



# *Little Boscós* *Transition Program*





# WELCOME TO OUR LITTLE BOSCOS TRANSITION PROGRAM

## *Where we...*

- welcome
- explore
- create
- question
- connect
- wonder



*“If it is possible, nothing without joy.”*  
*Loris Malaguzzi*



Little Boscos is a transition program that assists children in preparing for their journey into school life. It enables children to meet teachers, peers and other families and to become familiar with the school learning environment.

The Little Boscos Transition Program is a valuable and exciting opportunity for children before they commence their formal schooling, and we look forward to walking alongside them as they begin their learning journey at St John Bosco School.

We acknowledge and respect that parents/caregivers are a child's first educators. We understand that starting school is a significant and vulnerable time for children and their families. Therefore, we share in this extraordinary responsibility to raise and educate the children in our care with the utmost respect, dignity and love.



*Serve the Lord with Joy*  
*Psalm 100:2*



## *Transition is...*

- an individualised process where children embark on a new journey of discovery and learning
- a unique experience for each child and family
- centred on the child as a competent learner, nurturing their abilities, strengths and interests
- a time of connection and growth, where educators intentionally and meaningfully engage with children and families



## *Little Boscors aims...*

- to introduce and familiarise children and families with their new learning environment, daily rhythms and expectations
- to establish and nourish relationships with peers and teachers
- to provide opportunities for children and families to engage in interactive learning experiences whilst promoting a sense of welcome, belonging and joy



## *Little Boscós invites...*

...all children starting Reception in Term 1 to attend in Terms 3 and 4 of the previous year. Children starting Reception mid-year in Term 3 are welcomed in Terms 1 and 2 of that year. The program runs for two terms on **Friday mornings, 8:45am to 12:00pm.**

Children are to bring their bag, drink bottle, hat, a healthy snack (fruit or vegetable) and recess. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled. It is difficult to keep track of every child's belongings and we would like everything to find its way back to its rightful owner. Casual clothes are to be worn and please pack a spare change of clothes in case of toileting accidents or messy play.





## *Relationships*

At St John Bosco we believe relationships between home and school are at the heart of quality teaching and learning. With this in mind, we meet with each family prior to children commencing the Little BoscOs Transition Program. We also visit all our Little BoscOs at their Kindergarten to observe each child in a familiar context and have a chat with their kindy teacher/s to build upon our knowledge of each child and their learning needs before they begin Reception.



## *Promoting Independence*

Children want to be independent and feel empowered. Please help your child by dressing them in clothes which are quick and easy to remove if they need the toilet, and avoid tricky belts and buckles etc. Support preparing them for school by practising getting dressed, opening and closing lunchboxes and packing/unpacking a bag independently.





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