

# READY FOR SCHOOL



## What to consider when starting school...



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# TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

Start thinking about getting your child ready for school early.

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL (TTS)

*3 components*

A comprehensive Transition to School (TTS) Program needs to support everybody to be ready. This means all those involved work in partnership together so that your child has a smooth start and a successful experience at school.

### *1. Your child 2. Your family 3. Your school*

This is an ongoing process that starts in the years before school begins and continues until your child settles into school.

Your key worker will help you to coordinate this process.

## **YOUR CHILD**

**At EarlyEd, we recognise that starting school is a big step.** EarlyEd's transition to school program is flexible and responsive, based on the individual goals for your child and family. This can include learning at:

- home
- preschool/child care
- in the community
- EarlyEd centres

**As individual goals are planned and reviewed,** focus is on building the skills that are needed to be ready to learn in the school environment. These can include:

- attending
- following directions
- independence eg: looking after your own belongings, opening a lunchbox
- playground skills
- working on their own
- playing and making friends
- pre-academic eg: numeracy/literacy readiness
- listening and understanding

## **YOUR FAMILY**

**Through a TTS program, EarlyEd helps families to know what is needed to start their child at school and how to ensure a positive school experience.**

With this program families will:

- feel confident about their decisions
- be better prepared
- understand what their child needs in the school environment

Support from your experienced and specialised EarlyEd Transition to School team can help to:

- plan the transition process
- understand what type of school would suit child's needs
- plan assessments, funding and school options
- liaise with schools
- attend transition to school meetings and orientation

Family to family discussion groups allows families opportunities to meet, share and talk. Trained staff support families to feel more empowered, informed and confident as they enter into the school environment.

Discussion topics can include

- resilience and advocacy
- behaviour and friendships
- communicating with your school

### **Small Group Program:**

**EarlyEd offers small specialised learning group sessions for children and families.**

Together in the group session staff and families foster the skills needed to assist their child to be ready for the school environment and develop strategies to use in everyday settings and routines.

### **Individual Program:**

Your Keyworker can support your family through an Individual Transition to School program.

## **YOUR SCHOOL**

**Partnering together with your child's school is an important part of the preparation.**

This involves:

- establishing the team to support your child at school
- communicating and building connections between the people involved in existing and new settings

### **ConsultEd: Training and Development**

EarlyEd offers individualised workshops to suit:

- your school's staff team
- children's individual needs

EarlyEd workshops and training provide:

- practical, positive approaches
- support with all developmental areas
- follow up individualised support to integrate knowledge from the workshop into your practice

Workshops topics such as:

- behaviour, sensory, communication
- playground environment



*"Having the support of EarlyEd during our daughter's transition to school was extremely valuable to our family.*

*Not only were they able to support us in our exploration of school options but having EarlyEd representatives with us during school meetings meant that the school knew we were eager to work together for the best outcomes for our daughter.*

*It also provided emotional support for us as parents and another point of view."*

**KAITLYN'S MUM**

**EarlyEd is a family centred early childhood intervention service for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school aged children with disabilities or delays in their development.**

**Since 1979, EarlyEd has been offering support and services to families in their local areas.**

**EarlyEd teams use highly qualified staff with extensive experience and specialised training in early intervention practices.**



***Supporting the successful transition of children with disabilities and delays into their school community.***

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