



KINDY AT KINROSS PS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

When can my child start Kindergarten?

In WA, children can begin Kindergarten in the year they turn four years old by 30 June.

Is Kindy compulsory?

No, but it is highly recommended to prepare children for Pre-primary, which is the first year of compulsory schooling.

Am I guaranteed a Kindergarten placement at my school of choice?

No. You can apply to the public school you would like your child to enrol at; however, they may not have a guaranteed place at that school.

Am I guaranteed a Kindergarten placement at a school if I live within their catchment area?

Many children enrol in Kindergarten at their local school. If your local school does not have enough places for all the Kindergarten children who apply, the principal will consider enrolment priorities to your enrolment application (such as siblings who attend the school already and/or proximity of your residence to the school). They will notify you in writing if they can offer your child a place. More information about applying to Kindergarten in a public school can be found here:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/how-to-enrol-a-step-by-step-guide>

If my child attends Kindy at Kinross PS, are they guaranteed a placement for Pre-Primary and above?

No. Students who live within the school catchment area can enrol for Pre-Primary and above. If you are living outside of the school catchment area, you can submit a Pre-Primary (and above) application for your child. This application will be assessed under our school enrolment priorities (such as having siblings who attend the school already and/or proximity of your residence to the school).

How many students will there be in a Kindergarten classroom?

Approximate numbers of our Kindergarten classrooms are 20 students.

How many staff will there be in a Kindergarten classroom?

Within one Kindergarten classroom there is one teacher and one education assistant. On some occasions, there may be additional education assistants within the classroom to assist students with diagnosed additional needs (including medical or disability related).

Will I be able to meet my child's Kindy teacher prior to the start of the school year?

Yes, once students are enrolled, we offer a Kindergarten information session where parents can meet school staff such as Kindy teachers and members of the school leadership team. In this session, school staff speak to the parent audience about what they can expect within a standard Kindy day, what items their child will require for Kindy and how parents can best support their child before starting Kindy. This session is usually held in November. Please note, this session is a group information session and not an appropriate

time for detailed conversations with school staff. Parents will be provided with a questionnaire at this information session to provide your child's future teacher with additional details or share concerns regarding your child's start to schooling.

Will my child be able to visit a Kindy classroom before starting school?

Yes, once students are enrolled, we offer a Kindergarten orientation session where our future Kindy students and parent/s can visit a Kindy classroom for a short session. In this session your child will meet school staff such as Kindy teachers, Education Assistants and members of the school leadership team. Teachers may read a story, sing some songs or lead some movement activities in this time. Children will also have time to explore the classroom to play and become orientated to the different areas within a Kindy classroom.

Is there a Kindy uniform?

Yes, we sell Kindy shirts at our school uniform shop along with pants/shorts/skirt options to suit your child's needs. Further information about the uniform shop hours will be provided in the Kindergarten Information Session, once enrolled.

Are there opportunities for children to play when at Kindy?

Yes, at Kinross PS we are passionate about providing opportunities for play-based learning within the early childhood years. Inside and outside environments are carefully designed to provoke rich play opportunities that support student learning and development. Further information is available via our Early Childhood Philosophy Statement on our website. In addition, students also have one recess break and one lunch break per day in which they can play in our well-equipped outdoor play environments.

What skills does my child need before starting Kindy?

We strongly advise you to encourage your child's independence in the following skills before starting Kindergarten:

- Toileting (visiting toilet independently including dressing/undressing and wiping)
- Dressing (eg using zips, taking jumpers on and off, putting shoes on and off)
- Identifying their written name
- Eating behaviours (opening and closing food packets and lunchboxes)

These skills make a huge difference to student confidence, wellbeing, and their ability to settle into the school environment.

How can I find more information about choosing Kinross for an educational placement for my child?

You can learn more about our school by visiting the Kinross Primary School website. There you'll find a range of helpful resources including videos, school newsletters, and key policies that offer a genuine insight into our learning environment, values, and day-to-day life at Kinross. These materials are a great way to get a feel for whether our school is the right fit for your family.