



# WELCOME TO MORNINGSIDE STATE SCHOOL PREP 2024

School starts Monday 22  
January 2024



# SESSION OVERVIEW



Welcome and Introductions

Principal Welcome

Sheryl Kennedy

P&C Welcome

Chris Gilbert

What to expect in Prep

Bernadette Moore & Rachael Komen

Close of Evening



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



Morningside State School acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians. We recognise their cultures, histories and diversity and their deep connection to the lands, waters and seas of Queensland and the Torres Strait.

We acknowledge the Jagera people and the Turrbal people as the Traditional Custodians of Meanjin (Brisbane), the lands on which our school is located and where we meet, work and learn. We pay our respects to Jagera and Turrbul Elders past and present.



# OUR CURRENT 2023 SCHOOL PRIORITIES



- ✓ Improve English achievement for all students by using signature school practices within an inclusive and supportive school culture.
- ✓ Creating Outdoor Spaces in collaboration with the P&C
  - Oval Upgrade.



# OUR SCHOOL TEAM

**Leadership Team:** Principal, Deputy Principal, Head of Department (Curriculum), Head Inclusion Teacher, Business Manager.

**Teachers:** 19 classroom teachers, 2 Part-time Inclusion teachers.

**Specialist Teachers:** Music & Drama, Physical Education, Health, Japanese, Teacher Librarian (Prep), Digital Technologies Teacher, Instrumental Music (Yrs 4-6), PBL coach, Dance (Semester 1) and Visual Arts (Semester 2).

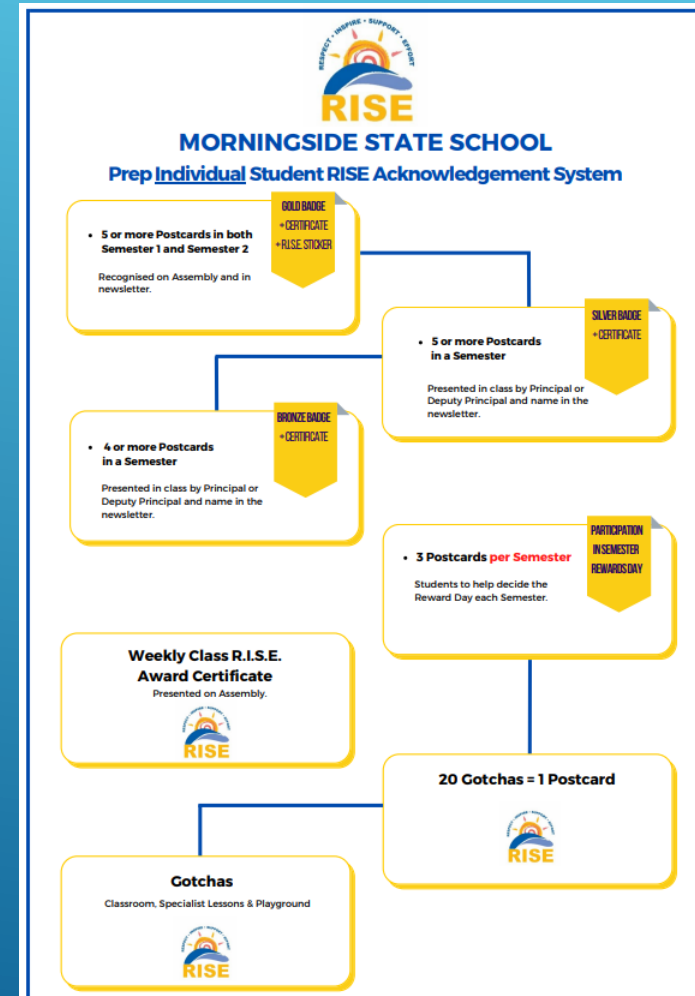
**Support Staff:** Prep teacher aides, general school and inclusion teacher aides, Guidance Officer Speech Pathologist, grounds schools officers, 3 cleaners, Parent Liaison Officer, 2 Admin Officers, Chaplain, "Sustainability Partner".



