

Education, Care and Family Network Kwinana

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My Journey To School

Information from pregnancy to school entry for Kwinana parents and carers



(Insert your child's name)

Journey to School

Your child's journey to school in Kwinana

'Transition to school' is a term you may hear before your child starts school. While you may not hear it until the year before your child is due to start formal schooling, children begin their learning journey from birth. Research suggests that learning begins even before birth.

Starting school is a big step for children. A positive transition to school is important for their journey in continuing to be successful learners.

Knowing what to expect in the school environment helps children and parents to make a smooth transition. Preparing children for this begins well before their first day of school.

Success is more likely when parents and carers, teachers, educators, child health nurses and other professionals work and plan for this transition as a team.

The Education, Care and Family Network Kwinana hopes to empower every family with knowledge, confidence and connections to their community that will ensure a successful journey to school.

We wish you and your child every success on this exciting journey!



Your child's Journey from Pregnancy to School Age



Once your pregnancy is confirmed, it is important to see your GP or a midwife for your **antenatal care**.

Find out more about antenatal services at www.pregnancybirthbaby.org.au.

Once your baby is born, register them with your GP and update your **Medicare** card. See your Child Health Nurse for regular **child health appointments**. Your Purple Book "All about me!" documents the health and development of your child from birth to school entry. To book call 1300 749 869 or visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au.

It's never too early to read to your baby! Looking at the pictures, hearing your voice and watching you speak makes your baby happy and helps their brain grow. Get your **Better Beginnings** bag from your Child Health Nurse at your 8 week check. Join **Kwinana Library** to access free books and toys for your child. Contact the library on 9236 4320.

Connect with other parents and their babies. To join a local **Early Parenting Group** visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au.

Workshops, seminars and group programs can support your family with raising happy kids. Get in touch with local services such as **KEYS** on 9439 1838 and the **Child and Parent Centre - Calista** on 9367 0960.

Keep your child's **immunisations** up to date to protect them from the most serious childhood infections. Immunisation records are compulsory for school entry.

Make an appointment with the Kwinana Immunisations team on 9419 2266 or with your GP.

Introducing your baby to the pool will help them become comfortable around water and help them learn to swim.

To check out programs at the **Kwinana Recquatic Centre** call 9236 4700 or visit www.recquatic.com.au.

Give your child plenty of opportunities to play and interact with other children. You can join a local playgroup, an early learning and care centre (child care), library programs or meet with other families in the park. See pages 13 to 15 for a list of services offering programs. For great play ideas, visit www.playgroupwa.com.au.

Visit your local Child Health Nurse for the 2 year old (school-ready) check. Get your '**Me at 2**' Passport which is a great tool for measuring developmental milestones through play-based activities. Contact **Connecting Community for Kids** at info@connecting4kids.com.au to obtain a copy.



Your child's Journey the Year Before School



When it is **time to enrol** your child for Kindergarten, visit your local school to collect your enrolment pack. Enrolments can start as early as April the year before Kindergarten.

See pages 7 and 8 for more information about Kindergarten, at what age to enrol and the enrolment process. Find your local school on page 12.

Some schools offer **playgroups or come and try sessions** to help your child become familiar with their school.

Schools may offer **workshops** that provide an opportunity to learn about your child's future in the school and to meet other parents. Ask your local school for details.

Register for the **'Starting School Successfully'** seminar and consider workshops about toileting, separation, your child's speech and language and more.

To book, call the **Child and Parent Centre Calista** on 9367 0960.

Find out when your local school is holding their **Kindy open day** late in the year before your child starts school. When you attend, you will receive information about school uniforms, school routines, expectations, school health services and more. This is a great opportunity to meet the school principal and your child's teachers.

Complete the Education, Care and Family Network's *'Off to School - Family Transition to School Statement for Kwinana'* which will help your child's teacher to understand and prepare for your child. This transition statement is available from your local school, please ask for assistance with completing this statement if required.

Playfully prepare for school during the school holidays. Find our ten top tips for a great start to school on page 10.

Join a **Kindy catch up session** to practice typical school routines. Book through the **Child and Parent Centre - Calista** on call 9367 0960.



