

Kindergarten Experience 2020

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Starting School

- * Starting school is an important time for children, families and our school
- * It's a time of change
- * It's a time of uncertainty for some
- * Overall, it's one of the major milestones in every family's life and a most exciting time!

We are here to help you!



School readiness has **very little** to do with academic development



School Readiness has **more** to do with your child's social and emotional development

The Law ...

Children need to be at school by their 6th Birthday.



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Children can start as early as 4 ½. Their birthday needs to be on or before **31st July** in the year they start school.



Confident children thrive.

- Following instructions
- Asking for help
- Trying new things
- Persisting with tasks
- Making choices
- Answering questions



Encourage your child to be independent.

- eating
- dressing
- toileting
- looking after their own belongings



Social skills are essential

- Considers others and doesn't always need to be the 'boss' or 'first'.
- Expresses how they feel in ways that don't upset others
- Waits for turn to talk and doesn't interrupt.
- Shares and takes turns in games.



What can parents do to minimise stress?

- Be organised – give yourself plenty of time in the morning
- Develop a Monday – Friday routine for school term.
- Label everything



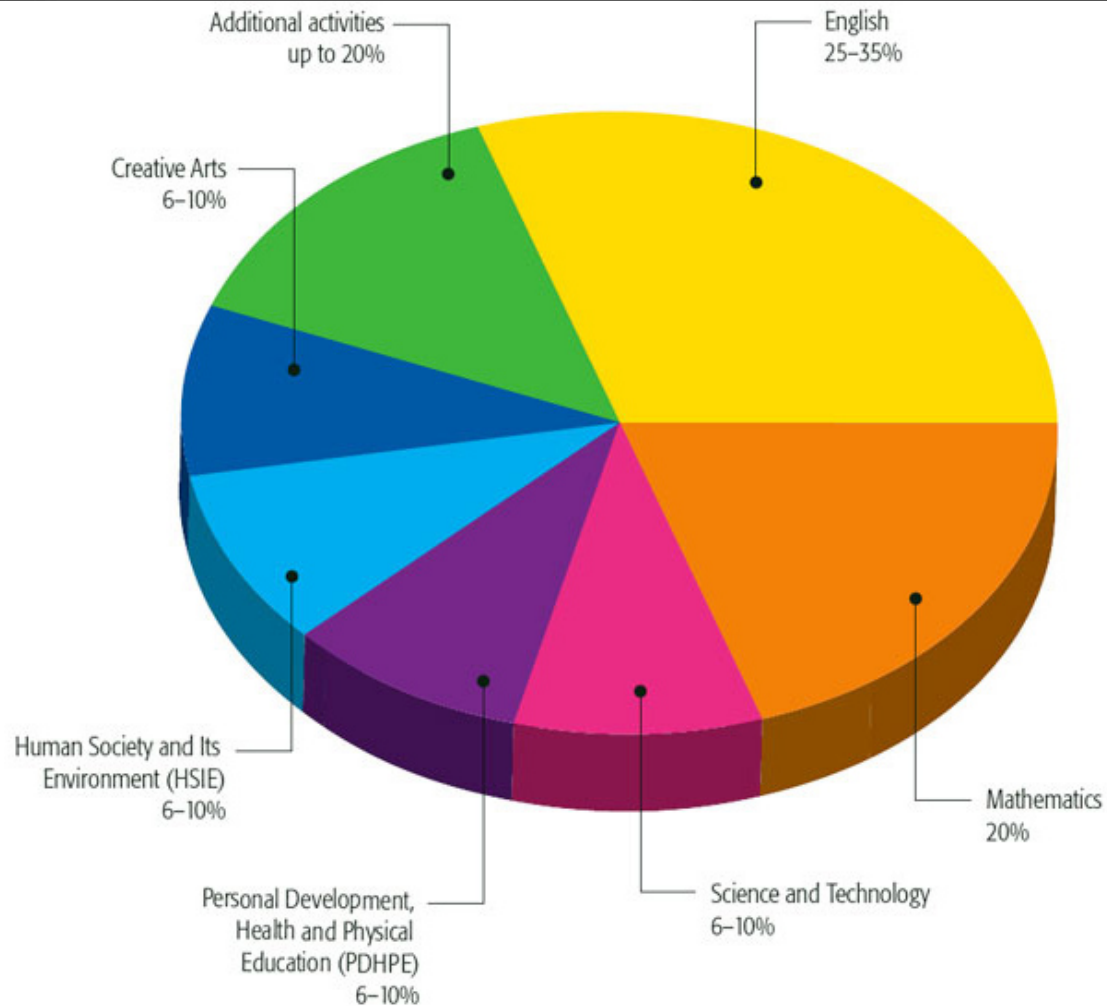
The Good News!!