# We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning School



RISE Expectations:  
**R**espect  
**I**nspire  
**S**upport  
**E**ffort



# PROUD OF OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM



## Sports House Shirts

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



# EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Active School Travel  
Solid Pathways program (Yr 4-6)  
Deadly Choices program  
Peg and Line Art Show  
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



# 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 2023, 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 August.

## ✓ **Prep Orientation Day:** (for 2024 enrolled students only)

- Wednesday 1 November 2023 11.30am - 1.30pm.
- SOBS booking link to be emailed.

## ✓ **Meet the Teacher Day:**

- A time to drop in and meet your teacher
- Monday 4 December

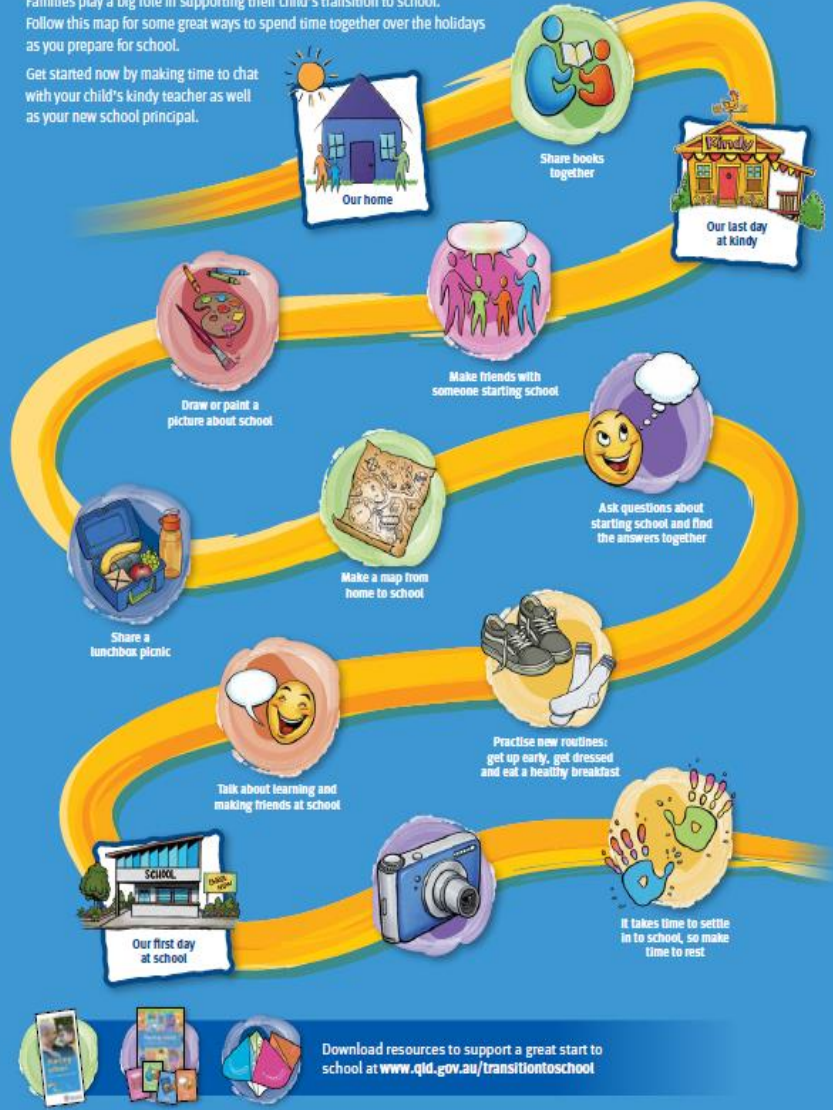


# Starting school:

## 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](http://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

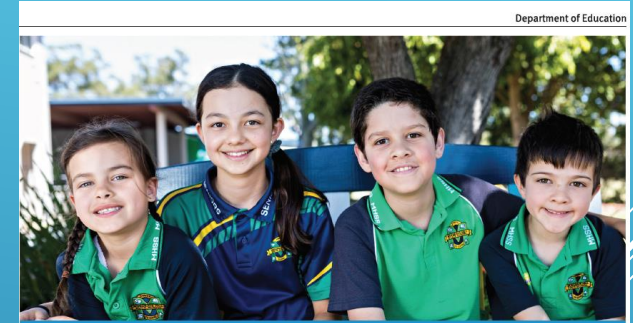
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- Email [transitions@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:transitions@qed.qld.gov.au)