When and How to Enrol your child in School



In Western Australia, parents and carers can choose to enrol their children in Kindergarten. Compulsory schooling starts the following year in Pre-Primary.

Places in Kindergarten are limited, so we encourage you to enrol in your local school's Kindergarten program early to support your child's start to school.

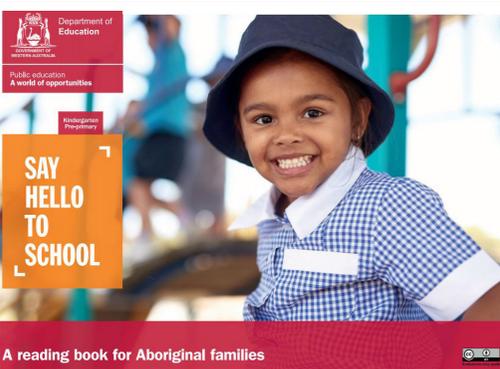
The Department of Education have a variety of brochures available on their website such as 'Hello Kindergarten', 'Hello Pre-Primary' and 'Say Hello to School' (a reading book for Aboriginal families). These brochures provide information for parents on what to expect when your child starts Kindergarten or Pre-Primary. Visit www.education.wa.edu.au.

When to enrol

Please use this table as a guide as to when your child starts school. More information about enrolment, and a school age calculator are available on the Department of Education website:

www.education.wa.edu.au/enrolling-in-school

Child's Date of Birth	Year Child Will Start Kindergarten	Year Child <u>Must</u> Start Pre-Primary
1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017	2021	2022
1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018	2022	2023
1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019	2023	2024
1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020	2024	2025
1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021	2025	2026
1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022	2026	2027



How to Enrol

Pick up your enrolment pack from your local school. Submit your application as soon as possible, along with copies of:

- ➔ Your child's **Birth Certificate**. Copies are available from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages on 1300 305 021.
- ➔ Your child's **Immunisation History Statement** that is no older than 2 months. Get a copy using your MyGov account or by calling the Australian Immunisations Register General Enquiries Line on 1800 653 809.
- ➔ **Proof of your current address**, such as recent bills or bank statements.
- ➔ Any **Family Court documents** for proof of name or custody arrangements, where relevant.

Your child will have the best journey to and through school when enrolled at the school in your local catchment area. For more information on catchment areas, please see the Map of Education Facilities in Kwinana on page 12.

Once enrolled in Kindergarten, attendance is compulsory and children must attend every day.

All children of compulsory school age must be enrolled in school or a government approved alternative, such as home schooling or alternative education programs.



Preparing for School is the Key to Happiness!

Your enthusiasm helps your child settle into school and be proud of the things they learn each day.

There are a range of fact sheets available at healthywa.wa.gov.au to help support you and your child as they transition to school. You can also ask your Child Health Nurse for a copy. They include:

- Child development (across 0-5 years)
- Ten top tips for a great start to school
- School health services
- Food for kids

Are you wondering whether your child is prepared or ready for school? Have you got any concerns or questions regarding your child's development?

Contact your Child Health Nurse for an appointment on 1300 749 869.



Adapted from Child and Adolescent Health Service Community Health (2019)

Map of Educational Facilities in Kwinana



List of Facilities in Kwinana		
1	Wombat Wallow Child Care Centre	08 9439 1743
2	Bright Futures Children's Services (Family Day Care)	08 9236 4120
3	Little Bandits Child Care Centre	08 9419 7709
4	KindiLink	08 6174 1100
5	Goodstart Early Learning Parmelia	08 9419 5699
6	Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre	08 9236 4320
7	Kwinana Early Years Services	08 9439 1838
8	Child and Parent Centre Calista	08 9367 0960
9	Cuddles Early Learning and Childcare Bertram	08 9429 1844
10	Goodstart Early Learning Bertram	08 9419 5277
11	Wellard Early Learning Centre	0417 189 891
12	Kindy Kids	0405 635 170
13	Great Beginnings Parmelia	08 9439 4788
14	Little Rascals Childcare Centre	08 9439 2382
15	Busy Bees Wellard	08 9439 1723
16	Jellybeans Child Care Wellard	1800 411 667
17	The King's College Pre-Kindy Group	08 9411 4100

Schools not shown on the map	
Peel Language Development School	08 9523 7830
Honeywood Primary School	08 6173 6100

My Local School is:



Every child from Pre-Primary to Year 12 is guaranteed a place at their local public school.

