

# Prep 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to **Meridan State College** for Prep 2022.

Thank you for your support at our pre-Prep events, designed to create a smooth transition into Prep for your child.

To ensure a positive start to school life we have also visited our local Kindergartens and some Kindergartens have come for excursions to Meridan.

This year we have hosted: Prep Parent Information Sessions, Orientation, Play Based Prep Enrolments and the Teddy Bears Picnic, all of which have allowed us to have the pleasure of meeting many of your children.



Between now and next year, we would encourage you to attend our Playgroup to allow your child to meet other children who will also be in Prep next year.

Attending playgroup helps children to become familiar with the school environment and also engage in activities similar to those they will experience early in Prep.

[Playgroup](#) runs every Wednesday morning from 9am in our Prep Precinct.

Thank you for engaging in our Parent Information Sessions with our Education experts, while your child participated in orientation.

Please find included in the letter important information and key dates.

This information helps support you and your child transition into Prep.

We greatly look forward to being partners with you in your child's educational journey.

Kind Regards

Mandy White  
Deputy Principal Prep – Yr2

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## Important Prep Information and Key Dates



### Stationery:

Please note that all items on the [Stationery List](#) are required as they support and enhance your child's learning and engagement. Please refer to our website for details about placing stationery orders.

As most items in Prep will be shared, so do not require naming e.g. glue, Sharpies and pencils will be collected by the class teacher on the first day and distributed throughout the school year.

Please ensure items that will not be shared such as books, are labelled with your child's name. At Meridan we appreciate it if all children's books be covered, this helps your child locate their own books easily.



### Prep School Uniforms:

#### School Locker

Our Prep uniforms are available to be purchased at [School Locker](#), which is located in the Maroochydore Homemaker Centre. Please note that the Prep shirt has a purple banner along the sides. School Locker is able to help you purchase the full and complete school uniform and are open 7 days per week.



#### Pre-Loved Uniforms:

Some items may be advertised by individuals on Facebook pages and other community notice boards.

#### Prep Class Lists:

Prep class lists will be shared and displayed from Thursday 20 January 2022 on the windows of the Resource Centre.

Please note that we carefully create balanced Prep classes, using the information gathered while getting to know you and your child.

Please also note that while we do our very best to create our classes, some changes may be required to reflect varying enrolment numbers throughout the Primary School. These changes may occur up to and including 8 February 2022.

#### First Day of School:

Below is the link to the Department of Education's yearly calendar. This calendar outlines school term dates, Student Free Days and vacations. Every day of learning is important and all students are required to attend everyday unless they are unwell.

<https://education.qld.gov.au/about/Documents/2022-school-calendar.pdf>



#### School Times:

Our Primary School commences learning at 8:45am promptly and concludes at 2:45pm.

Our classrooms are open from 8:35am each day. Please join your child in their room from 8:35am to help them settle.

**Please ensure your child is delivered and collected from their Prep classroom to ensure their safety.**

<https://meridansc.eq.edu.au/our-school/school-hours>

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## Outside School Hours Care:

Helping Hands provides daily supervision before and after school on our Primary School grounds. Flyers are available at the Office and Client Services for contact details and information should this service be required. Please note that **Helping Hands** staff will deliver Prep students and collect Prep students from their classrooms.

<https://meridansc.eq.edu.au/facilities/out-of-school-hours-care>

## Lunch Boxes and Drink Bottles:

Please send along a thermal lunchbox with ice bricks to help keep your child's **healthy lunch** cool all day. Please also ensure a large drink bottle filled with water only, so that your child remains hydrated all day. Please name all of your child's belongings.

## Rainforest Café and Tuckshop:

Our [Rainforest Café](#) is available for children's lunch orders 5 days a week. Parents are encouraged to order online via munch monitors. Setting up an online account is easy. Please click on the link below for School ID and Password.

<https://meridansc.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/P%20and%20C/munch-monitors-info-sheet--002-.pdf>

Parents and caregivers are also encouraged to visit our Café to recharge, connect and relax.

## Classroom Helpers and Connecting with the Meridan College Community:

At Meridan College we have many ways for parents and carers to connect and contribute and we ensure we follow COVID safe procedures.



## We greatly appreciate support on our P&C and School Council.

Our Parent School Opinion Survey in August is a great chance for you to celebrate all of the ways you value your child's school. Classroom support with reading groups and other learning opportunities are most welcome from Term 2 of Prep.

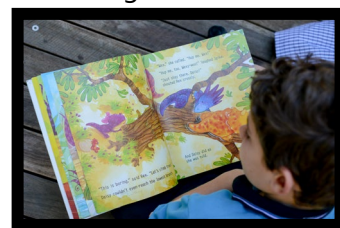
## Prep to Year 2 Assemblies:

Prep to Year 2 Assemblies will occur fortnightly throughout the year. Please refer to our College Calendar on the Website or your Class Newsletter for Assembly dates and exciting Assembly items.

## Home Reading:

Home reading is vital to the success of our students.

Home Reading is a time for families to read together and enjoy the love of reading.



Children progress from having an adult read the books to them, to sharing the reading with an adult during the first phase of Prep. Some children are able to read some of the books themselves, however this is a personal journey. Home Reading commences in Term 1, your teacher will provide further information about this program throughout 2022. Please note that home readers will generally be 'easier' for your child to read. This is a purposeful decision to ensure that home reading is a celebration of children's success with reading.



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## Other Considerations:

Please be mindful of the number of vehicles that access our College every day for drop off and collection of students. During peak times, car parking and traffic can be an issue. If you have an alternative method for school drop off and collection, such as cycling, walking or catching a bus, it is encouraged.

Please note that the first week of school is a particularly busy time, your patience and understanding help to keep all of our students safe.

Please remember to name all items of clothing, lunchboxes and personal items in your Stationery List e.g. books and folders this will allow us to return them should they be misplaced.

Lost property (unnamed) is located in Ancillary Services.

## Useful links:

1. [Rules and Policies](#)
2. [Our Staff](#)
3. [Contact Us](#)
4. [Resourche Scheme \(Fees\)](#)
5. [Helping Hands](#)
6. [Library](#)
7. [Rainforest Café](#)
8. [Events Calendar](#)
9. [Volunteering](#)
10. [Parent Resources](#)
11. [Behaviour management](#)