Getting your child ready for school

- * Make sure your child can use the toilet independently
- * Go for a walk together and practise crossing roads safely
- * Set up a play date for your child to play with a friend
- * Go to the local library and let your child choose books to borrow
- * Take a ball to the park to throw, catch and kick together
- * **Let your child practise:**
 - Putting on school shoes and walking in them
 - Dressing in their school uniform
 - Writing alphabet letters
 - Cutting and pasting pictures from a magazine and drawing pictures.



Key Learning Areas



KNC Term 1 Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
9:15-10:00	Literacy Groups	Scripture	Literacy Groups	Literacy Groups	Synthetic Phonics	
					Crunch 'N' Sip (10-10:10)	
					Circle Time	
10:00-10:50	Mathematics	Synthetic Phonics (Annette M - in class support)	Drama Toolbox	Synthetic Phonics	Library RFF - Jill: 10:45-11:30	
Morning Tea					11:30-12:00	
11:20-12:00	Synthetic Phonics	Mathematics	English	Wellbeing and Mindfulness	Mathematics	
12:00-12:50	English	Writing	Even Mathematics	Odd Science - Graeme: 12:20-12:50	Mathematics	Writing
Lunch						
1:45-2:30	Fine Motor Skills/Developmental Play	Mandarin - Alison	Even Mathematics	Odd Science - Graeme: 1:45-2:15	PDHPE - Outdoor sport	Geography
2:30-3:15	Comprehension/Class Story	Music RFF - Genevieve	Class Games and Activities - Vocabulary	Art	PDHPE - Health	

Learning Support

These policies and programs include:

Learning Support Team - (DP, School Counsellor & LAST)

Integration funding

District Itinerant Support – Hearing, vision, autism, transition & behaviour

English as a Second Language (EAL/D) Program

Community languages program

Kindergarten Orientation Days

To be scheduled in Term 4



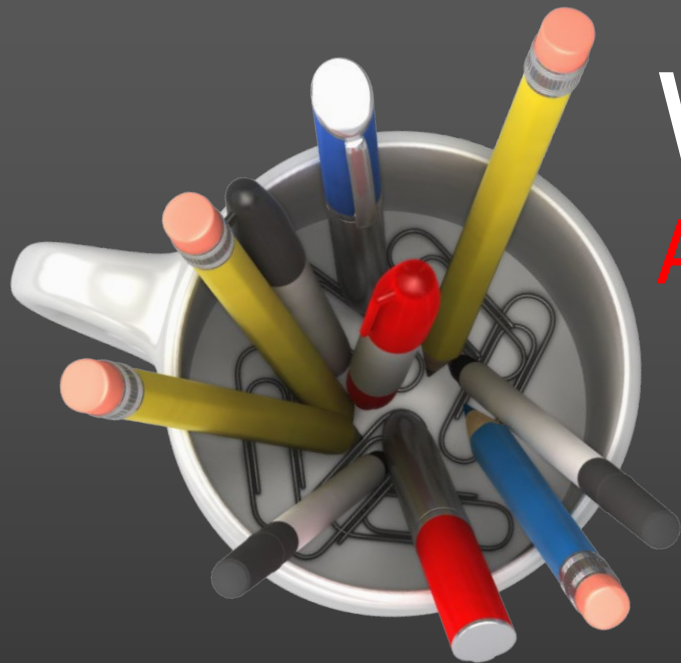


What is Best Start?

An interview with each child to assess their literacy and numeracy skills upon school entry.

It provides teachers with valuable information which supports quality teaching and learning in Kindergarten classrooms.





Who is involved?

All Kindergarten students
in public schools

When will this take place?

Schools usually stagger the starting date for
Kindergarten students



Best Start



The Key Message for Parents



The Best
Start
Kindergarten
interview is
NOT a test!



Best Start



ANY QUESTIONS?

