

Cruise into Kindy

Your guide to a successful transition to school in 2022



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A little person's first day in Kindergarten is a VERY special and important day.

At Tanilba Bay, we have reflected deeply on what an ideal Kindergarten experience would be like, so that we can help each child grow into confident and resilient members of our school community.

This information booklet describes the services we offer to help your child transition smoothly to school.

Check out the important dates page and the things you must do before your child commences Kindergarten. We've also suggested some things that you can do to support your child to make a smooth transition to school.

We look forward to welcoming your child to the lovely Tanilba Bay Public School in 2022.

Miss Samantha Bourke
Early Stage One Assistant Principal

Dr Abigail Sawyer
Proud Principal

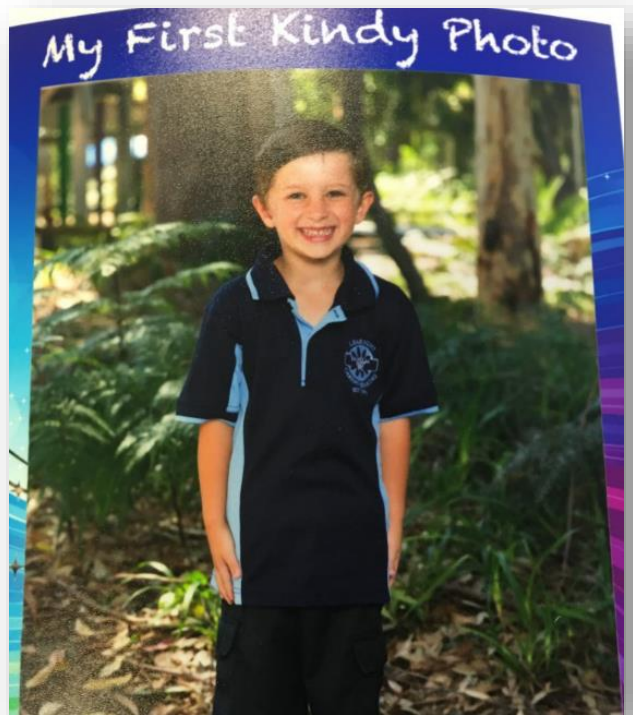


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Our vision: Kindergarten at Tanilba Bay

It is our aim to create learning environments that are warm, welcoming and engaging...so that your child bounds into school, excited about the possibilities that each day brings, and leaves each day talking about the fantastic experiences they have had with their teacher and new friends.

Belonging

The relationships your child forms during Kindergarten will shape their journey as lifelong learners. Helping your child develop a sense of belonging is the first task of the Kindergarten teacher. Expect your child to begin their year in a 'safe' Kindy space, playing and learning with other Kinder students, gradually introduced into play spaces and experiences with older students. Also expect your child to be involved in many special events for our whole school community: Assemblies, MUFTI days and performances just to name a few.

Being

Children starting Kindergarten are still very young, and live 'in the moment'. While Kindergarten is about laying good foundations for the future, it is also about helping children to enjoy their experience of being at school. Our Kindergarten teachers design experiences that are fun and that actively involve children in making sense of their world. Expect lots of hands-on experiences and opportunities for creative play.

Becoming

Our Kindergarten teachers work hard to help your child build strong foundations for future learning. Drawing on the latest educational research, and guidance from expert advisers, Kindergarten teachers support students to develop knowledge, skills and understanding that will help them grow into capable readers, writers and mathematicians...not to mention artists, musicians and sportspeople.



Kindergarten Team

Our Kindergarten Team is led by our Early Stage One Assistant Principal, Miss Samantha Bourke, who manages the Kindergarten teaching team.

Miss Bourke is one of five Assistant Principals (APs) at Tanilba Bay who, along with the Principal and Deputy Principal, form the school leadership team.



Our current Kindergarten teaching team is Miss Amy Waterhouse, Mrs Jennifer Edwards and Miss Samantha Bourke.



Once classes are formed and orientation visits commence, your child's classroom teachers will be the first person you should talk to if you have any worries or need to share

information about your child.

Our Kindergarten teachers are caring and will go to great lengths to help your child feel known, valued and cared for at school.



