

## Get Your Child Set for Prep

Prep lays the educational foundations for all students to attain the skills required for success in later schooling.



Our Prep program offers rich opportunities for individualised learning experiences to support all students. Through active and dynamic learning, Prep students learn to solve problems, communicate and build creative thinking skills.

## School Events for 2019

Come and participate in our

- Under 8s Day — Friday 31 May
- Prep Parent Information Night — 18 June at 6pm
- Pre-Prep Program — beginning 23 July weekly during the 1st session of the school day (can do)
- Prep Enrolment Interviews — 14 August to 24 August
- Transition Days — 22 October and 10 December during the first session of the school day (have to)

### At Birkdale South we believe:

- starting school is an important time in the lives of children and families.
- a positive start can help your child develop a lifelong love of learning.
- the first year of school (Prep) is full of new and exciting experiences.
- families play a significant role in supporting their child to have a positive transition to school.
- all children have different interests, needs and motivations and your child's transition from kindy to Prep will be unique.
- in teaching to the Australian Curriculum—Foundation Year in an age appropriate way.

( [http://docs.acara.edu.au/resources/information\\_for\\_parents\\_Foundation\\_year.pdf](http://docs.acara.edu.au/resources/information_for_parents_Foundation_year.pdf) )

## Ways you can help your child



### 'Get Set for Prep'.

- Read and talk about books everyday eg the front and back cover, where to start reading, look at the pictures and talk about them.
- Converse with your child with back and forth turn taking in conversations.
- Help your child recognise their name and practice writing it.
- Know the letters in their name.
- Collect groups of objects of a given amount eg. Can you bring me three spoons? and identifying how many they have.
- Use mathematical language eg. size words—big, small, long, short, tall.
- Name and recognise colours.
- Read environmental print eg numbers and letters



## If your child can -

- Hold and use scissors accurately and with smooth motion?
- Go to the toilet independently?
- Share and take turns with others?
- Ask for help when needed?
- Take their shoes off and put them on independently?
- Open and close a lunch box, water bottle and school bag?
- Open packets and containers?

Are you ready for Prep?

