

The Nest - Enrolment Procedure for Kindergarten and Reception

Welcome to the Nest at Alberton Primary School. The Nest includes all of our Kindergarten and Reception children in an integrated learning space. We provide an exciting and engaging, indoor and outdoor learning environment for children aged 3 to 6 years. Learning is hands-on, active and based on the individual needs and interests of each child. Educators actively engage with individuals, as well as groups of varying size, to ensure the needs of all children are being met.

KINDERGARTEN

When may my child commence?

Your child is entitled to access 1 year of preschool. If your child turns 4 before 1 May, they can start preschool at the beginning of the year. If your child turns 4 on or after 1 May, they can start the next year.

If your child is Aboriginal or under the guardianship of the minister they are eligible to start preschool after they turn 3.

Your child may be able to come to preschool up to 2 terms earlier if they: (subject to their being an available space)

- have additional needs or disability
- are learning English as an additional language or dialect
- are at significant risk because of family circumstances.

What are the session times?

Preschool children attend an average of 15 hours a week. Attendance days are outlined below. The Nest is open from 8:45am – 3:00pm.

Group 1	Group 2
Monday & Tuesday	Wednesday & Thursday
Fridays in the odd weeks of term (Week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)	Fridays in the even weeks of term (Week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10)

RECEPTION

When may my child commence?

Since 2014, it has been Department for Education policy that all children have the same first day of school – the beginning of Term 1. Where a child turns five before May 1, they will start school on the first day of Term 1 of that year. Where a child turns five on or after May 1 they will start school on the first day of Term 1 the following year.

At the time of enrolment parents/guardians are required to provide proof of their child’s birth age.

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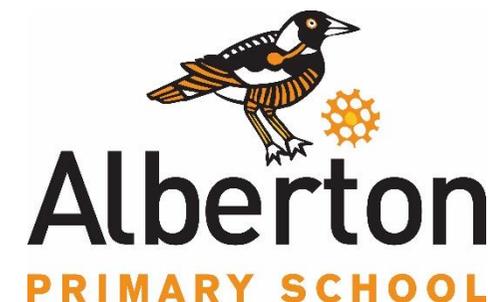
Reception children attend Monday – Friday, 8.45-3pm.

Attendance and Participation Expectations

Children not of compulsory school age, but who have enrolled at a preschool or school, are subject to the same participation requirements as children of compulsory age. The Department’s Attendance Policy provides clear expectations around family and school responsibilities in relation to attendance.

Interested in enrolling your child for Kindy or Reception?

- Collect an expression of interest form from the Front Office.
- Return the EOI form to the Office along with supporting documentation. Supporting documentation needs to include:
 - Proof of age (eg birth certificate),
 - Proof of Residence (eg utilities bill); and,
 - Immunisation records (preschool only)
- We will endeavour to make offers by the end of Term 3 in the year prior. Offers must be accepted by the date specified at the time of offer.



KINDERGARTEN – PRIORITY OF ACCESS

Enrolments will be assessed using the following criteria:

First Round Enrolment Offers

Criteria 1: Children living in the immediate local area, known as the priority catchment area.

Second Round Enrolment Offers

Criteria 2: Children who:

- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; or,
- Have siblings attending (or who have attended) the school

Criteria 3: Children who:

- Live within a close vicinity to the catchment area
- Have carers living within the local area

Criteria 4: Children who regularly attend the onsite playgroup

Exceptional circumstances may be considered by the Principal upon application.

RECEPTION – ENROLMENT CRITERIA

Reception offers of placement will be based on the following criteria:

- Alberton Primary School is the closest school to where the child lives. This department website will help locate your nearest school:
<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/education-and-care-locations/find-school-or-preschool>
- A child has siblings who attend the school.
- A child has undertaken their pre-schooling in the Nest.

Associated Documents

- Department for Education Enrolment Policy
- Department for Education Attendance Policy
- Department for Education Attendance Requirements for Schools
- Department for Education Preschool Enrolment Policy
- Department for Education Preschool Enrolment Procedure
- Department for Education Attendance Procedures for Preschools

This policy was developed in 2018 and will be reviewed in January each year.