



What will my child learn in the Preparatory Year?

The learning experiences in the Preparatory Year will help your child to:

- take on responsibilities
- become more independent
- respect other people
- co-operate with others
- make sensible choices about their health and safety
- develop their physical skills
- learn about their environment
- develop their oral language
- develop their early mathematical understandings
- learn how to be thinkers and problem solvers
- use their imagination and creativity
- develop their early reading and writing skills.
- Develop their understanding of the world around them through Scientific inquiry

What will I see my child doing?

Your child will be:

- investigating interests
- making choices
- talking with teachers and other children
- designing and creating
- taking part in singing, dancing and drama activities
- playing games indoors and outdoors
- participating in Physical Education lessons
- planning and sharing in structured activities
- using computers
- learning to recognise letters and sounds
- engaging with books and other texts
- beginning to read and write
- learning about size, shape, weight, measurement and number as they manipulate a variety of materials in structured learning environments



How will this help my child when they get into Year 1?

The curriculum in the Preparatory Year is designed to provide the foundation that children need for success in later schooling.

Research has identified several factors that are connected with success at school.

These are:

- independence
- social learning
- health and physical development
- language development
- early literacy and numeracy
- ability to think and solve problems
- imagination and creativity
- a positive approach to learning.

The Year 1 curriculum builds on the curriculum in the Preparatory Year.

How can I help my child?

- Share information about your child with the teacher. **This information is always confidential.**
- Chat with your child about what they are doing at school.
- Visit the classroom for a brief chat or to take part in daily activities and/or special events.
- Encourage your child to experiment with a range of materials and equipment.
- Encourage your child to explore different ways to organise areas (for example, their bedroom, play area, cubby).
- Read together and talk about a range of everyday items such as signs, notices, letters, catalogues, magazines, TV guides, food packaging and bills.
- Read and talk frequently about storybooks, factual books and rhymes.
- Make available a variety of containers and materials for measuring, such as water, grain and sand.
- Involve your child in family activities that investigate mathematical ideas — such as cooking, setting the table, matching socks, sharing a meal.
- Provide 'junk' materials for drawing, making patterns, and building things.

How can I get involved?

Camira State School recognises the vital role of parents in their child's education. There are many opportunities for you to participate in your child's learning.

Contact the Principal, for suggestions on how to become involved in the school and your child's experiences in the Preparatory Year Program.

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Learning in the Preparatory Year

Our aim in the Preparatory Year is to build continuity between a child's prior experiences and their future learning. Before starting the Preparatory Year, children live and learn in a range of overlapping, socially and culturally diverse settings. Many factors within these settings interact to influence how children see themselves, their ways of responding to the world and how they interact and build relationships.

The Foundation level of the Australian **Curriculum** provides Prep teachers with a framework for interacting and planning, assessing and reflecting on an effective curriculum to promote continuity in children's learning.

