



Illaroo Road Public School

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Dear parents/caregivers,

Our three orientation sessions for 2021 Kindergarten students will take place on the following dates this term:

Thursday 12th November 2020

Thursday 19th November 2020

Thursday 26th November 2020

We would encourage you to bring your child to all three sessions, as this will give him/her the maximum opportunity to meet teachers and other children and familiarise him/herself with the school environment. However, it is fine if he or she can only come to one or two of the sessions.

Due to the Department of Education's COVID-19 guidelines, we are having to make the following modifications to our orientation sessions this year.

- Children will have to be dropped off and picked up from the school hall and parents/caregivers will not be able to proceed any further than this point on to the school site or stay on site while the orientation session takes place. Unfortunately, this means that if your child has difficulty separating from you at drop-off, he/she will not be able to attend that session and you will be asked to take him/her home. If this happens, you are welcome to bring your child to one of the later sessions and see if he/she separates successfully on that occasion.
- We will take each child's temperature on arrival and will ensure that surfaces and equipment are cleaned both before and after each orientation session.
- Children will be divided into three groups. Each group will have a slightly different start and finish time as set out below. This will allow us to minimise the number of parents and children arriving and leaving at the same time. We respectfully ask that to you keep strictly to these times.
- Notification of your child's group was sent to parents by email.

	Start/drop-off time	Finish/pick-up time
Blue	11:25	12:25
Green	11:40	12:40
Orange	11:55	12:55

Our wonderful parents who run the uniform shop have organised to use the hall at Nowra Church of Christ on Wednesday 11th November, Thursday 12th November and Friday 13th November 2020 from 9:00am to 3:00pm for kinder 2021 students and parents to try on and order uniform items. However, you will have to book a time slot beforehand via the website schoolinterviews.com.au. Time slots will be 20 minutes long and, again due to COVID restrictions, **only one parent and one child will be able attend** your booking. Whatever items you order will be ready for you to pick up at either of the last two orientation sessions.

How to book:

1. Go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au
2. Use the event code **u242w**
3. Book a timeslot that is suitable

Zoom with the Principal

A Zoom session has been set up to meet with our principal Mrs Jacqui Piggott. This session is for parents and carers to ask any question you have about starting school. You will need a registered Zoom account to join.

Date : Wednesday 25th November
Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Here is the link.

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66320679188?pwd=YzIiHU05VUmlpN290TWRDaVpJN3ZZQT09>

Finally, we have set up a closed Facebook group for 2021 Kindergarten parents through which we will send out messages and information. You can find a link to this Facebook group via the school Facebook page.

Please take a look at our Kindergarten orientation video through our Facebook page or via the school website.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to our Kinder 2021 orientation sessions and to meeting you (albeit briefly!) at drop-off and pick-up. We thank you for your understanding and support in helping us to adhere to current guidelines aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Sally Buxton
Assistant Principal