



Narrabri West Public School

...opportunities and challenges for our children

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Dear Parents,

Are you ready to embark on an exciting educational journey for your child? We're thrilled to extend a warm invitation to you and your child to join us at **Narrabri West Public School** for an enriching Kindergarten experience!

At **Narrabri West Public School**, we believe in laying a strong foundation for lifelong learning and our Kindergarten program is designed with your child's growth and development in mind.

At our school you and your child will experience:

Quality Education: Our dedicated team of teachers and support staff are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where your child can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

Exceptional Staff: Our highly trained and collaborative staff consistently achieve excellent results, validated at Excelling in Effective Classroom Practice, Learning and Development, Wellbeing, Assessment and Educational Leadership.

Safe and Supportive Environment: Your child's safety and wellbeing are our top priorities. We foster a culture of kindness, respect and responsibility.

Expertise in Explicit Instruction: Narrabri West Public School is renowned for its expertise in the delivery of explicit instruction, recently portrayed in the media and by the Department of Education as evidence-based quality instruction.

Engaging Curriculum: Our curriculum is thoughtfully crafted to spark curiosity, creativity and critical thinking skills. Through engaging and interactive lessons, your child will explore the wonders of literacy, numeracy, science and more!

Holistic Development: We understand that every child is unique, which is why we offer a holistic approach to education. From music and arts to physical education, sport and social-emotional learning, we nurture your child's development in all areas.

Community Involvement: Join a vibrant community of families who share the same values and aspirations for their children. From parent-teacher collaborations to school events and volunteering opportunities, you'll feel connected and supported every step of the way. Narrabri West Public School utilises the SeeSaw app and Sentral parent portal for streamlined communication, facilitating seamless interactions between teachers and parents about student progress and engagement.

Enrolment for Kindergarten at **Narrabri West Public School** is now open and we can't wait to welcome your child into our family! If you would like your child to attend **Narrabri West Public School** in 2025, please complete your online enrolment form now. You will then be invited to attend our Ready, Set, Kinder! transition program to learn more about our teaching and learning programs and facilities. Please join us for our upcoming School Information session and school tour on the 20th June 2024. Come and meet our staff, explore our school and discover why **Narrabri West Public School** is the perfect place for your child to begin their quality educational journey.

<https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=2709>

We look forward to meeting you and your child. Please contact us on 0267922377 if you have any further enquiries.

Kind regards,

Tania Nichols

Principal, Narrabri West Public School



KINDERGARTEN: WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE FIRST YEAR OF SCHOOL



WHAT THEY WILL LEARN

The first year of primary school focuses on learning foundational skills in literacy and numeracy as specified in the curriculum provided by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

Literacy in Kindergarten involves speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students learn how to follow directions, take turns, ask questions and develop a knowledge of words. They will learn new vocabulary, to form letters, write words and sentences, follow print conventions and begin to read short books.

Numeracy in Kindergarten involves understanding how numbers work. Your child may count up to 30 (and sometimes backward), identify numerals and their quantities and learn how to add, subtract, and describe size, time and patterns. They may also recognise and name two and three-dimensional shapes and develop spatial awareness and the vocabulary to describe mathematical concepts.



EMOTIONAL GROWTH

The first year of school is also a time of significant emotional growth. Your child will learn to navigate different emotions, express themselves and understand the feelings of others. Expect to hear stories about the new classmates and the occasional mention of a 'best friend'.

Don't fret if this isn't the case—kindergarten students are encouraged to learn and play in different groups that rotate and change depending on particular activities and so close friendships will develop naturally over time.

Discussing your child's anxieties or excitement about school can foster resilience. Playdates, attending school events and encouraging positive social interactions can help to support your child's social development.



OTHER TIPS

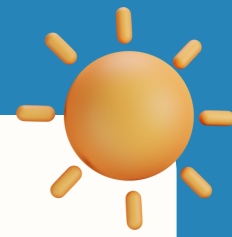
Your child will be taking small steps toward doing things on their own, from putting on shoes to packing their school bag. Boost their confidence by celebrating these achievements and offering guidance when needed.

Write your child's name on all belongings, from school bags to lunch boxes. This prevents items from getting lost and fosters a sense of responsibility.

Celebrate achievements, big or small. Whether it's successfully tying shoelaces or reading a new word, acknowledging your child's efforts boosts their confidence and creates a positive attitude toward learning.

It is important to remember that every child progresses at their own pace.

At Narrabri West Public School, we strive for excellence in all areas of education, including academics, sports and the arts, to help each student reach their full potential. We endeavour to provide opportunities and challenges for our children.



Kindergarten:

Tips for a successful start

Of all the milestones in early life, starting kindergarten can be one of the most exciting – and nerve-wracking – for parent and child alike.

Here are some helpful tips to ensure a smooth transition from daycare, Preschool or home to a larger, more structured primary school environment.



Timing:

In NSW, children typically start kindergarten by the year they turn 6. However, readiness for kindergarten is not just about age; it's about emotional and social readiness. Pay attention to your child's cues and consider their ability to cope with change. Encourage independence and emotional self-regulation. These skills will be crucial for your child's success in school.



Familiarity:

Our school offers transition sessions before the official start of kindergarten. Encourage your child to attend these sessions. They provide a great opportunity for children to meet their teachers, explore the classroom and interact with other incoming students.



Additionally, you can create a home environment that mirrors some aspects of the school routine. Set specific times for activities like reading, playtime and meal breaks. This helps children adjust to a structured schedule similar to what they'll experience in school.



School Support

Our school will provide relevant information to families as your child starts kindergarten. We want to work with you to support your child's needs. You can access information on Sentral for parents and keep up to date with activities at our school on our school's facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NarrabriWestPS/>

