

Education, Care and Family Network Kwinana

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My Journey To School

Information from pregnancy to school entry for Kwinana parents and carers



(Insert your child's name)

Journey to School

Your child's personal journey to school in Kwinana

'Transition to school' is a term you may hear before your child starts school. While you may not hear it until the year before your child is due to start formal schooling, children begin their learning journey from birth. In fact, research suggests that learning even begins before birth.

Starting school is a big step for children, and assisting them to transition to school successfully is important for their journey in continuing to be successful learners.

Knowing what to expect in the school environment helps children to make a smooth transition. Preparing children for this begins well before their first day of school.

Success is more likely when parents and carers, teachers and other Early Years Professionals work and plan this transition as a team.

The Education, Care and Family Network Kwinana would like to empower every family in Kwinana to have knowledge, confidence and connection to their local community.

We would like to wish you and your child every success in their learning journey!



Your child's Journey from Pregnancy to School Age



Once your pregnancy is confirmed, it is important to see your GP or a midwife for your antenatal care.

Find out more about antenatal services on www.pregnancybirthbaby.org.au.

Once your baby is born, register them with your GP and update your Medicare card. See your Child Health Nurse for regular Child Health appointments. Your Purple Book "all about me!" documents the health and development of your child from birth to school entry. To book call 1300 749 869 or visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au.

It's never too early to read to your baby! Looking at the pictures, hearing your voice and different rhymes make your baby happy and help their brain grow. Get your Better Beginnings bag from your Child Health Nurse at your 8 week check. Join Kwinana Library and follow the Paint Kwinana REaD initiative.

Visit your local Early Parenting Group to connect with other parents and their newborn baby (0 to 3 months). To book call 1300 749 869 or visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au.

Keep your child's immunisations up to date to protect them from the most serious childhood infections. Immunisation records are compulsory for school entry.

Make an appointment with the Kwinana Immunisation's team on 9419 2266 or with your GP.

Introducing your baby to the pool will help them become comfortable around water and help them learn to swim.

To check out programs at the Kwinana Recquatic Centre call 9236 4700 or visit recquatic.com.au.

Give your child plenty of opportunities to socialise with other children. You can join a local playgroup, an Early Learning and Care Centre (Child Care), library programs or meet with other families in the park. See pages 13 and 14 for a list of services offering programs.

Get in touch with your local services such as KEYS and the Child and Parent Centre - Calista to find information about a range of free playgroups, seminars and group programs that support your family with raising happy kids.



Your child's Journey the Year Before School



When it is time to enrol your child for Kindy, visit your local school to collect your enrolment pack. Find out when enrolments start as soon as possible. This can be as early as April.

See pages 7 and 8 for more information about Kindy, your child's age and the enrolment process.

Some schools offer playgroups or trial session programs to help your child become familiar with their school.

They may offer workshops that provide an opportunity for parents to learn about their child's future in the school and to meet other parents. Ask your school for details.

Register for the Starting School Successfully workshop with the Child and Parent Centre - Calista. You can also find workshops about toileting, separation problems, your child's speech and language and more.

To find out more and to book, call 9367 0960.

Visit your local Child Health Nurse for the 2 year old (school-ready) check. Connecting Community for Kids have a 'Me at 2' passport which is a great tool for measuring developmental milestones through play-based activities, highlighting any areas of concern. Contact info@connecting4kids.com.au to obtain a copy.

Attend your school's Kindy Information Event late in the year before your child starts school. Here you will receive information about school uniforms, school routines, expectations, school health services, banking and more.

This is a great opportunity to meet the school principal and your child's teachers.

Complete a transition statement alone, or together with your child's educator from your playgroup or Early Learning and Care Centre. Your family support worker may also be able to assist.

The transition statement will help your child's teacher to prepare for your child. Get your transition statement from the Child and Parent Centre - Calista.

Playfully prepare for school during the school holidays. Find 'Ten Top Tips' for a Great Start to School on page 10.

Join a Kindy catch up session to practice typical school routines. Book through the Child and Parent Centre - Calista.



