

Transition Program

(2 ¾ - 3 YEARS)

Our Preschool Transition Program aims to familiarise parents and their child with the environment, work habits and routines of the Preschool. The Transition Program is offered as a four week program for the last four weeks of every term. Children who are planning to attend the Preschool can attend the Transition Program the term prior to starting in the Preschool. There are four x 2½ hour weekly sessions run by a dedicated Transition staff member. A parent/caregiver needs to attend all of the Transition sessions with their child.

The Transition Program is the opportunity:

- for both the parent and child to visit the Preschool each week and familiarise themselves with the structure and routine of the Preschool classroom
- to begin to develop relationships with the adults that work in the Preschool
- to help ease the child into the Preschool environment in a supported way developing their independence
- for the child to engage with the specific Montessori materials and various activities set up in the Preschool classroom
- for parents to be supported in their understanding of the Montessori philosophy and methodology.

The Transition Program runs on a Wednesday morning from 9.30am – 12noon. Transition families are met at the school office by the Transition staff on the first visit and subsequent visits they are met at the Preschool.

Three Options

Families have three options in transitioning to the Preschool program and can choose which option will best suit their child depending on their specific needs, ability to separate, confidence and independence.

- Option 1:** Parent and child attend an Infant Program session for the first six weeks of the term and then together they attend the Transition Program for the last four weeks of term. *(Supported by a dedicated Transition staff member for the four weeks of Transition. Pro-rata Infant Program fees would be charged in this instance.)*
- Option 2:** Parent and child only attend the Transition Program for the last four weeks of term. *(Again, supported by a dedicated Transition staff member for the four weeks of Transition.)*
- Option 3:** Child independently attends Preschool from day one of the term. *(All new students to the Preschool are invited to a brief orientation visit on the pupil free day at the commencement of each term.)*

Families who wish to attend the Transition Program need to complete a Transition Registration form. The fees for the Transition Program are \$232.00 and need to be paid to the school office prior to commencement in the Transition Program.

We believe that the Transition Program provides you and your child with a valuable and supported introduction to our Preschool program and the Montessori philosophy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone the school or ask at the office.

We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,



Cathy France

Principal

