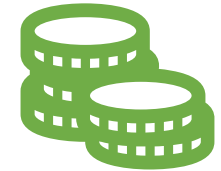
Consult on school
policy decisions



Assist with school
functions



Plan events and
fundraising activities



Manage the building
fund

How?



Outside School
Hours Care (OSHC)



Tuckshop



Swim Club



Apply for grants

When?



Meetings 3rd Wed each month
(during school term)
At the library and online



As little or as much as you want

Who?



It's not the people with the time



It's the people who care



A word from our Prep teachers



A day in the life of Prep

A day in Prep is made up of a variety of learning sessions, transition times, lunch and play breaks as well as specialist lessons throughout the week. We follow the Australian National Curriculum.

- ▶ English, Maths, Science, HASS as well as Technologies and the Arts.
- ▶ Specialist Lessons – Library, Music/Drama, Health, Japanese & PE - Swimming – Term 4
- ▶ Sports Day, Fun Run, Swimming Carnival, Under 8s, book week



Helpful Hints:

- ▶ **Writing their name** – learning to write and recognise their own name and practicing the correct pencil grip is a great help.
- ▶ **Naming** all clothing, containers, lunch boxes, water bottles **clearly**.
- ▶ **Practise unpacking/packing** their kindy/childcare bag now ready for school.
- ▶ Having a **good size school bag**. We recommend the Morningside School bag as it accommodates all folders, jumpers, hats & lunchboxes.
- ▶ **Shoes – Velcro**
- ▶ **Change of clothing** – for small accidents.
- ▶ **Snipping food packets** if your child is unable to open packets independently.





**Thank you for
coming**



**We look forward to
seeing you in 2025**

