

BINDOON PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN



INFORMATION BOOKLET 2026

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KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

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This information booklet is designed to answer your questions about Bindoon Kindergarten. If there is anything you are unsure about, please see your child's teacher or ask at the school office.

At Bindoon Kindergarten, the program is planned to cater for all aspects of your child's development: intellectual, emotional, social, creative and physical. The program is based on these principles:

- Implementation of the Early Years Learning Framework, Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines and adherence to the National Quality Standards
- Children, parents and teachers are all involved in the active process of learning, which starts at birth and continues through Kindergarten, into school and beyond.
- Play-based learning will help develop skills for independent learning.
- A friendly and happy environment will promote confidence and a sense of security.
- Positive self-esteem will be developed to enhance your child's academic success and personality development.
- Children will learn to recognise the rights of others, and be responsible for the care of equipment.
- Appropriate behaviour will be encouraged through the use of positive behaviour support.



We warmly welcome you to our school!

EARLY YEARS LEARNING FRAMEWORK

The first four years in a child's life are vitally important in terms of education, as they are the years when a child is laying down foundations for future learning and participation in society. This document describes five broad outcomes which underpin our teaching pedagogy.

- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of well-being
- Children are confident and involved learners
- Children are effective communicators

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority is responsible for curriculum guidelines for all Western Australian Schools, Kindergarten to Year 12. The Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines focuses on children's learning and development, consistent with the Early Years Learning Framework. In Kindergarten we focus on personal and social competence, as well as pre-literacy and pre-numeracy skills. Every student is an individual and we strive to plan and support each student to their own developmental level, addressing students' academic, social, behavioural, emotional, psychological and physical needs.

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD (NQS)

The National Quality Standard sets a national benchmark for equality in early childhood education and care services across Australia and establishes a set of standards that all service types are expected to meet. This document outlines seven standards that we demonstrate through our Kindergarten program.

Quality Area 1: Educational program and practice

Quality Area 2: Children's health and safety

Quality Area 3: Physical environment

Quality Area 4: Staffing arrangements

Quality Area 5: Relationships with children

Quality Area 6: Collaborative partnerships with families and communities

Quality Area 7: Governance and leadership

KINDERGARTEN SESSION TIMES

Students attend full days from the first day of Kindergarten.

Term 1 and 2 school days will be Monday and Thursday 9:00am – 3:05pm (Orange Group)

Term 1 and 2 school days will be Tuesday and Friday 9:00am-3:05pm (Purple Group)

Term 3 and 4 school days will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 3:05pm (All Students)

ANNUAL SUPPLY LIST

Please see separate Personal Items List. Items that are consumables are shared by all Kindy students and therefore do not require labelling with your child's name. Please bring them with you on the first day of school.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION & CHARGES

\$ 60.00

P&C DONATION

\$ 40.00

TERM DATES FOR 2026

Term One: Monday 2nd February – Thursday 2nd April

Term Two: Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July

Term Three: Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September

Term Four: Monday 12th October – Thursday 17th December

Please refer to the booklet, *Information for Parents K-6 2026*, for other important dates.



ARRIVAL AND PICK-UP

The classroom door will open at 8:50am.

It is a requirement that children be brought into the Kindy room by their parent or carer, (unless they come to school by bus).

Please be aware that the playground and outside equipment are out of bounds, before and after school.

Upon arrival at kindergarten, parents are to encourage their child to:



- place their bag on the bench in front of their name
- collect their items from their bag – drink bottle, crunch and sip, school satchel and library bag (library day only)
- enter the classroom and:
 - place their drink bottle in the tray
 - put crunch and sip into pigeonhole
 - check that their school hat is in their pigeonhole (hats are to remain at school)
 - place their school satchel in the satchel box (ensure their Student Diary is in the satchel)
- complete their morning task, and then choose another activity to do until the first siren sounds

At the end of the day, parents and carers are to wait outside the classroom until the children have been dismissed by their teacher. Please note that a child will not be released to an unknown adult without prior notification, which can be written in the Student Diary.

BUS CHILDREN

Parents need to go online to apply for the bus service. The website address is: pta.wa.gov.au and choose School Bus Services and then Parents. Forms are completed and submitted online. There is also a link on our school webpage www.bindoonprimaryschool.wa.edu.au

Kindy children will be collected from the bus before school, and escorted to the bus after school, by a staff member. If there is a change of plans for taking the bus home on a particular day, parent notification is required in the Student Diary. If there is no note, normal procedures will be followed.

WHAT TO BRING

- Kindergarten students wear our school uniform, and this can be ordered through the P&C uniform shop, which is open every Tuesday morning before school. Orders can also be left at the office. Secondhand uniforms are sometimes available. Please take the time to read the Bindoon Primary School Dress Code Policy, which is available on our school website.
- To ensure safety on play equipment, in the playground and in the gross motor program, students should wear appropriate closed in shoes, such as runners and sneakers.
- While every effort is made to protect clothing, please be aware that some activities are messy. We provide paint shirts when needed.
- Bindoon Primary School is a Sun Smart School and as time is spent outside each day, your child will need a school hat, labelled with their name.

