

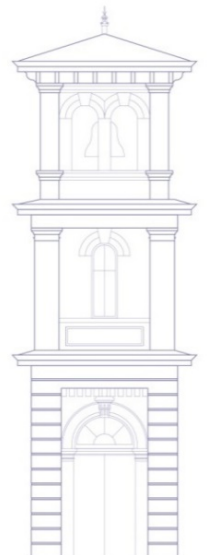


Kindergarten Transition

Parent Information Session 2 – 30 October 2019

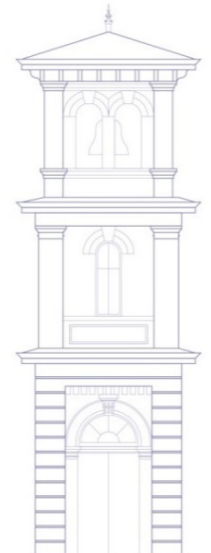
Kindergarten 2020

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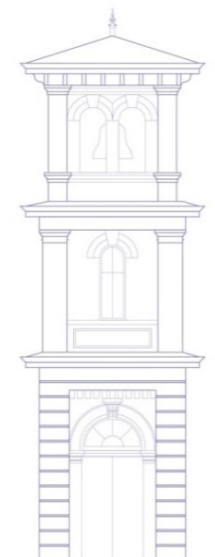
Best Start Assessment

All children beginning Kindergarten in NSW public schools will participate in the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment.



About the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a state-wide assessment that helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten.



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Providing the Best Possible Start For Your Child



Best Start Assessment At Our School

- ▶ **Wednesday 29 January 2020**
- ▶ **Thursday 30 January 2020**
- ▶ **Friday 31 January 2020**

- ▶ **Monday 3 February 2020 – First Day of Kindergarten**



Your Child



- ▶ All children start school with a range of early literacy and numeracy knowledge, skills and understandings.
- ▶ Every child has their own unique set of experiences and are already engaging in the world around them to express their ideas and feelings.



Assessment

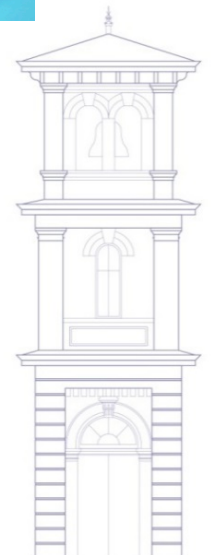
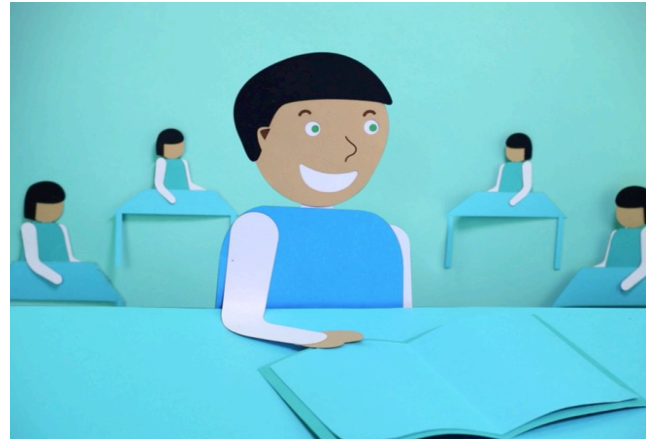


- ▶ The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is designed to identify early literacy and numeracy skills and concepts.
- ▶ The assessment is not a test and no preparation is required.
- ▶ The teacher will ask a series of questions to gather information about your child and record their responses.



Best Start Assessment - Literacy

- ▶ The literacy assessment tasks are designed to identify your child's literacy skills, such as:
 - recognising familiar words;
 - identifying sounds and letters;
 - writing their own name; and
 - understanding how books work.



Best Start Assessment - Literacy

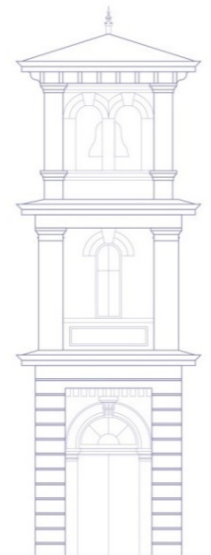
- ▶ For instance, the teacher will read a picture book to your child and ask:

- ✓ *'Can you tell me about the story that I just read to you?'*



Best Start Assessment - Numeracy

- ▶ The numeracy assessment tasks are designed to identify how well your child can count; which numbers they recognise; and whether they can add or subtract small numbers.



Best Start Assessment - Numeracy

- ▶ The teacher will ask questions like:
 - ✓ 'Start counting from one and I'll tell you when to stop.'
 - ✓ 'Can you tell me what number this is?' [show '5']



Understand and Plan



- ▶ The information gathered will help teachers to develop effective learning programs that can build upon what each child knows and can do when they start Kindergarten.



Feedback



- ▶ Teachers will provide you with feedback about how you can support your child during the first year of school.



Parent Feedback

Kindergarten Transition Exit Slip

2019



1. *Has your understanding of Hurstville Public School increased as a result of attending the transition program? Please circle:*

~~1~~ ————— ~~2~~ ————— ~~3~~
No Not Sure Yes

2. *Did you find the information packs helpful? Please circle:*

~~1~~ ————— ~~2~~ ————— ~~3~~
No Not Sure Yes

3. *Did your child enjoy attending the transition visits? Please circle:*

~~1~~ ————— ~~2~~ ————— ~~3~~
No Not Sure Yes

4. *Do you have any suggestions to improve our transition program?*

Please hand in to the school office by 15/11/19

Next Week's Session

- ▶ Supporting students as English language learners
- ▶ Contemporary learning
- ▶ P&C information
- ▶ Road Safety
- ▶ School Uniform will be on sale



Questions

