



St John Bosco
SCHOOL



Little BoscOs

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 and parents to meet the teachers, their peers, other families and to become familiar with the new learning environment.

This program is a valuable and exciting opportunity for our new Reception children, 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 are the 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 Bosc's 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 sessions in Term 4 of the previous year, whereas children starting Reception mid-year in Term 3 are welcomed in Term 2. The program runs for seven weeks on Friday mornings from 9:00am to 11:30am in the Reception Learning Community.

Children are to bring their bag, drink bottle, hat and a healthy snack (fruit or vegetable). 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, please pack a spare change of clothes in case of toileting accidents or messy play.



Relationships

At St John Bosco we believe relationships between the home and school are at the heart of quality teaching and learning. With this in mind we meet with each family prior to 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 the kindy teacher to build upon our current knowledge of each child.



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 when they need the toilet, avoid tricky belts, buckles etc. Support preparing for school at home by practicing getting dressed, opening and closing lunchboxes and packing/unpacking a bag independently.



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*If you have any questions about Little BoscOs please contact
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