

Edgeworth Child Care Centre Inc.

Transition to School Policy

Aim

Starting Primary School is a significant event in a family's life. It can also be an emotional and anxious experience. Research indicates that experiencing a positive transition to school will benefit children's success at school in the long term. It is therefore important that the transition process is balanced and responsive to the child's individual needs. Edgeworth Child Care Centre aims to provide families with the guidance to make the transition to school a positive experience.

Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
Guide to the National Quality Standards 2011

Who is affected by this policy?

Educators
Children
Families
Staff

Implementation

To ensure a smooth transition from Edgeworth Child Care Centre to school we will incorporate a range of methods that include:

- Talk to the children about school, and encouraging them to ask questions or voice their concerns.
- Arrange a visit to the local school.
- Invite local school teachers to come and talk to the children.
- Invite school students to visit the service to talk about school life.
- Read stories about school.
- Watch DVDs / visit websites about school.
- Include school props, such as uniforms, bags, lunch boxes and chalk boards in the dramatic play areas.
- Participate in local school activities such as fetes, open days, end of year concerts or special events.
- Provide reading and writing materials as part of the daily play based program.
- Support children to develop their self-help skills.
- Incorporate school based activities as part of the early childhood program. For example: practice using lunch boxes and drink bottle.

Not all children are ready to begin school at the age of five. Some children benefit greatly from the extra year of maturity before they start school and it can help them if they start a bit later.

Families will be encouraged to talk to their child's primary carer in relation to whether their child is ready for the transition to school.

Children who turn five on or before 31st July the next year are eligible to start school. By law, all children must be in school the year they turn six.

Sources

Parenting and Child Health: www.cyh.com Retrieved 26 10 16

Raising Children Network: www.raisingchildren.net.au Retrieved 26 10 16

Guide to the National Quality Standards 2011

Time to Start-Family Guide To Starting School www.schools.nsw.edu.au
Retrieved 26 10 16

NSW Department of Education Transition to School Statement Information Sheet for
Early Childhood Educators

Early Childhood Intervention Australia Transition to School Resource
www.transitiontoschoolresource.org.au

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

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