

Let's Get Set for Prep 2022

Mango Hill State School Prep Transition Program

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An Introduction to Mango Hill State School for 2022 Prep Families

Welcome to Team Mango! We can't wait to meet you and your Prep student. Below is important information and a timeline of events to orient yourself to becoming part of our *Team Mango* family.

You are receiving this information because you have completed and returned your enrolment paperwork. Many parents ask us, *when do we know if we're enrolled?* If you reside in our catchment, have completed the enrolment paperwork (as well as submitted all of the relevant documents) and have attended an enrolment interview with us, then you're enrolled!



There's also a variety of different events and activities we invite you to attend, so that you and your Prep child can get to know us and we can get to know you. When home and school work together, our students transition well to Big School.

Take a read of the information below and note important dates on the calendar. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at the school, either by emailing our enrolments officer Mrs Kerry Muncey at enrolments@mangohillss.eq.edu.au or contacting me, Ms Melinda White Prep and pre-Prep Deputy Principal at mwhit37@eq.edu.au.

When	What	Why
Term 3 – Various dates throughout August and September . Parents and Carers need to follow the instructions sent by our Enrolments Officer, Ms Muncey to book a timeslot using our online booking system.	Interviews These are conducted in small groups. Your Prep student will complete some engaging, age appropriate activities with a small group of children and two of our friendly staff members. Parents watch some information about our school on our iPADS and meet for a short time with our Deputy Principal to connect and share any important information about their child.	This is our chance to get to know you and your little one! It's a chance to connect with a small group of families who are also commencing their school journey at the same time. The activities are not pass / fail; there's nothing to prepare! We've seen some lovely friendships blossom in this space; both between parents and students!
Term 4 – Thursday 14 October 6.15 – 7.00 pm OR Friday 15 October 8.45 – 9.45 am	Parent Information Sessions Our chance to acquaint incoming parents and carers with our school, our philosophy, our values and our approach.	This is parents and carers chance to hear about our school and about the Prep year of schooling. You will meet Ms Tracy Egan, our school principal at this event.
Term 4 – Various dates throughout October and November Parents and Carers need to follow the instructions sent by our Enrolments Officer, Ms Muncey to book into transition sessions using our online booking system.	Transition Sessions These are one hour visits for you and your child. The purpose is for your child to get to know the school environment and for you to connect with us, and other parents and carers, and hear information that will assist you to help your child transition well to school. The sessions last for one hour.	This is our chance to see a larger cohort of students, engage with each other and within our school environment. Seeing the students interact in larger groups helps us to create balanced class groups and allows us to see student interests. It helps us to plan the starting point for when we welcome them to school

Parent Information Sessions

Learn about Mango Hill State School and our Prep Program

Date	Session details	Location
Thursday 14th October 6:15pm - 7:00pm Parent session in the Hall.	This session is an introduction to Mango Hill State School for Prep families beginning in 2021. It will outline specific routines and expectations for Prep.	Hall
Friday 15th October 8.45 – 9.45 Parent session in the Hall while the Prep 2020 children participate in activities with Prep teachers.		Hall

Prep 2022 Student Transition Sessions

At 8.45 am – 9.45 am on the following dates, pre-Prep students are welcomed into our Prep classrooms while parents attend an information session. These parent information sessions are designed to meet the needs of incoming Prep parents and carers; we try to attend to questions and information you have shared throughout our interviews in Term 3.

Please RSVP your attendance by booking the session you wish to attend via SOBs (the same booking process you completed at interview). Please call our enrolments officer, Kerry on 3482 8111 should you have any difficulties booking.

Between 8.30 and 8.45 am on the morning of your booked session, you will need to drop your pre-Prep aged student to our Prep precinct and sign them in. Your child should wear sun safe clothing, enclosed shoes and bring a labelled hat and water bottle with them.

If you or your child are unwell on the morning of the Transition Session, we ask that you do not attend and email our enrolments officer, enrolments@mangohillss.eq.edu.au to notify us you will not attend that day.



	Date	Topic for Parents	Presenter	Location
1	Friday 22 October 8.45 – 9.45	Gross Motor Skills	Nick Hills & Tyson Newell – Physical Education Teachers	Hall
2	DATE CHANGE Thursday 28 October 8.45 – 9.45	Oral Language and Communication Skills	Vicki Doyle – Speech and Language Therapist	Hall
3	Friday 5 November 8.45 – 9.45	Social and Emotional Learning	Emma Crawshaw – Guidance Officer	Hall
4	Friday 12 November 8.45 – 9.45	Prep Life, School Readiness and Resilience	Melinda White – Deputy Principal	Hall



Stay and Play Afternoons



In addition to our scheduled transition visits above, we invite families to attend two *Stay and Play* afternoons. This is a chance for parents and carers, and incoming Prep students to engage with each other, in a low-key play environment!

We ask that families supervise their own children at this event and where possible, prioritise the attendance of their pre-Prep child. When older and younger siblings attend these events, it can be tricky for your pre-Prep child to 'find their own way'. Meet us in the Prep Play Area on the following dates: Thursday 28 October and Thursday 18 November from 3.00 – 3.45 pm.

Playgroup and Connecting with Us

We encourage you to attend our Playgroup, which runs each Friday morning during school terms from 9 am until 10 am (we meet in the Prep area towards the front of the school) and to follow us at our official Mango Hill facebook page. It's free! Come along and connect with other families. It's a great way to introduce your pre-Prep child to our school environment.

Miss Livvy is our playgroup facilitator and she organises engaging activities for families to enjoy each week.



Specialist Interview - by Appointment

We offer appointments with our Specialist staff. If you wish to share any early intervention or therapy reports for your child, or you are particularly concerned about your child's development and readiness for school (this is information in addition to the information you share with Melinda at your scheduled interview), you may like to make an appointment with one of the following specialists to share this information. Please phone the office staff to book a 15 minute appointment if required.

Tuesday 16th November 8.45 – 10.15 am	Emma Crawshaw – Guidance Officer Vicki Doyle – Speech Language Pathologist
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Class Information

In early October, each enrolling family is sent a class consideration form for their child. Please return this to the office if you have any additional information you haven't shared with us, that we will need to consider when placing your child in a class. Once classes have been collated, you will receive a class placement email in December.

If you have any other questions or information to share, please don't hesitate to call or make a time to visit our Prep Deputy Principal, Melinda White.

