

# McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL



## PREPARATORY YEAR TRANSITION STATEMENTS

Starting school is an important milestone in a child's life. Supporting children to successfully transition from home or kindergarten to school helps foster their confidence and enthusiasm for life-long learning. By working together, early childhood services, schools, families and community organisations may assist children to enjoy a great start to school.

The **Transition Statement** is one way to support successful transitions to school. **Transition Statements** contain important information about each child's learning and development in kindergarten and include suggestions that will support each child's continued learning when they begin school.

**Transition Statements** provide a snapshot of each child's knowledge, skills and dispositions for learning across the five learning development areas of the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guide. Kindergarten teachers write the Statements from a strengths-based perspective towards the end of the kindergarten year.

**Transition Statements** assist families to:

- Understand their child's learning progress.
- Share information with their child's school to support continuity of learning.

**Transition Statements** assist Preparatory Year teachers to:

- Understand each child's learning progress.
- Support each child's successful transition to school.

In November, kindergarten providers prepare a **Transition Statement** for each child enrolled in their programme who will progress from kindergarten to the Preparatory Year. The statement will include information contributed by parents and carers of the child.

Parents and carers are encouraged to sign a **Transition Statement Consent Form**, which allows the kindergarten to send the **Transition Statement** directly to the child's new State School.

To facilitate the sending of **Transition Statements** to schools, Education Queensland has created a **Transition Statement** email address for State Schools: [transitions@mcdowallss.eq.edu.au](mailto:transitions@mcdowallss.eq.edu.au)

Further information about **Transition Statements** may be found at:

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/kindergarten/qklg/supporting-transition-school/transition-statements>