



Transition to School Program Kindergarten 2025

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WALK AND TALK: PRINCIPAL SCHOOL TOURS

Walk and Talk: Principal School Tour

We warmly invite you to join our wonderful Principal, Miss Jodi Bennett, on a guided tour of our school. Take this opportunity to explore our vibrant school grounds and get a firsthand look at the exciting learning environment your child will experience. Visit our classrooms, the library, the school canteen, and the many play areas where your child will build lasting friendships and enjoy their lunch breaks. This is a great chance to see how our school fosters a nurturing and engaging atmosphere for all students. Please note, you only need to attend one "Walk and Talk" session during the year. Here are the dates and times available for the school tours.

Dates Available:

- Monday 24 February 2025
- Tuesday 18 March 2025
- Tuesday 27 May 2025
- Monday 16 June 2025

Any enquiries about a Walk and Talk after the latest date stated above, will need to be arranged by appointment via email terradora-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Time: 9:30am to 10:30am

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

We take immense pride in our Transition to School program, which is designed to support both children and their families as they embark on the exciting journey of starting primary school. This program is ever evolving, and we welcome feedback and comments from parents to help us continually improve and ensure we are meeting the needs of each child. Our goal is always to give our best, striving to make every child feel prepared and confident for this next important step.

The program consists of four Kindergarten sessions, two orientation days, and a Parents' Information Night. The Kindergarten sessions are shorter, offering our newest little friends a chance to experience what it's like at "big school" in a fun and supportive environment. During the first session, we invite parents to join in and participate, making it a welcoming experience for both the children and their families.

Our two orientation days are longer, lasting an hour and a half each. These sessions are focused on building friendships formed during the Kindergarten sessions, organising potential class groups, and simulating a typical school day. The Parents' Information Night is an essential part of the program, where we answer frequently asked questions and provide a deeper insight into what starting your educational journey at Terranora Public School looks like. This is your chance to gather all the information you need to feel confident and informed about the school year ahead.

We are excited to have you and your child join us for this program and look forward to making this transition a positive and strong foundation for a happy, successful schooling journey ahead.

Kindy Session 1: Playground Discovery

Date: Friday 15 August 2025

Time: 9:15am to 10:15am

Get ready to explore the adventures of our Natural Learning Space. Play the outdoor xylophone or bongo drums, slide down the slippery dip, hunt for fossils and real size replica Tyrannosaurus Rex footprints, climb the rigging, or sail aboard the TPS Shipwreck. Your child is going to love it! ***This event is open to both children and parents.*** Get ready for a day of fun! Please meet at the LoFT to sign in and grab your child's name badge, ready for the session. Sign-on begins from 9:00am.



What to bring: wide brimmed hat, enclosed shoes and drink bottle (all clearly labelled).

Kindy Session 2: Fun in the Kindy Classrooms

Date: Friday 22 August 2025

Time: 9:15am to 10:15am

In this session, the children will visit our Kindy classrooms for some fun activities, planned by the Kindergarten teachers. ***This is a child-only event.*** We have an informative session planned for parents and carers, if you would like to stay and learn about:

- Extra-Curricular activities offered at Terranora Public School
- Literacy and Numeracy in Kindergarten
- Terranora Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)



Complimentary tea and coffee will be provided. Please meet at the LoFT to sign in and grab your child's name badge, ready for the session. Sign-on begins from 9:00am.

What to bring: wide brimmed hat, enclosed shoes and drink bottle (all clearly labelled).

Parent Information Evening

Date: Wednesday 3 September 2025

Time: 5:15pm to 6:15pm

Join us for an informative question and answer evening held in our Kindy classrooms to prepare you and your child for the exciting journey of starting "big school." Discover what to expect, how to get ready, and ask the Kindergarten team (Kindergarten teachers, Kindergarten Assistant Principal and Principal) any questions you may have. Take this time to understand our school routines, learn about fostering independence and school readiness for your little one. We will cover everything parents need to know to support their child's transition into Kindergarten to create a seamless home and school partnership. Together, let us embark on this wonderful milestone with confidence and enthusiasm! ***Please note: This evening is for parents and carers only.*** Kindly arrange care for your child/ren.

Enrolment Interview Information

Kindergarten enrolment interviews will be open for booking from **Tuesday 14 October**, until **Friday 17 October**. Be sure to check your emails this week for detailed instructions on how to schedule your child's enrolment interview.

