# For the Parents

## Preparing your child for Prep

- Make sure that first of all you have a positive attitude to the big day.
  - Read a story or talk about "when you first started school".
- Make sure your child is able to manage the school uniform. Ensure that all items are labelled.
- Ensure that your child is able to unwrap their lunches (plastic wrap, straws and poppers, open jackets and containers). Practise at home having lunch and afternoon tea just like at school. Make sure your child knows what is for fruit break; lunch and afternoon tea (separate containers for each to begin with).
- Practice being on a school time schedule before school begins ... getting up in time to get ready for school. Make sure that your child always has a good healthy breakfast. School beings at 9.00am, Fruit break 9.15am, Lunch 11.00am and Afternoon Tea at 1.30pm.
- Always ensure that your child knows where their bag has been placed and is able to recognise it. A special tag helps your child identify their own bag from others.
- Help your child to recognise and write their own name.
- Practice the alphabet and counting to 10.

### First Day Hints

- Arrive at school at approximately 8.45am (not too early). You can take this opportunity to check out the playgrounds.
- Find your child’s name and class on board near the giant chessboard
- When you come into the classroom, help place your child’s bag on the port rack and put their hat away.
- Settle down to read a book or do a puzzle with your child until 8.55am.

- When you leave make sure that you say goodbye to your child and let him/her know that you will be back when school is finished.
- Smile, even though you may not feel like it.
- Make sure you pick up your child on time. A few minutes can seem like an eternity and can become very stressful for your child.

### Pick up Time

- Pick your child up from the veranda area (giant chessboard side) just outside the classroom at 3.00pm. For safety reasons, the teacher will call your child’s name and your child will leave the classroom for you to greet them.

### Parking

- Parking is available at the front of the school. Please note: 10 minute parking is enforced from 8.30am - 9.30am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

### Lunchboxes

Buy the hardy durable kind. It is handy to choose the type in which you can place a frozen drink bottle. Not only does this provide a cool refreshing drink to the child all through the day, but it is also keeps their lunch cool.

In all the activity of the first week or so, do not be surprised if your child hardly touches their lunch. This will pass as they settle into their environment.

We are trying to promote “Litter Free” lunches. If possible, please send your child’s lunch with no wrapping.

### Uniforms

All the necessary uniform requirements are available at the school uniform shop which is located beside the tuckshop. Please check with office for the opening times. The uniform shop is staffed by volunteer parents who provide helpful advice on what you may need to purchase.

Prices offered in our shop are competitive and funds raised go to the school P&C to enhance the facilities of the school. You are able to find all the information [www.wooloowinss.eq.edu.au](http://www.wooloowinss.eq.edu.au)
Stationery

In 2017 Prep families will be asked to pay a Voluntary Consumable Contribution. This contribution will cover all consumable resources e.g. pencils, scrap books, sticky tape, glue, tissues etc., and is a hassle and worry free service provided by the school. This method of providing consumable items for your child has been trialled over a number of years and parents have found it to be a convenient and successful way of supplying all their child’s school needs.

School Bag

Ensure you buy a bag that is large enough to accommodate a lunchbox, an extra water bottle, spare set of clothes and plastic bag. It should be a bag that fits your child correctly and encourages good posture.

It is a great idea to put a tag on your child’s bag so that it is easily identified.

Labelling

Label absolutely everything, even underwear. The time you invest in this process will be rewarded when your child’s lost belongings are returned to you from the lost and found and save you the expense of purchasing them all over again.

During the first term of school, you may find that your child is literally exhausted at the end of each day and particularly at the end of each week. Be supportive and do not place undue demands on your child.

If you have any concerns please see teacher to discuss them.

Get Involved

There are many, many opportunities to become involved in the school. Your child will delight in seeing you there. Just as there are many different types of parents, there are activities to match. Working parents can contribute towards many things that involve supporting your school and its community e.g. P&C meetings and committees. Stay at home parents can assist at Prep on excursions or spending time with the class. https://www.facebook.com/wooloowinsspandc16/.

WHAT TO BRING ON YOUR FIRST DAY

1. School bag
2. School wide brimmed hat
3. Lunch box
4. Water bottle
5. Fruit (cut up) for fruit break
6. Spare set of clothes
7. Library Bag

We welcome you to our school community and look forward to seeing you at our school