To see which school catchment area your address falls in, enter your address at:

www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline/local_intake_school.do

Services and Programs available in Kwinana

Child and Parent Centre Calista	a: Harlow Road, Calista t: 08 9367 0960 e: calista@ngala.com.au w: childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au	Playgroups for babies and children aged 0 to 5 years, playgroups in schools, workshops and seminars for parents, Transition Programs, Child Health Services and more. Coordinated by Ngala.
Connecting Community for Kids	a: 18 Hewison Road, Medina t: 0429 904 324 e: info@connecting4kids.com.au w: connecting4kids.com.au	Community and parenting support through established programs and events.
Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre	a: Cnr Robbos Way/Chisham Ave, Kwinana t: 08 9236 4320 w: kwinana.wa.gov.au	Educational and special interest workshops and programs, literacy based programs, resources about parenting and education, toy library.
Frank Konecny Community Centre	a: 2 Skottowe Parkway, Parmelia t: 08 9439 2470 w: frankkonecny.com.au	Kindy Transition Program (Kindy Kids), playgroups, parenting workshops.
KEYS (Kwinana Early Years Service)	a: Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre t: 08 9439 1838 e: info@keyswa.org.au w: keyswa.org	Playgroups for families with children aged 0 to 5 years, workshops and seminars, family support, counselling.
KOYA	a: 13 Leasham Way, Medina t: 0402 914 274 w: koya.org.au	Kinship Empowerment Program: Support in education and cultural wellbeing of students and extended families.
Kwinana Community Health Centre	a: 1 Peel Row, Kwinana t: 08 9419 2266 w: healthywa.wa.gov.au	Child Health Services, Lactation Consultant, School Health Services and Child Development Services, Aboriginal Health, Immunisation Services, Parenting Programs.
Kwinana Recquatic	a: Cnr Robbos Way/Skerne St, Kwinana t: 08 9236 4700 w: recquatic.com.au	Swimming lessons for babies from 3 months, movement and activity programs for children aged 1 to 4 years, sports programs for children from 5 years.
Moorditj Koort	a: 150 Gilmore Ave, Medina t: 08 6174 7000 w: moorditjkoort.com.au	Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre, Primary School Health Checks Program.

Ngala Parenting Line (8am - 8pm / 7 days per week)	t: 08 9368 9368 (metro) t: 1800 111 546 (regional) w: ngala.com.au	Free information, support and referral service for parents and carers around child development and raising children from birth to 18 years.
Playgroup WA	t: 08 9228 8088 e: hotline@playgroupwa.com.au w: playgroupwa.com.au	Community playgroups, play ideas and resources.
Pregnancy, Birth & Baby	t: 1800 882 436 w: pregnancybirthbaby.org.au	Support for parents and information about raising children and pregnancy.
Raising Children Network	w: raisingchildren.net.au	Information about parenting, raising children and families.
Relationships Australia	a: Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre t: 08 6164 0500 w: relationshipsaustralia.org.au	Family support, counselling for all ages.
South Coastal Health and Community Services	a: 4 Civic Blvd, Rockingham t: 08 9550 0900 e: referrals@southcoastal.org.au w: southcoastal.org.au	Physical and mental health services for individuals, families and community. Babbingur Mia program for Aboriginal health.
The Smith Family	a: Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre t: 08 9265 5580 w: thesmithfamily.com.au	Learning for Life program - emotional, practical and financial support to help children and young people with their education.
Wanslea Early Childhood Services (ECEI Team)	t: 1300 969 645 w: wanslea.asn.au	Wanslea is the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) partner that delivers Early Childhood Early Intervention supports for children aged 0-6.



Follow the Paint Kwinana REaD initiative on Facebook and meet Kwinana's literacy mascot black cockatoo Karrak.

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Thank you to all members of the Education, Care and Family Network Kwinana who helped us develop 'My Journey to School'. For more copies of the booklet, or to obtain an electronic version, contact us at ecfnkwinana@gmail.com. You can also join our Facebook Group.

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