



Goolgowi Public School

Kindergarten 2026

Orientation Program & Parent Information Sessions

Parent Information Session

Friday 24 October 9:15 a.m. in the School Library

Repeated Session

Monday 27 October 6:00 p.m. in the School Library

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions

Friday 17 October 9:00 am - 11:40 am

Friday 24 October 9:00 am - 11:40 am

Friday 31 October 9:00 am - 11:40 am

Friday 7 November 9:00 am - 11:40 am

Friday 14 November 9:00 am - 11:40 am

All students **must be enrolled** beforehand to participate in the orientation program.

Enrolments can be now made online at

<https://goolgowi-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

and then click on the **online enrolment** application.

Please call the office on 6965 1207 if you need any further information, to book a school tour or to discuss your child's transition to kindergarten.

If you have any objection to your child being photographed and their image used on our website or in our newsletter, please advise the school.

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Transitioning from preschool to kindergarten is a significant step in a child's education journey. It's essential to ensure that this transition is as smooth and positive as possible to help children adjust to their new environment and expectations. Here are some tips to facilitate a successful Kindergarten transition for preschool students:

- ✓ Visit the school and meet the teacher: If possible, arrange visits to the school before the official start date. Familiarising the child with the new environment can reduce anxiety. They can meet their teacher and explore the classroom. Building a connection with the kindergarten teacher can be reassuring for both parents and children. Attend orientation sessions and meet-and-greets to get to know the teacher and ask any questions you may have.
- ✓ Establish a Routine: Begin establishing a consistent daily routine at home that mirrors what they will experience in kindergarten. This includes setting regular bedtimes, mealtimes, and playtimes. Routines help children feel secure.
- ✓ Practice Independence: Encourage your child to do things independently, such as dressing themselves, using the bathroom, and tidying up their toys. Kindergarten teachers will appreciate children who can handle these basic tasks.
- ✓ Read Together: Continue to read with your child regularly. Reading not only enhances their language skills but also fosters a love of learning. Choose books about starting Kindergarten to help them understand what to expect.
- ✓ Social Skills: Reinforce good social skills like sharing, taking turns, and resolving conflicts peacefully. These skills are crucial for successful interactions with peers in kindergarten.
- ✓ Talk About Kindergarten: Have open conversations about what to expect in kindergarten. Address any concerns your child may have and emphasise the positive aspects of this new adventure.
- ✓ Playdates: Arrange playdates with other children who will be attending the same Kindergarten. This can help your child make friends before school starts.
- ✓ Label Belongings: Ensure all your child's belongings, including backpacks, lunch boxes, and clothing, are clearly labelled with their name.
- ✓ Stay Involved: Stay involved in your child's education by volunteering in the classroom or participating in school events when possible. This shows your child that you value their education.
- ✓ Celebrate Milestones: Acknowledge and celebrate the milestones your child achieves as they transition to kindergarten. This boosts their confidence and excitement about this new phase.
- ✓ Stay Calm: Children often pick up on their parents' emotions. If you're anxious about the transition, it can make your child anxious too. Stay calm and positive about the experience.
- ✓ Prepare for Separation: If your child hasn't experienced long periods of separation from you, start practising gradually. Leave them with trusted caregivers for short periods, gradually increasing the time apart.

What Do They Need To Bring?

Hat, drink bottle, small container of freshly cut up fruit for Crunch & Sip and a small healthy snack such as fruit and/or sandwich for recess.

Children need to wear enclosed shoes and comfortable clothing with shoulders covered.

School Policy - No Hat, No Play