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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.

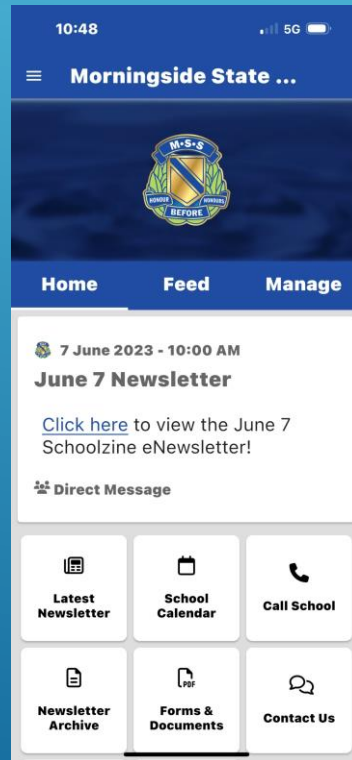
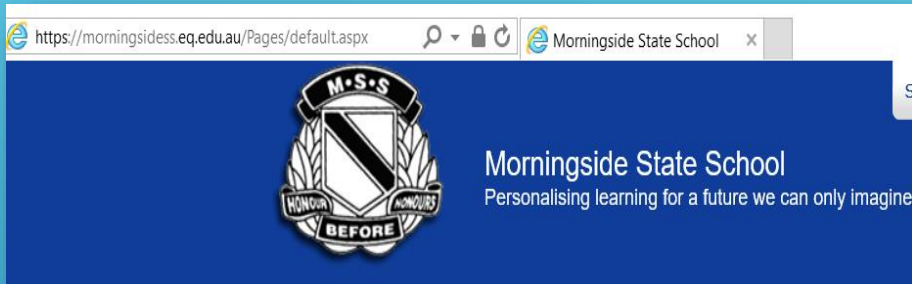
### Your child's wellbeing

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



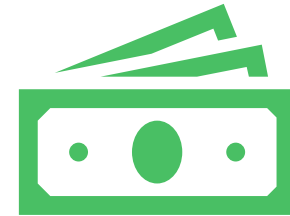
# What?



Consult on school policy  
decisions



Assist with school  
functions



Plan events and  
fundraising activities

# How?



Outside School  
Hours Care (OSHC)



Tuckshop



Swim Club



Apply for grants

# When?



Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



# Prep - what does it look like?

- **Prep Readiness:**

- Independent skills, managing toileting, spare clothes, Prep Orientation and Step-up Day's .

- **Learning Areas:**

- English, Maths, Science, HASS, Technologies and the arts.

- **Specialist Learning Areas:**

- Library, Music and Drama, Digital technologies, Health, Japanese, and PE (Swimming in Term4)

- **Special Events:**

- Including: Sports day, Fun Run, Swimming Carnival, Under 8's, Book Week, Free dress day's, Outdoor learning day, and many more.

- **PBL:**

- Whole school positive behaviour approach.

- **Other:**

- Range of indoor activities
- Home learning – Term 2.
- Prep Teacher Aides.





Thank you for  
coming

We look forward to  
seeing you in 2024

