



# Footsteps to Foundation 2021 - 2022

5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear 2022 Foundation Families and Students,

We are excited to provide you with a copy of our Foundation Transition timetable. We thank you for your patience and understanding while we were putting our plans in place!

As you would be aware, a positive and well-planned transition program is a key contributor towards your child's success in starting school. While transition from Kindergarten to Primary School can be a time that generates nervous energy, it is also a time for excitement and celebration.

In previous years, these sessions have proven to be extremely valuable in allowing the school to get to know your child, but more importantly, invaluable in the confidence and familiarity your child will develop over the course of the program. They will become familiar with our school facilities and meet a variety of teachers with whom they will learn with throughout their time at school. They will also begin making connections with other students, hopefully planting the seeds for the beginning of long-lasting friendships.

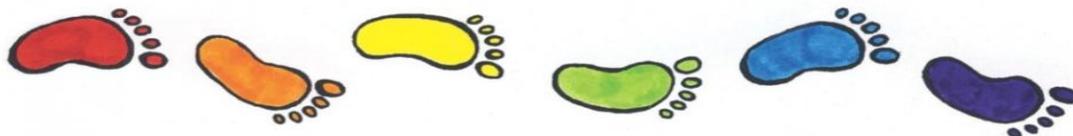
While there is a great deal of planning and organisation that takes place at a school level to ensure the success of the Transition Program, as an adult you have a role to play as well. Here are some of the ways you can support your child and the school in ensuring a positive and purposeful transition takes place:

- Make arrangements for your child to attend each session. We have seen an enormous difference in the students who have been able to attend all sessions when they begin school the following year.
- Keep the conversation positive. While some children (and adults) can be quite nervous about the prospect of transition and beginning school, it is important that we keep a positive perspective, for your child's sake. We acknowledge that this is a new experience for many families, and we will do everything we can to make sure you are supported along the way.
- Ask the questions that are on your mind. We will hold a family information session to cover all of the important details to prepare for school. Please bring along any questions you have so we can ensure they are answered. Alternatively, please do not hesitate to contact our office either by phone 5629 2274 or email [garfield.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:garfield.ps@education.vic.gov.au) at any time with questions you may have.

Thank you for enrolling your child at our school. We are really looking forward to having you as part of our Garfield Primary School community.

**Renee Cotterell**  
**PRINCIPAL (Acting)**

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Transition Session	Date & Time	What to Bring
<b>Transition Session 1</b> PMP / Playground tour (Multipurpose Room)	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>9:00am – 10:00am</b>	<b>1 x drink bottle</b> <b>1 x piece of fruit</b>
<b>Transition Session 2</b> Visual Art Focus (Visual Arts / Japanese Room)	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>9:00am – 10:00am</b>	<b>1 x drink bottle</b> <b>1 x piece of fruit</b>
<b>Family Session</b> Webex Presentation, Question & Answer session	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>6:00pm-7:00pm</b>	
<b>Transition Session 3</b> Statewide Transition Day (Learning Centre One)	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>9:00am – 1:30pm</b>	<b>1 x drink bottle</b> <b>1 x piece of fruit</b> <b>Small amount of</b> <b>morning tea and lunch</b>

## Helpful information...

During these sessions, we encourage families to drop off their child at the beginning of the session (at the front entrance of the school) and, when possible, leave as quickly as possible to allow your child the opportunity to become comfortable in their surroundings. You will be asked to sign your child in at the beginning of each session. They will then be given a name tag to help us all get to know each other.

Families will need to organise the drop off and pick up of children for these sessions. Students wear casual clothing to every session and are not required to bring a backpack. A lunchbox may be required for the state-wide transition day (Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December) as they will be staying for a longer amount of time than the other transition experiences.