



TRANSITION POLICY - valid until January 2014

The staff of Keyneton Primary School believes that a smooth transition into the school environment provides children with a positive beginning to their schooling years. This experience allows students to:

- become familiar with both the school and classroom environments and resources,
- become familiar and comfortable with all staff members within the school,
- build positive relationships with other students at the school,
- interact with and form positive attitudes towards their new learning environment.

Therefore we have established the following procedures to ensure students' transition into our school is successful.

Transition visits

There will be 5 or 6 visits during a term. Where possible, the Keyneton Junior Primary class teachers will visit the Angaston Kindergarten during the child's final term at kindy.

First meeting (where necessary)

Parents and children meet with the Principal to look through the school and become familiar with our facilities. Information will be given out regarding the school, the child's class and teacher, uniforms, daily start and dismissal times etc.

Visits 1 & 2

Children visit school without their parents. Children will be involved in classroom activities and will have a buddy within the class to help them settle in from 9.00 – 11.30am.

Children will need to bring their own recess, a drink bottle and wear a broad-brimmed hat.



Visits 3 & 4

Children participate in classroom activities and will stay through lunch time until 1.50pm. Children will need to bring their own recess and lunch and wear a broad-brimmed hat.

Visits 5 & 6

Children attend school for the whole day. Children will need to bring their recess and lunch and a broad-brimmed hat.

The days of the visits will be negotiated between the school and families. The frequency and duration of the transition will be adapted according to individual student's needs.

Time spent in Junior Primary

Children enrolling at Keyneton Primary School spend a minimum of 11 terms and a maximum of 14 terms in Junior Primary, ie. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Education Department Policy recommends that children attend Junior Primary for 11 to 14 terms. Evidence, from NAPLaN testing, suggests students who have spent only 10 terms in Junior Primary experience difficulties with literacy and numeracy concepts in relation to their peers as they reach middle primary school.

Therefore we recommend the time spent in Junior Primary at Keyneton Primary School is:

TERM BEGINNING SCHOOL	TIME SPENT IN JUNIOR PRIMARY
Term 1	12 Terms
Term 2	11 Terms
Term 3	14 Terms
Term 4	13 Terms

In exceptional circumstances some students may only spend 10 terms in Junior Primary. This would be agreed upon between the caregivers, classroom teacher and Principal.

Approved by Governing Council

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Chairperson

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Principal

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