



How we assist your child with our School Readiness Program.

School Readiness, is exactly that. It is a program that enables children to be ready for school and there are many elements that make a School Readiness Program work and be successful. However, it mustn't be mistaken in preparing children to read and write, solely on these learning capabilities.

Our School Readiness Program associated with The Early Years Learning Framework will consist of the following elements.

"BELONGING"

- Social and Emotional Capabilities and Maturity.
- Being able to separate from parents/guardian when dropped off without distress.
- Understanding responsibilities for own belongings, and caring and respecting other children's belongings.
- Communicating and responding to Educators in a positive manner.
- Communicating and responding to peers in a positive manner.
- Making connection with other around them, including their peers and the environment.
- Following direction when intentional teaching is apparent. Participating in group experiences without being side tracked and or pre-occupied.
- Making age appropriate decisions and initiating their own play. Positively dealing with conflict, i.e. not hitting or hurting others when conflict or frustration is present.
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"BEING"

- Building self-awareness for oneself.
- Being able to identify their own belongings.
- Open and eating from their lunch box .
- Practicing proper hygiene - going to the toilet unassisted and washing their

hands with soap.

- Blowing their own nose.
- Packing away resources and transitioning to new activities unassisted and when instructed.
- Being able to dress themselves. I.e. putting on underwear, pants, t-shirts, jackets and shoes.
- Asking to help when needing assistance.
- Understanding that asking for help, or asking questions is a positive step in their development, and it is OKAY to ask question.

"BECOMING"

- We understand that children need the necessary skills academically when transitioning to school. The Educators will work collaboratively with parents/ guardian and your child's school to prepare them for the academic challenges.
- Provide School Readiness Homework Books. (This is for children going to school the following year)
- Provide opportunities and experiences for children to develop and extend their language and literacy skills - especially recognising and reading the Alphabet and Number recognition 1-20.
- Provide opportunities for children to work closely with their Educators in small groups to extend on skills such as reading and writing their own name.
- Provide group experiences, where children learn about the days of the week, The Weather, Show and Tell and Story-time. · Provide learning opportunities and experience that allow children to develop their mathematical and science skills.

Digital Technology Skills for Children

Within our School Readiness Program, the Educators and children use a range of digital media/ ipads, to enhance their learning. By providing technology, which include laptops the children are able to develop their technological skills, now required in most primary schools. By incorporating these digital medias in our school readiness, we are giving our children the opportunity to discover and explore the digital media world, in an educational way.

At Panania Child Care Centre we understand that the transition to Big School is a big step for both children and their families. Therefore we aim to be there the whole time, as we believe the importance of working collaboratively with parents to

allow children to maximise their opportunities to learn and develop.

To determine whether your child is ready for school, speak with the Director and your child's Educator about your child's needs, interests and your observations. We will be able to work with you to cater to your child's individual needs and enable you to make the right choice for your child.