



**North Morley Primary School**  
**2023 Kindergarten**  
**Information Booklet**



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## **Welcome**

Welcome to North Morley Kindergarten! We hope that this will be a happy and rewarding beginning that creates some fond memories for you and your child. We aim to make your child's initial contact with school a happy and engaging experience that establishes positive attitudes towards school and learning.



This information package is designed to inform you about the Kindergarten year. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions regarding the information in this booklet, or about any aspects of Kindergarten. We look forward to establishing a partnership with you and your child throughout the year, and sincerely hope that you enjoy your time here at North Morley Primary School.

## **Getting Ready for Kindergarten**

Helping your child develop a positive first experience of school is important as it can help shape the way they think about school in the future.

Below are some simple strategies that you can do with your child, to help them get ready to start kindergarten.

- Read stories with your child about starting school.
- Go past the school and talk to your child about how they soon will be going there.
- Go shopping together to buy the things that they will need for school.
- Have a routine each morning as you and your child get ready for school.
- Introduce yourself to other parents and become involved in the school community and P&C.
- Once school starts ensure your child gets enough rest. You may find that your child is more tired than usual. This is normal as they adjust to busy Kindergarten days.
- Provide your child with healthy meals during the day to sustain their focus and energy.
- Talk to your child when they get home each day. Your enthusiasm is important for them to see and feel and will show them that school is important.
- Get to know your child's Teacher and Education Assistant, and don't hesitate to talk to them about any issues you may have.



## **What Your Child Learns at Kindergarten**

The Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines focus on children's learning and development consistent with the Early Years Learning Framework. These documents outline what children in Kindergarten should know, understand, value and be able to do at their own level of development.

The Kindergarten programme aims to provide a comfortable, flexible and secure learning environment where children can learn and play together in a supportive environment. A well balanced programme of structured and unstructured learning experiences is designed to promote the social, emotional, educational and physical needs of your child's development.

By providing a rich variety of learning experiences your child will develop core elements of pre-literacy and pre-numeracy skills that they will build on throughout their schooling.

### **What if my Child Cries on the First Day?**

This is a very normal occurrence especially if your child has never been left by you before. Over the holidays try and leave your child at a friend's or family member's house for a few hours to get them used to not being with you for small periods of time. There are suggestions from the *Preparing for kindergarten* section of this information pack. The Teacher and Education Assistant will calm your child down once you leave and can call you during the day to let you know how they are.

### **Class Times**

Children attend Kindergarten for 5 full days each fortnight.  
Doors open for morning activities at 8.40am.

Wednesday	8.50am – 3.00pm (Odd school weeks e.g. Week 1,3,5)
Thursday	8.50am – 3.00pm
Friday	8.50am – 3.00pm



Please check the term planner for dates.

### **School Term Dates**

**Term 1:** Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 6 April

**Term 2:** Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June

**Term 3:** Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September

**Term 4:** Monday 9 October – Thursday 14 December



### **School Development Days**

School Development Days are used to provide Professional Development for staff. Students do not attend school on these days. The dates for the 2023 school year are:

**Term 1:** Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 January 2023

**Term 2:** Monday 24 April 2023

**Term 3:** Friday 25 August 2023

**Term 4:** Friday 10 November & Friday 15 December 2023

### **Public Holidays**

**Labour Day:** Monday 6 March

**Good Friday:** 7 April (during the Term 1 Break)

**Easter Monday:** 10 April (during the Term 1 Break)

**Anzac Day:** Tuesday 25 April

**WA Day:** Monday 5 June

**King's Birthday Holiday:** Monday 25 September (during the Term 3 Break)

### **What to Bring to Kindergarten**

**School Bag:** A reasonably sized school bag to fit all your child's items such as lunch box, spare clothes, hat, artwork. The uniform shop has school branded bags that can be purchased.

**Water Bottle:** Children are to bring a water bottle to school every day that they are able to have in the classroom. Please only fill the water bottle up with water not juice or soft drink.

**Lunch Box:** A healthy recess and lunch is required. Please remember that we are an allergy aware school, which means no nut products, as we have children with anaphylaxis.

**Change of Clothes:** Please leave a change of clothes in a plastic bag in your child's bag at all times in case of accidents. Accidents aren't just toilet related, they can also be from water play or lunch spills etc. Please don't forget to change the clothes to suit the seasons.

**Cushion:** A cushion is required for rest and read time throughout the year.

*Please clearly label all of your child's possessions*

### **Resource List**

Purchasing the required items on the booklist ensures that your child has all the resources that they need for school. It would be greatly appreciated if all your children's items could be clearly labelled, and on the first day your child's items could be provided to the staff in a labelled bag to be sorted.

### **What to Wear to Kindergarten**

Children should wear comfortable clothes to Kindergarten that allows for inside and outside activities. Please clearly label your child's clothing, and check that your child's clothes allow them to go to the toilet easily. The school uniform can be purchased from the uniform shop, please see the included flyer. As the children will be running and climbing outside, sensible shoes such as sneakers, runners or supportive sandals are ideal. Shoes such as thongs, slippers and gum boots should not be worn. Children need to wear a wide brimmed hat at school, as caps do not provide enough protection from the sun.



