NATHALIA PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRE-SCHOOL TO PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITION
POLICY

Rationale:

Primary school students need sufficient time to adjust to the demands of a new educational environment.

Aims:

- To provide a smooth and positive transition from pre-school to primary school for all students

Implementation:

- An appropriate teaching staff member will be appointed to co-ordinate our transition program.
- Nathalia Primary School will maintain its participation in Nathalia Early Years group.
- Information will be sought about each child from the pre-school via the ‘Transition Learning Development Statement’, and meetings will be organised with parents of children with additional/special needs to discuss programs and resource requirements.
- A collaborative transition program exists with Nathalia Early Years group which allows each child and their parents to attend our school for information sessions with a targeted transition program operating during term 4.
- Visits will consist of familiarisation tours of the school which will be conducted by our student leadership team. Any visiting artists or performances that are occurring during term 4 may be incorporated into the transition program.
- A Buddy system will operate between appropriately selected grade 4 students and the incoming preps. This will commence during prep transition.
- It is anticipated that teaching roles and classes for the following year will be finalised in time for the final pre-school visit, so that parents can be made aware of, and meet their child’s teacher, and so that children can have an experience with their ‘new’ teacher in the corresponding classroom.
- An information session will occur in term 3 so that parents can be informed about the school’s programs and procedures, and an opportunity will be provided for questioning and discussions.
- All parents will receive detailed information packages about the school, and all prep students will be mailed a welcome letter that will arrive at their home address over the Christmas vacation period.
- A morning tea for parents will be provided on the first day of school, with specialist staff assisting classroom teachers with the needs of the new students.
- Prep students will not attend school on the first four Wednesdays of term 1.
- Home visits will be conducted during February for all prep students.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.


This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... November 2012