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Best Start Bookings - Kindergarten 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Prior to your child commencing Kindergarten, they will complete a Best Start Assessment. This is a statewide assessment that helps our teachers identify literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten. A parent and carer's guide to the Best Start Assessment has been attached for your information.

Your child will be required to attend a session on either one of these dates - **Friday 28 January, Monday 31 January, Tuesday 1 February or Wednesday 2 February 2022**. A teacher will conduct the assessment with your child which will take approximately one hour. Bookings are subject to availability as there are limited spaces for each session.

Please arrive 5 minutes before your scheduled time at the staff car park where you and your child will be met by a staff member. To remain COVID safe, your child will proceed to the learning space and you can collect your child at the end of the session from the staff car park.

Please go to the School Interviews website: [School Interviews](#) and follow the simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN:- Monday 6 December, 9.00am
BOOKINGS CLOSE:- Thursday 27 January, 5.00pm

Event Code **ksba8**

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

Parents/Carers can change the session time subject to availability, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au Website and using the event code.

Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 02 4573 3200.

Kind regards,

Michael Mifsud
Principal

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

A parent and carer's guide to the assessment

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a state-wide assessment that helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten.



Children start school with a range of early literacy and numeracy knowledge, skills and understandings. Many students are already engaging with the world around them to express their ideas. Many students start school knowing a range of things about numbers, patterns and basic mathematical ideas.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a state-wide assessment that helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten. The assessment provides teachers with information on how to best support each student's needs at school. It consists of both a literacy and numeracy component.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment supports teachers to develop teaching and learning programs that build upon what students know and can do. Teachers sit with the child one on one focussing on what they can do. The assessment does not require any preparation.

Teachers will provide parents and carers with information about the skills their child demonstrated during the assessment. All children learn at different rates and parents do not need to be concerned if their child can't answer all of the questions.

Parents and carers will receive information about Best Start when enrolling in their local public school.

Literacy assessment

The literacy tasks are designed to identify whether students can recognise familiar words, recall details about a picture book that has been read to them, write their name, understand how books work and recognise sounds and letters.

During the literacy assessment the teacher will ask questions like:

- 'Listen to these words: map, tap. Can you think of another word that rhymes?'
- Read a story book to the child and ask: 'Can you tell me about the story that I just read to you?'

These questions will assist the teachers in determining if a student can recognise familiar print and recall information from a picture book. These are important literacy skills that children will develop over their first year at school.

Numeracy assessment

The numeracy tasks are related to early number concepts and are designed to identify how well a student can count; which numbers they can recognise; whether they can count a number of objects, add or subtract small numbers; and recognise repeating patterns.

During the numeracy assessment the teacher will ask questions like:

- 'Start counting and I'll tell you when to stop.'
- 'Can you tell me what number this is?' 5

These questions will assist the teachers in determining if the student can recognise numbers and count from one onwards. Throughout Kindergarten students will learn to recognise numbers 1-100 and count to 30.

For more information about the Best Start Kindergarten assessment contact your child's school.