

# Flexibility to delay entry to the Preparatory Year

## *Parent Information*

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### Flexibility to delay entry to Prep if a child is not ready for Prep

Prep is recognised as the first year of school in Queensland. It is also the first year of the Australian Curriculum.

To be eligible for Prep a child must turn 5 years old by 30 June in the year they start Prep.

Most children commence Prep in the year they become eligible, however should parents be concerned their child is not ready to start school at this time, they can commence Prep a year later when they are of compulsory school age (6 years and 6 months). They should discuss their concerns with the principal of the school in which they plan to enrol their child.

Parents of compulsory school age children have a legal obligation to ensure that their children are enrolled in school and attend for every day of the educational program in which they are enrolled. Enrolment in, and full-time attendance at Prep, fulfils this obligation.

Please call the office to arrange a meeting with the Principal to discuss this further.

