

School Readiness Information

Please note this is a guideline for starting Kindergarten at Banora Point Primary School.

Your child is not expected to be able to do all skills mentioned in this brochure independently. We will work with you and your child to help facilitate a smooth transition into Kindergarten at Banora Point Primary School. This is a starting point only.

If you have concerns regarding your child, please speak to your child care provider or pre-school teacher.

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Engaging Minds
Empowering Success

School Readiness Checklist

**Consider the following skill sets.
Is your child able to...**

Language Skills

- Follow instructions
- Understand what the pre-school teacher is asking
- Communicate with others

Motor Co-Ordination

- Put on a jumper or jacket and do up buttons
- Unwrap plastic wrap on food or open packets
- Zip and unzip school bag
- Hold and use pencils and scissors

Concentration

- Focus on tasks
- Follow directions and instructions
- Attempt to complete set activities

Emotional and Social Development

- Cope with structured routine and environment.
- Cope with transitions and change
- Understand rules and consequences without getting upset
- Understand, manage and talk about their feelings and emotions
- Separate from parents/caregivers confidently
- Interact with other children
- Share and take turns

Too much time on a device will not assist your child's social and emotional development which is among the most important aspects of school readiness.

Independence

- Use the toilet independently
- Dress themselves
- Follow structured classroom routine
- Recognise their name so they can easily find their belongings

Resilience

- Talk through problems and respond to issues without aggression
- Manage their emotions

What can you do at home to give your child the best start?

Before Starting School

- Read to your child daily and discuss what you have read
- Talk together. Ask questions, listen and encourage your child to ask why
- Encourage independence. Use the toilet and dress/undress themselves
- Provide crayons, pencils and paper and encourage to draw and write
- Use positive language and lots of positive reinforcement
- Encourage healthy eating
- Provide opportunities to socialise with different groups such as families, sport, preschool etc
- Attend the formal transition program provided by the school, meeting other parents
- Contact the school regarding any concerns you may have
- Encourage your child to talk about school
- Talk about school in a positive manner

- Drive past or practice walking to school
- Encourage your child to practice writing their name
- Practice using a lunch box and opening packets

Develop daily routines at home including a set bedtime and a set time to get up in the morning ahead of school.

Once At School

- Be organised and arrive at school on time
- Continue to talk to the school/teacher about any concerns you may have
- Encourage your child to talk about school, what they do, who they play with etc.
- Continue to talk about school in a positive way
- Ensure you keep up to date with school events. All events are published in newsletters, School Stream, Online Calendar and the school Facebook page.
- Read home readers once children start bringing home books
- Get into a routine. Have a set bedtime.
- Pack a healthy lunch
- Put spare clothes in school bag in case of accidents