You and your child might also meet Mrs Jenny Williams, our Learning and Support Teacher.

Mrs Williams works with all teachers across the school to provide support to students with additional learning needs, including students with disability.

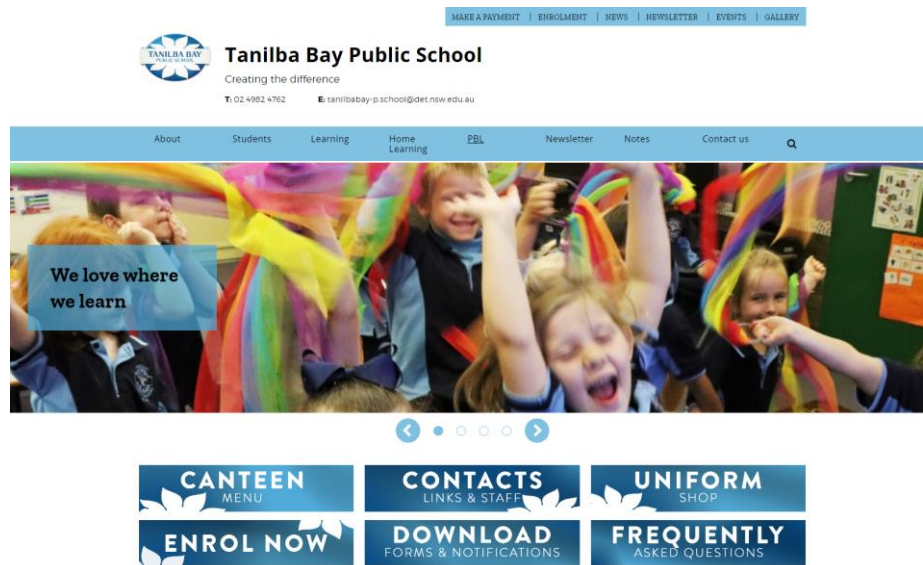


Should your child ever need a little extra help, you might also meet our school counsellor, Mrs Bronwyn Power.

Kinder enrolment procedures

Children are eligible to begin Kindergarten at the beginning of 2022 if they turn five on or before 31st July 2022. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.

Enrolling in a NSW public school is easy. You can enrol online, by going to our website and click on the “Enrol Now” button on the front page.



Click here to enrol!

To assist us with class planning, please do this as soon as possible. If you are unable to enrol online, please call our office on 4982 4762.

Your “TO DO” checklist

- ✓ Complete your online application form
- ✓ Take required documentation into the school office

What to bring when you come in:

- ✓ Proof of address (eg: council rates, lease agreement or driver's licence)
- ✓ Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) *Immunisation History Report*
- ✓ Birth Certificate or other proof of your child's birthdate.

Also consider...

- ✓ If your child has a health, disability or other support need, share as much information as you can that will help us support their learning journey
- ✓ Bring letters/reports from specialists that will help us understand their needs
- ✓ If your child has a medical, health care or emergency plan of any type, please bring a copy to the school when you enrol.

What do children learn in Kindy?

Kindergarten students learn knowledge, skills and understanding as laid out in NSW school syllabuses, such as:

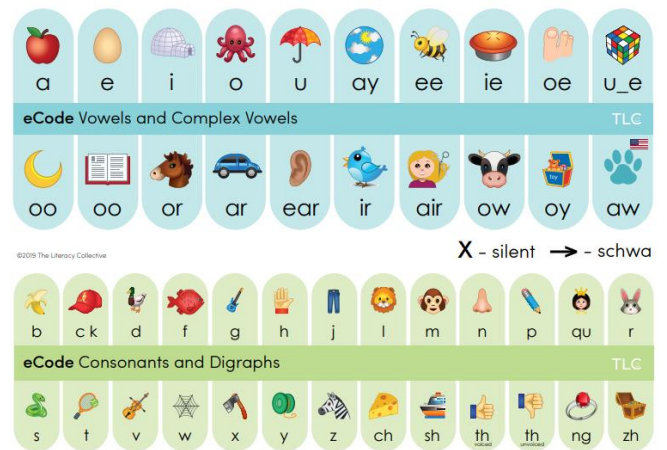
- Active listening: Switching on eyes, ears, brain and heart
- Getting along with others: How to work with and alongside other children in harmony
- How to communicate clearly and purposefully in pair, group and class discussions, and when delivering short presentations
- How spoken and written language 'works', for example, that stories have a beginning, middle and an end
- The names and sounds of letters of the alphabet
- Other knowledge and skills that will set them up as readers and writers: Phonics, vocabulary, grammar, comprehension strategies
- To read short, decodable texts, using phonics strategies taught at school
- To write simple imaginative texts and recreate familiar stories
- Counting to 30 and representing numbers to 20 with objects, pictures, numerals and words
- Using the language of money and recognising Australian coins and notes
- Sorting and describing 2D shapes
- How to collect scientific data and communicate observations and ideas.



