



Ormeau State School

Getting Ready
For Prep



WELCOME TO PREP

Welcome to Prep at Ormeau State School. We are looking forward to working with you and your child to provide a wonderful year of learning and development. Prep teachers encourage you to volunteer in your child's class, so you can participate in this exciting transition with them.

Here are some tips for the first day of school:

- *arrive early and familiarise your child with the new surroundings*
- *let your child carry their own bag and place it on the bag rack*
- *introduce yourself and your child to the teacher and teacher's aide*
- *tell your child when you will be back to pick them up in the afternoon and where you will be waiting outside the classroom*



OPERATING TIMES

- *Prep classrooms will open at 8:30am during the first week of school. At this time parents are encouraged to spend time with their child reading a book, solving a puzzle, or participating in a fine-motor activity until the learning bell rings.*
- *Class commences at 8:50am and concludes at 3:00pm.*
- *If you arrive before 8:30am please wait in the tuckshop undercover area where there is a member of staff on duty.*
- *After 3pm, students are not to play on the school playgrounds as staff will be involved in meetings and class preparation, and will therefore not be able to supervise students. Students remaining after 3pm will be taken to the office for collection.*

**All students must be accompanied to and from the classroom by a responsible adult or older sibling. If you arrange for someone else to collect your child please inform your child's teacher.*

COMMUNICATION

To facilitate a collaborative approach to your child's learning, Prep teachers look forward to open communication between staff and parents. Please communicate with your child's teacher to discuss any concerns, however small they may seem. If you wish to discuss your child at length, please contact the classroom teacher to book an appointment.

Class communication:

- notices in student pockets
- school newsletter
- year level newsletter
- school notice boards
- school sign
- Ormeau S.S. Facebook page
- Ormeau S.S text messages
- emails from the class teacher/ Class Dojo messages



Newsletter

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PREP AT ORMEAU S.S.

Prep is designed to cater to each child's interests and needs, fostering the development of abilities, attitudes and skills that will assist the child's educational development.

In Prep, students are assisted to:

- communicate confidently
- form basic concepts that help them understand their world
- develop self-confidence
- share and co-operate with others
- develop resilience
- develop physical skills
- develop a positive attitude to learning
- participate in literacy and numeracy activities
- be responsible for themselves and their belongings
- be responsible for their behaviour and make sensible choices



Development of these will be addressed through inquiry, event-based, project, explicit, play-based, direct and blended approaches.

THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

Prep students will participate in the following key learning areas from the Australian Curriculum:

English

Mathematics

Science

HASS

Health

The Arts

Prep students will also participate in the following subjects

Physical
Education

Music

Design and
Digital
Technologies

Assessment involves the purposeful, systematic and ongoing monitoring of children's learning. The information gathered is used to:

- plan for future learning
- set student learning goals
- make judgments about a child's learning and development
- inform conversations with the child, parents, carers, specialist teachers, year one teachers and other colleagues

*Assessment is an integral part of the learning-teaching process and is not a separate activity.

SPECIALIST LESSONS

Prep students will participate in Music, Physical Education, Design & Digital Technologies and Science lessons on a weekly basis with specialist teachers. All students will be able to borrow one library book per week during the class library visit.

BREAK TIMES

- Approximately 10am Mental Munchies fruit break (fruit/veg only)
- 10:50am Morning Tea
- 1:30pm Lunch



Tuckerbox can be ordered any time before school through Flexischools Monday-Friday. (www.flexischools.com.au)

Preps are not allowed to go the Tuckerbox to purchase food at break times. All items must be ordered prior to school commencing. Orders will be delivered to classrooms at break times.

TOILET ACCESS

Toilets are located in or near all Prep classrooms, and it is expected that students will be independent in their use of the toilets.

UNIFORM

Prep students are expected to wear the Ormeau S.S. school uniform. This includes wearing a Prep school hat during break times. Prep hats are different from the other year levels in the school to assist teachers in monitoring and communicating with Prep students in the play areas.

Uniforms can be purchased from our uniform shop on Monday 8:15-9:15am and Wednesday 2:00-2:45pm, or on www.flexischools.com.au.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Labelled:

- *school bag*
- *lunch box*
- *water bottle*
- *library bag*
- *Ormeau S.S. Prep hat*



Other items:

- *spare uniform/underwear in-case of accidents*

Students will be encouraged to become responsible for their own belongings.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve the intended benefits from Prep. Parents are required to contact the school office if your child is unable to attend school on a particular day. Please ensure that your child arrives on time, so learning is not disrupted or missed.

All children arriving late for school (after 8:50am) are required to come to the office. No child arriving late will be permitted to go to the classroom until a member of Administration has signed him or her into the late register and issued a late slip for the child to take to the class teacher.

TOYS

Toys and trinkets are to remain at home. These special items can easily be lost and broken at school. However, your child is encouraged to bring them into the classroom for a learning purposes. E.g. Speaking and listening tasks.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

If your child becomes ill at school, staff will contact you first. If staff cannot get in touch with you, a nominated emergency contact person will be notified to collect your child. Please ensure these details are always up-to-date with the office staff.

A child who is unwell will not enjoy or benefit from attending school, and may spread illness to other students. Therefore, please keep your child at home if they are unwell.

Medication will only be administered during school if it is prescribed by a doctor, pharmacy labelled and all details of dosage and times are clearly stated on prescription medication. Over the counter medication will only be administered with a doctor's letter. A school medication form will need to be completed for the office staff to administer any medication.

PARENTS

Let your child do his or her own tasks to foster independence:

- *get the uniform ready the night before*
- *pack/unpack bag*
- *carry bag and put on bag rack*
- *get equipment and water bottle out for the day*
- *take 'Prep Home Learning Folders' and notes into the classroom and put in correct places*



- *Be available if your child wants to talk to you – encourage positive talk about their day at school.*

- *Be familiar with school policies, routines and practices.*

- *Visit or volunteer in your child's classroom:*

- *Meet other parents*
- *Your child can show you their classroom, activities and displays*
- *Help with activities, small group play, excursions*
- *Offer to help with making things at home, if you work outside the home and can't come in to school*



- *At home, value your child's creations and awards – have a special display space, book, etc.*
- *Practise letters/sounds, sight words, reading and counting using the Prep Home Learning Pouch.*
- *Note special days or needs for particular days – library, music, PE, excursions, etc. Help your child to become independent in remembering these as well.*
- *Read class/school newsletters, notice boards and social media.*
- *Attend class and school events and performances.*
- *Volunteer at the Tuckerbox.*
- *Attend P&C meetings and assist organising events.*
- *Make the office aware of current phone numbers, address and medical conditions, and advise immediately of any changes. Also, make sure your emergency contacts are up-to-date.*

FINALLY

The Prep teaching team are looking forward to building productive relationships with you to successfully transition your child into Prep at Ormeau S.S. We invite you to be an active member in your child's Prep classroom to assist in their learning journey.

**It is not what you do for your children,
but what you have taught them
to do for themselves,
that will make them
successful human beings.**



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