

## How you can support your child's transition to school

It is important that families talk to their children about school, discuss what it might be like and what will happen in the school day.

Our programme will help prepare the children for what will happen in the classroom.

- Start developing independence by letting your child carry their own bag.
- Encourage them to put on their shoes and do them up.
- Practise zipping up their school bag and opening and closing their lunchbox.
- Help with the class morning routines when they start school to develop independence.
- Visit the school prior to starting to become familiar with the playground.



## Starting School

The following suggestions may help to ease the transition process for your family:

- Arrive approximately at 8.45am. This will give you time to carry out the morning routines before the bell rings.
- Make your child comfortable and say a quick and confident goodbye. The classroom teacher will help to settle your child if needed.
- Your child will have a buddy to take care of them in the playground.
- It is important to continue to ask your child about their day and what they learnt or what was special.



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# ST JOHNS HILL SCHOOL

## Hatchlings



**For preschoolers and parents growing confidence on their learning journey**



Green-Gold Enviroschool Education for Sustainability  
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*Welcome to our transition to school programme. We aim to help children develop skills, attitudes, virtues and knowledge. We encourage personal effort and achievement for growth now and in the future.*



### Our Aims

This programme has been developed to enhance children's transition to school in a supportive and enjoyable way.

Children have the opportunity to spend time at school where they interact with children who will be starting school at the same time.

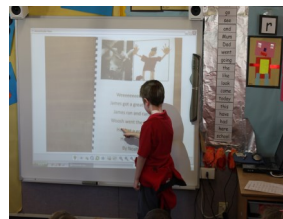
We welcome children to participate in literacy and numeracy activities, meet other children and explore the playground and classroom.

Hatchlings also provides an opportunity for new parents to meet other members of our school community and ask questions.

This is a very important first step in what we hope will be a long and happy relationship between your family and our school community.

## What we will do at Hatchlings

- Become familiar with the school environment.
- Meet the Principal, Deputy Principal and classroom teachers.
- Visit their classroom.
- Parents work alongside their child on typical classroom activities.
- Children are able to take home a library book.
- Parents receive learning information on how to help support their child at home.



## Hatchlings Information

Once you have enrolled at St Johns Hill School you will receive a letter to invite you and your child to start the Hatchlings programme.

The Hatchlings programme takes place once a fortnight on Tuesdays from 1.45-2.45pm.

You are welcome to arrive earlier and your child can join others in our playground.

Your child may wear mufti clothes to these sessions.

They will be issued a library book to take home and be returned at the next session.