Kindy Session 3: Let's Play

Date: Friday 24 October 2025

Time: 9:15am to 10:15am

It is time to have some fun with physical exercise and games led by the Kindergarten teachers! ***This is a child-only event.*** Please meet at the LoFT to sign in and grab your child's name badge, ready for the session. Sign-on begins from 9:00am. We kindly ask that parents and carers leave the school premises and return at 10:15am, for when the session has finished.



What to bring: wide brimmed hat, enclosed shoes and drink bottle (all clearly labelled).

Kindy Session 4: Story Time

Date: Friday 31 October 2025

Time: 9:15am to 10:15am

We explore the library today! Your child will have the time to discover the resources in our library and be immersed in the magical world that only an enjoyable book can create. Please meet at the LoFT to sign in and grab your child's name badge, ready for the session. Sign-on begins from 9:00am. This is a child-only event. We kindly ask that parents and carers leave the school premises and return at 10:15am, for when the session has finished.



What to bring: enclosed shoes and drink bottle (all clearly labelled).

Kindergarten Enrolment Interviews

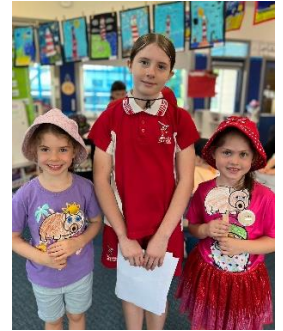
Interviews will take place from **Monday 3 November** to **Friday 7 November 2025**. We look forward to seeing you and your child!

Orientation 1: Big School Experience

Date: Friday 28 November 2025

Time: 9:30am to 11:00am

Children will have their first “big school” experience in an exciting learning environment with our skilled Kindergarten teachers. Children will meet their big buddies for next year, go on a scavenger hunt around the school and they will receive a lunch order from the canteen. **This is a child-only event.** Once the children are with the Kindy teachers, we will then hand out information about School Bytes (our whole-school communication app) so you can download the app and sign in. We will also be handing out Orientation Bags. We kindly ask that you take this time to leave the school premises and return at 11:00am, for when the session has finished. Please meet at the LoFT to sign in and grab your child’s name badge, ready for the session. Sign-on begins from 9:15am.



What to bring: wide brimmed hat, enclosed shoes, drink bottle and a piece of fruit.

Uniform Shop: opening times from 11:00am to 12:30pm.

Orientation 2: Teddy Bear’s Picnic

Date: Friday 5 December 2025

Time: 9:30am to 11:00am

Get ready for your child’s second “big school” experience with our awesome Kindergarten teachers. But wait, there is more fun ahead! Do not forget to bring along your child’s morning tea and their favourite teddy bear for a special picnic. There will be craft, children will meet their buddies again and the teddies may even get to go on a parachute. We kindly ask that when your child goes into this session to take this time to leave the school premises and return at 10:30am, to enjoy the Teddy Bear’s Picnic all together. Please meet at the LoFT to sign in and grab your child’s name badge, ready for the session. Sign-on begins from 9:15am.



What to bring: wide brimmed hat, enclosed shoes, drink bottle, packed morning tea and your child’s favourite teddy bear.

Uniform Shop: opening times from 11:00am to 12:30pm.

First Day of School 2026

Date: Monday 2 February 2026

Time: 8:30am

On your child’s first day of Kindergarten, we ask that parents & carers join us in front of the Kindergarten classrooms from 8:30am for a photo opportunity, followed by a kiss and cuddle, before children start their day. Our staff and year six buddies will be there to greet our new Kindergartens, and fun activities will be set up for the children to enjoy. We kindly ask that, if possible, parents remain outside of the classrooms to make the separation process smoother.

On their first day, all students will spend time getting to know their teachers and classmates. They will have an opportunity to explore the kindergarten classrooms and engage in activities that will help them settle in. Your child will find out who their classroom teacher is before the end of the school day, and they will be guided through a smooth transition into the routine of primary school.

The Kindergarten teachers will be available in their classrooms from 8:30am for the first couple of weeks. We ask that you continue to drop your child off at the Kindergarten classrooms for indoor play activities each morning during this time. To build the independence of our students, we ask that each day there is a quick kiss and cuddle drop off and that you talk to your child about this process, as this makes the separation predictable for our Kindy students and helps the start to each day be a smooth one.

Please reach out to your child’s teacher if you think your child may need a bit of extra support with separation in the mornings.