



**St Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL **BULLI**  
*Truth and Light*

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Dear Parents and Carers of Kindergarten 2022

Starting school is an important milestone for your child and family. This year, your child's orientation to school has been impacted by COVID-19 directives for schools. I am pleased to advise that we are now able to host an adjusted version of our Kindergarten *Transition to School Through Play* program.

The aim of the *Transition to School Through Play* sessions is for your child to:

- meet future classmates and make connections
- get to know their new learning environment and the playgrounds
- experience some school routines
- meet the Kindergarten teachers and know that there are people in the school environment to help them
- feel secure, confident and connected.

Your child is invited to attend 2 sessions (1 hour duration 9:30am - 10:30am) in a group of up to 20 students. Information on selecting the group and booking your child in for the *Transition to School Through Play* sessions is attached.

The sessions for each group will be:

**Group 1**

Monday 22 November

Monday 29 November

**Group 2**

Wednesday 24 November

Wednesday 1 December

**Group 3**

Thursday 25 November

Thursday 2 December

Children are encouraged to bring *Munch and Crunch* and a drink bottle to their orientation visit. *Munch and Crunch* should be a **small** serve of either fruit or vegetables cut up into bite size pieces, and in a container your child is able to open. This should be something they can eat in 5 minutes. Please ensure your child's name is on the container and drink bottle.

Your child should also bring a hat labelled with their name.

**Our COVID-safe orientation measures**

As we continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19, the wellbeing of our students, staff and school community always comes first. For this reason, only 1 parent who is fully vaccinated may enter the school grounds but will not be able enter any indoor areas, including the school hall where the playgroup will be held.

Only fully vaccinated adults are allowed on school sites and will be required to show evidence of their vaccination status to a school staff member. Unvaccinated parents and carers will not be allowed on site on the day.

On the first day of your child's session the Principal will provide a guided tour of the school for the parent who is able to attend. The other session will be an opportunity for you to meet some other parents. Younger siblings may attend but should be without any cold or flu-like symptoms.

I would like to provide you with a summary of the COVID-safe practices that will be in place at St Joseph's during Kindergarten orientation.

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

- The nominated parent or carer will be invited to enter the school grounds outside the school hall on Park Road. You will need to sign in using the school's QR code and also the Services NSW sign in (Include your child).
- After signing in you will pick up a name tag for your child and pin it on to them.
- A teacher will greet your child and bring them into the hall. Before the day, let your child know that you won't be coming into the hall so that they are prepared for this.
- Children will be dismissed from the same place.
- Arrive between 9:15am - 9:30am.
- No children, parents or staff will be allowed to participate in the orientation if they are unwell or displaying cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Strategies will be in place to reduce crowding and queuing, and 1.5m social distancing measures will be in place for parents to line up with children on arrival and dismissal.
- Children participating in orientation will be kept separate from the rest of the student population.
- Hygiene products—including hand soap, sanitiser, sanitising wipes and tissues—will be provided.
- A mask is not mandatory for your child but is recommended.
- All staff will wear a mask in the hall.

More information about our COVID-19 practices and protocols can be found on the [Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong COVID-19 Information Centre](#).

The Kindergarten teachers and I look forward to seeing your child at the *Transition to School Through Play* sessions. As always, please contact the school office should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Jen Charadia  
Principal