### **Paint on Clothes**

Some of our activities can be messy and despite children wearing an apron and our best efforts children may get paint on their clothes. Most of the paint we use comes out in COLD water. Please don't use stain removing sprays or hot water as this can set the paint.

### **Attendance**

Your child is expected to attend school for the 5 days per fortnight. Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days each school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education? Going to school every day is important, as Kindergarten sets children up for the rest of their schooling. What your child learns each day builds on what they learnt from the day or week before. If your child misses school their learning routine is broken, they lose confidence and

they miss out on building friendships. If you are having difficulties getting your child to school every day, please talk to your Teacher.

### **Punctuality**

Late arrival to school puts your child at a disadvantage as it doesn't allow them the settling in time that they require. In addition, it may also mean that they are missing the start of the Kindergarten Programme for the day. Settling into a routine ensures a smooth transition from home to Kindergarten. Plan ahead so that you and your child can arrive at school on time without any stress.

If you are arriving after 8.50am, please take your child to the office to collect a late note to give to the Teacher. *This is a Department of Education requirement.*

### **Dropping off and Collecting Children**

The Kindergarten doors open at 8.40am for morning activities that you are welcome to stay for. The Kindergarten Programme commences at 8.50am, and we ask you to say goodbye to your child at this time. If you are arriving before 8.30am, please wait in the undercover area near the Administration building, until the supervising teacher dismisses the children. Children must not be left unattended in the morning, and we ask that the children do not play on the outside equipment before and after school, for safety reasons.

All Kindergarten children must be picked up from the class by an adult caregiver, listed on the enrolment form. This is a legal requirement as part of our duty of care to you and your child. If you need your child to be picked up by another adult, please see the office staff to fill in the relevant documentation so this can be recorded. Please also advise the Teacher. If your child is attending After School Care whether it be onsite or offsite, please also provide these details to the office as well as the Teacher.

If you are running late to pick your child up at the end of the day we ask that you call the office to advise them. Children can become distressed particularly in the early days if you are not there to pick them up on time.

### **Recess and Lunch Food**

The children eat recess and lunch at school. Food plays an important part in a child's learning and development. At North Morley Primary School, we promote healthy eating, and ask that you pack food for your child that is healthy. Items such as chocolates, chips and lollies are asked to be kept at home for treat times. Please make sure to pack an **ice pack** with your child's lunch to keep it cold. We don't have cooling and heating facilities for lunches.

### **Health and Illness**

Most children enjoy coming to school and often want to attend when they are sick. To help curb the spread of infection to other children and staff, please keep your child home if they are unwell.

Head lice is a common occurrence at school and we ask that long hair be tied up and the school notified immediately of any cases of head lice.

During the Kindergarten year your child will have their vision and hearing tested by the school nurse. This is a free service with health forms given out during the year. Prompt returning of these forms means a quicker





process for the checks. The school nurse is also available for you if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's health.

### **Allergies and Medical Conditions**

If your child has any allergies or medical conditions, please ensure you have filled these details out on your child's enrolment form. Please also provide the school with a Health Action Plan that can be obtained from your doctor, and also sit down and speak to the teacher about the condition.



### **Allergy Aware School**

We have a number of children in the school with severe life threatening allergies particularly to nuts. As a result, we are an Allergy Aware school. Please see the included flyer on how to be nut aware.

### **Voluntary Contributions and Charges**

The Kindergarten contribution is \$30 for Semester 1 and \$30 for Semester 2. This money covers any resources required to run the Kindergarten programme through the year. The contribution can be paid to the office. Other money that may be required throughout the year can include things such as incursions, excursions and special events.

### **Assembly**

Every second Friday there is a community assembly which parents are invited to attend. The Kindergarten students start to attend assemblies in Semester 2.

### **Canteen**

The children are able to order lunch on special canteen days. Orders need to be placed in the canteen box before 3.00pm on the day **before** canteen day. Menus and information can be located in the office. Special canteen days will be published in early 2023.

### **Keeping in Contact with School**

The schools phone number is 9218 1650 and emails should be sent to [northmorley.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:northmorley.ps@education.wa.edu.au). The P&C also run a closed Facebook page called 'North Morley Primary School P&C' where you will find useful information and photos of school events.

### **Connect**

*Connect* is a Department of Education approved system that allows teachers, students, parents and admin staff to share notices, post assignments, view attendance and discuss classes in a secure manner. It is available on all web devices at [connect.det.wa.edu.au](https://connect.det.wa.edu.au). or through the Connect App. Students will have a Connect account created for them at enrolment. Students reports are posted to their families Connect account at the end of each semester.

### **After School Care**

Please find enclosed information on the onsite afterschool care service run by Camp Australia. Afterschool care runs from 3.00pm (2:35pm on Tuesdays) to 6.00pm every day, with bookings essential.

