



Frequently Asked Questions: Foundation 2021 enrolments

Prior to reading this document, please ensure you watch the 2021 Foundation Information presentation on the Heidelberg Primary School website.

Question:

When do I have to have my enrolment forms submitted to Heidelberg Primary School?

Answer:

It is appreciated that you complete all paperwork and submit this to the school office as soon as possible.

Question:

How many transition sessions do you run and does my child have to attend these?

Answer:

At Heidelberg Primary School, we have 5 transition sessions, with the last being where the student meets their classroom teacher and classmates for 2021. It is encouraged that students attend all transition sessions, so they can become familiar with the school, the teachers and their peers.

Question:

Is there homework in the first year of school and what does this involve?

Answer:

Foundation students will complete homework, but this will not occur until they have completed their Early Years assessment (a compulsory online assessment, carried out by the classroom teacher with the student in the first 5 weeks of school). Homework will consist of home reading nightly, as well as introducing simple phonic tasks to complement the learning taking place in the classroom.

Question:

Do you have a buddy program?

Answer:

At Heidelberg Primary School, we have a buddy program where your Foundation student will be matched up to a Year 6 student. Buddies are a great support for the younger students at the start of the year, helping in the yard and encouraging new friendships. Throughout the year, the buddies will catch up formally at least once a term for special activity or lesson.

Question:

How many students are in each Foundation class?

Answer:

The sizes of classes are dependent upon the number of students that are zoned to Heidelberg Primary School and those who are out of zone and enrolled. Currently, our Foundation classes are sitting at 22 students per class.

Question:

What will be the communication method between parent/guardian and school/classroom teacher?

Answer:

Heidelberg Primary School uses *Compass* to communicate with parents/guardians. This is a school management app, where all administration requests, reports, parent/teacher interviews and information is stored and accessed. Within the classroom, Foundation Teachers use the *Seesaw* app, a digital portfolio, where students' work is showcased and saved for parent/guardian access only. In addition to this, there is a Foundation blog (website), where curriculum and weekly updates are provided to parents/guardians.