



STaR Association

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Getting ready for school

Children who are enrolled in childcare centres or preschools not affiliated with STaR can access the 'Transition to School' program on a fee-for-service basis.

The aim of this program is to prepare the child, the family and the teacher of the proposed school so that the transition to school is as successful as possible.

Following the child's *Get Ready for School Program*, the STaR special educator provides 8 sessions of support for the child, family and school. Through these sessions:

- Families learn about school options and enrolment. They are also supported in the initial school Learning Support Team meeting.
- The child is supported during planned visits to the school and becomes familiar with people, places and expectations. These supported visits take place before the child starts school, or some visits can be scheduled in Term 1 of the school year.
- The classroom teacher gets to know the child and learns strategies to assist the transition.

Criteria for entry to the Transition to School Program

The child's proposed school, and especially the Kindergarten classroom teacher, MUST agree to be involved and to collaborate with the STaR Association.

Cost: \$2,500 (no GST)

"She is very excited and confident about starting big school. She is not daunted about it and is obviously prepared for the new adventure."

— a parent from the Program

"He now understands the concept of 'big school' and has learnt to sit and listen to the teacher. As a child who is developmentally delayed, this is a big accomplishment."

— a parent from the Program

Who is STaR?

The STaR (Special Teaching and Research) Association Inc is a not-for-profit organisation with strong links to Macquarie University, which ensures that our practices are based on the latest research. We believe that children with additional needs should have access to inclusive early childhood education and that they and their educators need additional support to get the most from an inclusive environment. Our highly trained special educators provide this support. STaR also offers NESA registered professional development courses to increase educators' knowledge and skills – see <https://star.org.au/what-we-do/education/>.

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It enabled my daughter to get her head in the right space and look forward to the new challenge ahead. It teaches her the routine and practices that will be happening in a new environment so that it won't be a completely overwhelming experience when she commences school.

— a parent from the Program

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For further information about the STaR Program, please contact the STaR Office

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