imPACT: Literacy learning at Tanilba Bay

Tanilba Bay PS delivers an integrated, science-based literacy program to students in Years K-2.

Our early literacy learning program, *imPACT*, incorporates the tools and strategies gathered through our ongoing partnership with *The Literacy Collective (TLC)*.



Teachers in our school have reflected and added to these tools and strategies to create their own rich units of literacy learning.

imPACT uses a multi-sensory, hands on and collaborative approach to make learning exciting. In line with latest research, the program foregrounds the explicit teaching of synthetic phonics (sounding out). Activities are personalised so that they meet the needs of all students.

The successful implementation of *imPACT* is supported by in-class teacher aides, who work in Kinder classes 5 mornings/week. Our Kindergarten teacher aides also help deliver our oral language programs.

Families are given information and resources to use at home, that will further enhance and assist your child in the development of their literacy skills.



Is my child ready?

Kindergarten students arrive with a wide variety of life experiences, knowledge and skills. It is our job to meet your child where they are, to engage with their unique personality and learning capabilities and adjust our program so that every child finds something in it that speaks to their heart and mind.

The most important skills that a child can bring to school are social and emotional ones. Things like getting along with other children, following instructions and communicating their needs. While there is no list of knowledge and skills that children must have acquired before they are considered ready for school, research shows that children who start school when they are developmentally ready are better equipped for school, setting them up for future success.

General advice about some of the skills and behaviours that will help your child make a smooth transition to school can be found at the Australian Government's *Learning Potential* site. A fact sheet from this site is included in your enrolment pack.

More specific advice on whether your child is ready for school can be obtained from their preschool teacher. If your child did not attend preschool, or if you are unsure, you are welcome to make an appointment with one of our leadership team and have a chat.

Key points:

- Teachers are equipped to teach students with a variety of learning capabilities
- The most important 'readiness' skills are social and emotional ones
- Seek advice from your child's preschool teacher about their readiness for school.



Kindergarten Information Events

Our Kindergarten Information Events are designed to provide you with information about our education programs at Tanilba Bay, our professional team and our facilities. At the information event, we will also describe the steps you need to take to enrol your child at Tanilba Bay Public School and prepare them for school.

So that you might be able to attend, we plan to deliver two identical events. Each event will cover the same information, just at different times. Just choose the time that suits and come along. No need to RSVP. Child Care will be provided during each event.

While we plan to go ahead with our Information Events 'face-to-face' in our school hall, this will depend on the COVID restrictions current at the time. We will update our school website and Facebook pages should we need to change our mode of delivery.

Wednesday 4th August 10am-11am

Located in our school hall

Thursday 5th August 6pm-7pm

Located in our school hall

PROGRAM: Kindy Information Events

Welcome and Orientation	<i>Principal: Dr Abigail Sawyer</i>
Our Kindergarten Program	<i>AP Kindergarten: Miss Samantha Bourke</i>
Personalised Learning	<i>LaST Mrs Jennifer Williams</i>
Promoting Positive Behaviour	<i>PBL Team Leader: Mrs Cassandra Ridgeway</i>
Enrolment Procedures	<i>Deputy Principal: Mrs Lisa Walker</i>
Aboriginal Education	<i>Aboriginal Education Officer: Mrs Sherree Morley</i>
Q&A Session	<i>Team Tanilba</i>

Family-School Connection Meetings

Once our school receives your completed enrolment form, we will invite you to register for a *Family-School Connection Meeting*. At this meeting, a member of the school executive team will go through your enrolment form with you, noting any special needs or circumstances that might impact on your child's education. You will have an opportunity to ask questions about Kindergarten and share any information that might help us support your child's smooth transition to school.

