

Mid-year  
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# PATHWAYS TO RECEPTION PROGRAM

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL  
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# What is it?

The Pathways to Reception program is an 8-week program which will assist current kindergarten or preschool children to transition successfully into school life at St Francis of Assisi School.

St Francis of Assisi School places great importance on implementing a supportive and informative transition process for students and the wellbeing of children and families in their transition to school life.

Under the guidance of a qualified teacher, children will benefit from:

- Involvement in a range of activities which will support and enhance their social, emotional, and academic well-being
- Development of fine and gross motor skills and concepts needed for pre-reading, writing and numeracy
- Building confidence and familiarity of the school environment and its community.

By familiarising themselves with their new classroom the transition students will have access to school resources and facilities including modern technological equipment, primary playground, school oval and nature play area.



# Sessions

The Pathways to Reception sessions are designed to familiarise the child with school. Therefore, they will have the opportunity to participate in a regular routine and a number of structured activities, including:

- Welcome to the day and roll call
- Literacy and numeracy provocations
- Discovery play
- Fruit break (morning session)
- Story and Mat time
- Recess and Lunch Breaks

Week 2 – Wed 8th May 8:50am – 12pm  
Week 3 – Wed 15th May 8:50am – 12pm  
Week 4 – Wed 22nd May 8:50am – 12pm  
Week 5 – Wed 29th May 8:50am – 12pm  
Week 6 – Wed June 5th 8:50am – 3:00pm  
Week 7 – Wed June 12th 8:50am – 3:00pm  
Week 8 – Wed June 19th 8:50am – 3:00pm  
Week 9 – Wed June 26th 8:50am – 3:00pm

The program is designed to ensure that children will access the school yard for play, discovery learning and a fruit break while the Reception–Year 6 school students are in class.



# Parent Involvement

As part of the final session parents and caregivers will be invited to a special liturgy at 2.20pm in the MPF.

When	What	Where
Week 2, Wed 8th May 9:00am – 9:20am	Coffee and Cake with the Leadership Team	Café area near Canteen/MPF
Week 5, Wed 29th May 9:00am – 9:45am	School Logistics The Who, What, When, Where and Why of SFOA	School Library
Week 9, Wed June 26th 1:30pm – 3:00pm	Reception Learning @ SFOA Welcome Liturgy – The students will be presented with a small gift and a special liturgy conducted by our Year 6 leaders.	School Library MPF



# Where the program is held and what to bring

The program will be held predominantly in the Term 3 Reception classroom in the eastern wing of the school. All learning resources will be provided for children in the Pathways program. We also encourage children to bring:

- Kindy / school bag
- Fruit for Fruit Snack at 10am, and Recess and Lunch for longer sessions.
- Please be aware that SFOA is an allergy aware school and nuts are discouraged.
- Water bottle
- Hat

Transition students should wear casual clothes. Families will be encouraged to organise uniform after the Week 5 logistics meeting and this can be worn at the Welcome Liturgy.

