



LITTLE WONDERS

Long Transition Program



What is 'Little Wonders'?

Believing that all children are competent and capable and active citizens of our world means that we need to recognise the rights of every child in their educational journey.

Beginning school is an important milestone in your child's development. At **TENISON WOODS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**, we recognise and value the significance of this time and we work in partnership with families to ensure a smooth and successful transition to school.

Transition is a gradual process whereby children begin to feel safe and secure in their surrounding environment, make friends and develop positive relationships with others. Once these important elements are in place, your child will be set up for successful learning.

With this understanding of change from Kindergarten to School we have developed a 'Little Wonders' Long Transition Program for your child.

Learning School

The notion of *learning school* is the first important step in a child experiencing what happens at school and their engaging with the Australian Curriculum.

The *Early Learning Framework* has designed learning around the following dispositions or habits of the mind; enthusiasm, curiosity, commitment, persistence, confidence and cooperation .

Once a child is comfortable and confident with knowing school then their learning really flourishes.

Ben Catalano, Principal



What's included in the program?

The Long Transition Program features:

- the opportunity to attend school one day a week in addition to your child's Kindergarten or Pre-School program;
- a full time teacher for the duration of the transition;
- every day opportunities to experience life at school; i.e. start and finish of a school day, recess and lunchtime play, attendance at assemblies, and Mass;
- access to OSHC - Before and After School and Vacation Care;
- developing the dispositions of successful learners in literacy, mathematics, science and the arts.

What do you need to participate?

Families are responsible for providing the following items on their child's transition day:

- drink bottle
- recess and lunch
- healthy fruit snack
- hat
- change of clothes

Students are not required to wear the school uniform on their transition days. Please ensure all items are labeled with your child's name.

We are a 'Nut Aware' school so please do not send any nuts or nut products to school.

Uniform fittings can be booked. Parents will be notified via the Audiri app when bookings open. Purchases can be made by cash, card or via QKR! app.

"children see joy in the little things"



How much does the program cost?

There is **no cost** for your child being enrolled in the Program. To support all families in making sure an education at Tension Woods is accessible for all, the program will not have any fees involved.

Please notify the school if your child will be absent, completing the 'Absentee' eFORM on Audiri.

Getting to know your child

Each child is individual and unique, to support a smooth transition it is valuable for us to get to know your child. Our program supports this journey by completion of the getting to know you form and liaising with your child's previous learning centre. One of our early years teachers will be in contact with the learning centre to gain insights into your child. We look forward to working with you during your child's learning journey at Tension Woods.



Download our School Apps in preparation for starting the transition program

"every step in a child's journey is an opportunity to grow, learn and flourish"