Family-School Connection Meetings will be conducted between Weeks 6-7 in Term 3, that is, between 16th August and 27th August. Bookings for meetings will be made online, using the same system you will use for Best Start. Information about the online booking system will be provided when you return your completed enrolment form to the school. Don't forget to provide an email address with a booking link can be emailed to you.

These meetings will be conducted face-to-face, in the school administration block.



Getting to Know You Preschool Visits

Members of our Early Years team will visit local preschools to speak with the teachers of our incoming students and observe students in their pre-school setting. During these visits, teachers will gather additional information to help us prepare for your child's arrival. Teachers at your child's preschool will be in touch to ask for your permission to share information with us to help us prep for your child's arrival.

Best Start 2022

Kinder teachers spend the first few days of each school year conducting individual interviews with each new Kinder student. The first day of Kindergarten classes in 2022 will be Wednesday 2nd February, as Best Start will be conducted between 28th January and 1st February. Child-care is not available for Kindy students while other children are engaged in Best Start interviews, as all Kindy teachers are fully occupied with conducting these interviews for enrolling students.

Cruise into Kindy: Important Dates

Cruise into Kindy Information Events	Term 3 Week 3 Wednesday 4 th August (10am-11am) Thursday 5 th August (6pm-7pm)	Two identical information sessions (one morning, one evening) for parents to learn about Kindy procedures, programs and transition activities.
Kindy Enrolment Drive	Term 3 Weeks 1-10	Enrolment packs distributed and returned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBPS School Handbook • Cruise into Kindy Information Book • Enrolment Forms
Family-School Connection Meetings	Term 3 Weeks 6-7 (By appointment, Information in your enrolment pack)	Parents meet one-on-one with a member of our Executive Team to share information about their child. Children also attend. Bookings will be made online, with information about how to book emailed to parents.
Kindy orientation activities	Term 4 Weeks 4, 5, 7 and 8	Four mornings of transition activities designed to orient your child to our school environment and programs. Parents and children attend. More information to be sent to your given email address and the school Facebook page.
Getting to Know You Pre-School Visits	Term 4 Weeks 2, 3 and 4	AP Early Stage One and Kinder teachers visit local preschools to learn more about your child's learning and friendships.
Best Start 2022	28 th , 31 st January and 1 st February (By appointment – Information in your enrolment pack)	Kindergarten teachers conduct one-on-one learning interviews with each Kindy student. We are unable to provide child care during Best Start, as all Kinder teachers are engaged in learning interviews.
Kindy begins	Wednesday 2 nd February	First Day of Kindy 2022 Welcome Morning Tea for Kindy parents/carers.
Parents as Partners Night	Term 1 2022	Information sessions with class teachers to learn about class routines and programs.

Cruise into Kindy: Transition Activities

Visit 1	Wednesday 27 th October and Thursday 28 th October	Meet the Buddies PLUS Classroom activities Parent Activity: School Tour and Principal Q&A
Visit 2	Wednesday 3 rd November and Thursday 4 th November	Classroom activities Parent Activity: Supporting Your Young Reader
Visit 3	Wednesday 17 th November	Classroom activities Parent Activity: School routines, policies and procedures
Celebration Playdate	Wednesday 24 th November	Fun play activities with Big and Little Buddies Parents and younger siblings welcome (Parents must stay with children)

Should our planned transition activities not be able to go ahead due to COVID restrictions, parents will be advised by email, our school website and Facebook pages of any changes.

Please make sure our school office has up-to-date contact information so that we can get in touch.

Parents are to stay at school during transition visits, unless your child is part of a supervised group brought by their preschool teacher.

Attending all transition activities helps children get to know our school, our Kindy teachers and other children, helping your child to cruise into Kindy in 2022.