When and How to Enrol your child into School



In Western Australia, parents and carers can choose to enrol their children in Kindergarten, although compulsory schooling starts the following year in pre-primary.

Places in Kindergarten are limited, so we encourage you to enrol in your local school's Kindergarten program early to support your child to start school.

The Department of Education have three brochures available on their website 'Hello Kindergarten', 'Hello Pre-Primary' and 'Say Hello to School' (a reading book for Aboriginal families) which provide more information for parents on what to expect when your child starts Kindergarten or Pre-Primary.

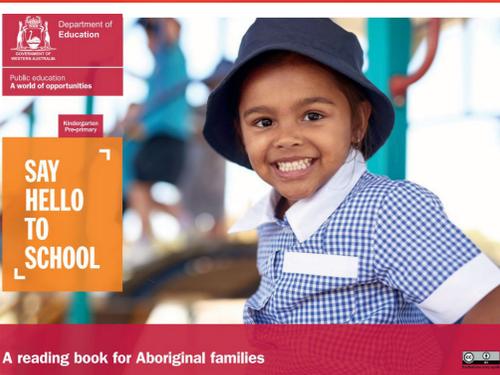


Who needs to enrol?

Please use this table as a guide as to when your child starts school. More information about enrolment, and a school age calculator are available on the Department of Education website:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/enrolling-in-school>

Child's Date of Birth	Year Child Will Start Kindergarten	Year Child <u>Must</u> Start Pre-Primary
1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017	2021	2022
1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018	2022	2023
1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019	2023	2024
1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020	2024	2025
1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021	2025	2026
1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022	2026	2027



How to Enrol

Pick up your enrolment pack from your local school. Submit your application as soon as possible, along with copies of:

- ➔ Your child's Birth Certificate. If you do not have a copy of this, call the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages on 1300 305 021
- ➔ Your child's AIR Immunisation History Statement that is no older than 2 months. Get a copy using your MyGov account or by calling the AIR General Enquiries Line on 1800 653 809.
- ➔ Proof of your current address, such as recent bills or bank statements.
- ➔ Any Family Court documents for confirmation of proof of name or custody arrangements, where relevant.

Your child will have the best journey to and through school when enrolled at the school in your local catchment area. For more information on Catchment Areas, please see the Map of Education Facilities in Kwinana on page 11.

Once enrolled in Kindergarten, attendance is compulsory and children must attend every day.

All children of compulsory school age must be enrolled in school or a government approved alternative, such as home schooling or alternative education programs.



Preparing for School is the Key to Happiness!

Your enthusiasm helps your child settle into school and be proud of the things they learn each day.

There are a range of booklets available at healthywa.wa.gov.au to help support you and your child as they transition to school. You can also ask your Child Health Nurse for a copy of them. They include:

- Child development (across 0-5 years)
- Ten top tips for a great start to school
- School health services
- Food for kids

Are you wondering whether your child is prepared or ready for school? Have you got any concerns or questions regarding your child's development?

Contact your Child Health Nurse for an appointment on 1300 749 869.



Ten top tips for a great start to school



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Map of Educational Facilities in Kwinana



List of Facilities in Kwinana		
1	Wombat Wallow Child Care Centre	08 9439 1743
2	Bright Futures Children's Services (Family Day Care)	08 9236 4120
3	Little Bandits Child Care Centre	08 9419 7709
4	KindiLink	08 6174 1100
5	Goodstart Early Learning Parmelia	08 9419 5699
6	Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre	08 9236 4320
7	Kwinana Early Years Services	08 9439 1838
8	Child and Parent Centre Calista	08 9367 0960
9	Cuddles Early Learning and Childcare Bertram	08 9429 1844
10	Goodstart Early Learning Bertram	08 9419 5277
11	Wellard Early Learning Centre	0417 189 891
12	Kindy Kids	0405 635 170
13	Great Beginnings Parmelia	08 9439 4788
14	Little Rascals Childcare Centre	08 9439 2382
15	Busy Bees Wellard	08 9439 1723
16	Jellybeans Child Care Wellard	1800 411 667
17	The King's College Pre-Kindy Group	08 9411 4100

Schools not shown on the map	
Peel Language Development School	08 9523 7830
Honeywood Primary School	08 6173 6100

My Local School is:



Every child from pre-primary to year 12 is guaranteed a place at their local public school.