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- A large school bag - large enough for spare clothes, lunch box, drink bottle, school satchel, Student Diary.
- A piece of fruit or vegetable for Crunch n Sip.
- Drink bottle containing water only (no cordial or fruit juice), labelled with their name.
- A spare change of clothes (in case of accidents), all items labelled with their name.
- A healthy packed lunch box e.g. fruit and vegetables, sandwiches, crackers, cheese. **NO** lollies, fizzy drinks or fruit juice. Lunches remain in school bags so please include an ice pack in the hotter months. If you send a warm lunch, please use a thermos.

ACCIDENTS- SPARE CLOTHING

When children enter an unknown environment, they do not always behave in their usual fashion. Sometimes they become so involved in an activity they forget to go to the toilet. Please supply your child with a full set of spare clothes, in a plastic bag clearly marked with your child's name.

BRINGING SOMETHING HOME

Children may not necessarily bring work home each day. Conversation is just as effective as material items. Your child may be quite tired at first and may not want to talk. When asked what was done at Kindy, a common response is "Nothing!". However, your child has been busy developing many skills throughout the day, such as spatial awareness, problem solving and co-operative skills, simply by playing with blocks. Instead of asking, "What have you done?", maybe ask, "What was the best thing about Kindy today?" Most of their work will be kept and sent home at the end of the year. This work will provide a permanent record of your child's achievements during their time at the Bindoon Kindergarten.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We encourage parental involvement, not only for roster duties but also sharing special skills or experiences with the children. A roster for parent help will be displayed outside the classroom later in Term 1.

FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS (FMS)

In Kindergarten we run an FMS program. Sometimes we join with the Pre-primary class and work together as factions. Along with developing fundamental movement skills, it also helps to develop a sense of team and cooperation.

PROMOTING LITERCAY DEVELOPMENT (PLD)

PLD is an evidence-based approach to Structured Synthetic Phonics for primary students. At Bindoon Primary School, PLD is implemented from Kindergarten to Year 6. In the early years, the PLD program focuses upon pre-literacy skills such as phonological awareness and the alphabet sounds, as well as fine and gross motor and oral language skill development.

COMPREHENSION PROGRAM

Later in the term your child will participate in a home comprehension and language skills program. The comprehension program includes a book with a set of questions relating to the book. The language skills cards have activities and games which assist your child to learn vital literacy skills including describing skills, building vocabulary, following instructions and comprehension skills. We will alternate between the books and language cards each week. This program is run through the library and will come home along with your child's chosen library book every Thursday.



WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- Read books to and with your child every day.
- Sing songs and rhymes.
- Encourage them to be independent (e.g. toileting, dressing themselves, putting on their own socks and shoes, putting away toys when they have finished with them etc.)
- Allow children to use scissors with adult supervision.
- Talk about colours, numbers, shapes and spatial concepts (e.g. over/under, long/short, days of the week, times etc).

LIBRARY

Kindergarten children visit the library each week on Thursday (Orange group) and Friday (Purple group) for semester 1. Library day will be Thursday for all kindergarten children in semester 2. Please supply a labelled library bag for your child.

PARENT – SCHOOL CONTACT

The Student Diary is a great means of communication between home and school. We will check it each day for any messages. The school also uses Connect for email and notifications regarding both your child's class and whole school events. If you are not receiving notifications from Connect at the beginning of the year, please speak to admin.

If you need to discuss anything regarding your child in length, please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

STUDENT DIARY

The diary costs \$5.00 and can be purchased at the school office in the first few weeks of school. It is an important means of communication between home and school. We ask you to initial and date all received messages so that we know that messages have been received. Ensure the Student Diary is sent into school each day in your child's school satchel.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

It is a legal requirement that all school absences are explained. Parents will receive an SMS with a link if their child is marked absent without an explanation. Parents should use this link to add attendance notes about their child's absence. **Note: The link is only valid for 48 hours. Do not reply to this message via SMS as the school will not receive it.** Alternatively, this can be done by completing an absent slip in the

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Student Diary, phone or email to the school. In the case of a prolonged absence, you may be asked for a Medical Certificate.

SICKNESS

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell as viruses, colds etc. are quickly spread. If your child becomes unwell whilst at school, parents or the person nominated as an emergency contact will be called. Please contact the school office if any contact information changes.

If a child is hurt the school will notify the parent/carer to advise, either by phone or in the diary.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter is published on the first Tuesday of every month. This is a great way to see what's happening in the school and what future events are happening. The Bindoon Bulletin is available on Connect and the school website.

MONEY

All money is to be handed to the front office in a sealed envelope with your child's name, the amount of money enclosed and its purpose clearly written on the front, as per example below.



NEWS

We will begin news telling in Term 3. This means that every few weeks your child will be able to share some news with the class. A roster will be sent home towards the end of Term 2.

Toys can be brought to school if it is your child's News Day.

P&C MEETINGS

The Bindoon Primary School Parents & Citizens fundraise to provide extra resources for the benefit of the students, provide events through the year, and run the Uniform Shop. Please support this association in any way you can: by attending meetings, and/ or supporting fund raisers. Meetings are usually held once a term, so please keep an eye on the school newsletter, P&C Facebook page as dates and times will be published.

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