## Children's Possessions

Kindergarten has a variety of equipment, toys and games for the children to use each day. We ask that children please leave special toys at home, as we cannot be responsible for the care of these, and it can be distracting for the children. Please also make sure that children don't wear valuable jewellery to school as we would hate for items to get lost or broken.

## Special Occasions

We love to celebrate birthdays as much as the children do. You are more than welcome to bring in cupcakes for your child to share. Please remember that they must be nut free. We would appreciate parents issuing any party invitations directly to the invited child's parents.

## Recycling

The North Morley Primacy School Community actively works towards helping the environment by recycling. We encourage all families and the community to help in the proper disposal of products by following the action plans we have in place:

- **Nude Food:** families are encouraged to pack a waste-free lunch box
- **Fume Free Fridays:** to improve health and reduce pollution by walking or riding to school
- **Recycling Hub:** for soft plastics, bread tags, batteries and general recycling
- **Climate Clever App:** to measure, monitor and reduce our school's carbon footprint



## Parking

School parking areas are easily congested and should not be used by parents for dropping off or picking up children as this can create some danger for children when cars are manoeuvring in and out. Parent helpers and those with business to attend to at the school are welcome to use the marked parking bays in areas off Gordon Road and Bunya Street.

"KISS & DRIVE" special bays have been marked where parents can quickly set down or pick up students before and after school in *Bunya Street*. This initiative was set up to help lessen traffic congestion and to make "drop offs" and "pick-ups" quicker and hassle free.

The school's parking policy and guidelines are located in the Policy section of this booklet, while the parking map is on the outside back cover.

## Parking and Traffic Movement Guide

**1. Objectives** The aim of this guide is to:

- Raise awareness of the issues relating to the safety of drivers, students, pedestrians and residents within and around North Morley Primary School
- Alleviate pick up / drop off congestion
- Inform all community members of current practices
- Provide ongoing monitoring and review of current practices.



## 2. Rationale

The North Morley Primary School P&C is committed to encouraging road safety practices by all community members in and around the school grounds. Each member of the school community has a role to play to ensure the safety of our students, parents and carers and staff in the road environments.

The North Morley Primary School promotes responsible road use values, attitudes and behaviours through:

- Dissemination of information relating to road safety and current school practices
- Assisting and encouraging parents/carers to influence and develop safety awareness skills in their child/children
- Encouraging parent and community participation in road safety

## 3. School Speed Limits

Parents are reminded that there is a 40km/h speed limit around the school. This restriction is enforced from 7.30am - 9.00am and 2.30pm - 4.00pm on weekdays. At all other times the speed limit is 50km/h. Adherence to the 40km/h speed limit is vital to making the school environment safer for our children.

## 4. Current Parking Restrictions

4.1 Bunya Street (7:30am - 9:00am and 2:00pm - 4:00pm on school days)

Kiss and Drive Area - 4 bays adjacent to the no standing area

The Kiss and Drive Area is strictly limited to 2 minute **pick up and drop off only.**

Parents and Carers are asked to remain in their vehicles and move on as quickly as possible. Parking

- 20 Bays      15-minute parking restriction

4.2 Whitworth Street (7:30am - 9:00am and 2:00pm - 4:00pm on school days)

Parking - 5 bays      15-minute parking restriction

4.3 Staff Car Parks and Driveways      (off limits at all times)

Do not enter school parking areas or driveways. Staff parking only.

## 5. Using the Kiss and Drive Area

Our Kiss and Drive area is in place to provide a quicker and safer operation to set down and pick up children, however your cooperation is needed for it to work.

### 5.1. Instructions

- Stop in the Kiss and Drive area, using the forward most bay
- Students are to exit or enter the vehicle from the left. In the afternoon children using the bays will be waiting to meet their parents





- Parents/carers must remain within their vehicle  
When children have safely entered or exited the vehicle indicate right and enter traffic flow

Please remember:

- To move as near to the front of the Kiss and Drive bay as possible.
- That the bays are only to be used for the set down and pick up of students. No parking is permitted in these bays.
- To queue responsibly in Bunya Street, when wishing to use the Kiss and Drive bays. If you can see your child/children are not ready to be picked up use alternative bays or drive on around the block and rejoin the queue.



It is extremely important that you:

KEEP THE ENGINE RUNNING - APPLY THE HANDBRAKE - STAY IN THE VEHICLE

## 6. Traffic Flow Around the School

When picking up or setting down children, parents are encouraged to travel in an anti-clockwise direction around the school thus creating a voluntary one-directional traffic flow during peak periods. Parents using the parking facilities in Bunya Street are encouraged to use Logan Way and Broomhall Way to leave the school parking area. **Do not do U-turns or use driveways to turn around.** Parents parking in Whitworth Place are encouraged to exit the parking areas using Alexander Drive.

## Concerns

Please don't hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher if you wish to discuss any matters or concerns with your child's progress, the Kindergarten programme, or any general issues.