To see which school catchment area your address falls in, input your address at:

https://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline/local_intake_school.do

Services and Programs available in Kwinana

Child and Parent Centre Calista	a: Harlow Road, Calista t: 08 9367 0960 e: calista@ngala.com.au w: childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au	Various local agencies offer Playgroups for children aged 0 to 5 years, Playgroups in schools, workshops and seminars for parents, Transition Programs, Child Health Services and more.
Connecting Community for Kids	a: 18 Hewison Road, Medina t: 0429 904 324 e: info@connecting4kids.com.au w: connecting4kids.com.au	Community and parenting support through established programs and events.
Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre	a: Cnr Robbos Way/Chisham Ave, Kwinana t: 08 9236 4320 w: kwinana.wa.gov.au	Educational and special interest workshops and programs, Literacy based programs, resources about parenting and education.
Frank Konecny Community Centre	a: 2 Skottowe Parkway, Parmelia t: 08 9439 2470 w: kwinana.wa.gov.au	Kindy Transition Program (Kindy Kids), Playgroups, Parenting Workshops.
John Wellard Community Centre	a: Cnr Runnymede Gate/The Strand, Wellard t: 08 9439 4300 w: kwinana.wa.gov.au	Playgroups and workshops.
KEYS (Kwinana Early Years Service)	a: Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre t: 08 9439 1838 e: info@keyswa.org.au w: keyswa.org	Playgroups for families with children aged 0 to 5 years, workshops and seminars, family support, counselling.
KOYA	a: 13 Leesham Way, Medina t: 0402 914 274	Kinship Empowerment Program; visits to schools, workshops, community gatherings.
Kwinana Community Health Centre	a: 1 Peel Row, Kwinana t: 08 9419 2266 w: healthywa.wa.gov.au	Child Health Services, Lactation Consultant, School Health Services and Child Development Services, Aboriginal Health, Immunisation Services, Parenting Programs.
Kwinana Recquatic	a: Cnr Robbos Way/Skerne St, Kwinana t: 08 9236 0200 w: kwinana.wa.gov.au	Playgroups, Kindy Gym, Aqua programs.
Moorditj Koort	a: 150 Gilmore Ave, Medina t: 08 6174 7000 w: moorditjkoort.com.au	Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre, Primary School Health Checks Program.

Ngala Parenting Line (8am - 8pm / 7 days per week)	t: 08 9368 9368 (metro) t: 1800 111 546 (regional) w: ngala.com.au	Discuss any parenting concerns from 0 to 18 years.
Pregnancy, Birth & Baby	t: 1800 882 436 w: pregnancybirthbaby.org.au	Support for parents and information about raising children and pregnancy.
Raising Children Network	w: raisingchildren.net.au	Information about parenting, raising children and families.
Relationships Australia	a: Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre t: 08 6164 0500 w: relationshipsaustralia.org.au	Family support, counselling for all ages.
South Coastal Women's Health	a: 4 Civic Blvd, Rockingham t: 08 9550 0900 e: referrals@southcoastal.org.au w: southcoastal.org.au	Supports the physical and mental health needs of women, families and community. Babbingur Mia program for Aboriginal woman's and children's health.
Wanslea Early Childhood Services (ECEI Team)	t: 1300 969 645 w: wanslea.asn.au	Wanslea is the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) partner that delivers Early Childhood Early Intervention supports for children aged 0-6.
William Bertram Community Centre	a: Cnr Hero Cres/Johnson Rd, Bertram t: 08 9419 6540 w: kwinana.wa.gov.au	Playgroups, Child Health Services.



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ecfnkwinana@gmail.com. You can also join our Facebook Group.

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