

# SHAMROCK STARTERS




## Transition to School Programme



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## St Patrick's Catholic School - Creating Life Long Learners

The Shamrock Starters is a transition-to-school programme that aims to be informative, educational and an enjoyable experience for you and your child. The programme endeavours to create a sense of belonging and well-being for all participants and families.


The children will be given an opportunity to interact with our New Entrant School children as well as teachers and other staff.

Children must have a genuine interest in enrolling at St Patrick's Catholic School.

The benefits of the Shamrock Starters Programme at our school are:

- 🕒 A smooth transition to school for all students
- 🕒 Familiarity and security with and within the surroundings
- 🕒 Create a sense of belonging for both children and families
- 🕒 Create a sense of themselves as a learner in a school environment
- 🕒 Create a positive relationship with the teacher
- 🕒 Become orientated with the layout of the school, and staff
- 🕒 Become familiar with other new entrant children
- 🕒 Have an inclusive programme that caters to differing abilities
- 🕒 Early detection of children with learning difficulties or talents





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### Session Times

The Shamrock Starters operates on Wednesday afternoons from 1.50pm - 3pm

### Who Can Attend?

From 4 1/2 years



### Clothing

Please dress your child in play clothes. Clothing needs to be comfortable, washable and easy to manage for toilet usage. Make sure that all clothes are labelled.

### What to Bring to the Shamrock Starters

- A brimmed hat (this is school policy)
- A change of clothes
- A good sized school bag that will fit a book bag (this helps the children feel part of the school routines)



### Delivering and Collecting Children

Lunch time starts at 1pm. Please bring your child any time after 1.30pm. They will need supervising in the playground until they are delivered into the class at 1.50pm. For safety reasons a parent or caregiver must sign the in/out sheet in the office and they must bring and collect their child from the New Entrant room.

Please let staff know if any other person is picking up your child. Children will not be permitted to leave the school grounds with any person who does not have parental permission and who is unknown to staff.

Parents are most welcome to stay for the first couple of sessions while children settle, but to enable a successful transition we ask that you leave your child to develop independence within the school setting. You will need to stay on site and are welcome to use the staffroom and have a cuppa with other parents.





### PROGRAMME OUTLINE

(Activities will vary from week-to-week)

- 1.50pm - Arrive and settle
- Mat Time
- Story
- Art, phonics, colouring in, songs, games
- Pack up
- 2.55pm - Home

### Stationery Items Required for Children Beginning in Room 1

Stationery packs are given to all students when they begin school. This will include everything they need at a reduced price through a local supplier. You will be invoiced by the school when your child starts.

### Other Times to Visit

The newsletter is available online every Monday afternoon by 3pm. Please check for any upcoming school-wide events which you may like to share with your preschooler.

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