



# Thomas Acres Public School



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Dear 2025 Kindergarten Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below frequently asked questions about starting school at Thomas Acres in 2025.

- **ARRIVAL:** Kindergarten classes will officially begin on **Thursday 6th of February**. On this day, please arrive at **10:00am** in the **school hall**. For the next few school days, Kindergarten students can be met at the 'cow pen' each morning at **8:45am** and then be walked to their classrooms ready to start the day at **8:55am**. We will let you know when the students are ready to go straight to the infants shelter lines before school.
- **PICKUP:** Each afternoon, teachers will bring the students back to the 'cow pen' area to be collected at **2:30pm**. Early afternoon pickups will continue for the first weeks while students adjust to school life. Teachers will send a note home and announce on Facebook when students are ready to complete full days.
- **FOOD:** Ensure all children have a refillable water bottle, and food for fruit break, lunch and recess. Please note, we kindly request that Kindy students do not have a lunch order in the first weeks as our break times will be different from the rest of the school.
- **UNIFORMS:** These are available to purchase new from Lowes in Macarthur Square. Some second-hand uniforms can be purchased at \$5 per item (cash only) from the front office.
- **HEALTH AND INDIVIDUAL NEEDS:** Please notify the school of any additional needs for your child such as medical requirements or diagnosed learning difficulties. Any relevant reports or medical action plans such as from paediatricians, OT, speech, or behavioral psychologists can be emailed to the school. This helps the school to form balanced classes to best support children's needs.
- **BEST START TESTING:** During their Best Start interview in the first weeks of school, teachers will ask questions about literacy and numeracy. This tells teachers where to start teaching and how to group students to best meet their learning needs. Families will be sent a report later in term one to share these observations and some ideas to help their child at home.
- **STAYING UP TO DATE:** Our **school website** includes up to date information including policies, newsletters and notes, and Department of Education information. The **'Sentral for Parents' app** is our key point of contact for payments, attendance and communication. We also have **active Facebook pages** for our school community and P&C which are a great way to stay up to date on special events, photos and videos, or mass communications from staff.

**Note that all classes are considered 'holding classes' and that teachers or student groupings may change.**

Please contact the school should you have any questions or concerns.

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