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National Conference 2025

EARLY CHILDHOOD: Transition to school programs

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WHO WE ARE

SCHOOL STUDENT NUMBERS

- Hilltop Road - 770
- Parramatta West - 945

DISTANCE BETWEEN HUBS

- 2.1 kms (Western Sydney)

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

- Hilltop Rd – 63% CALD 49 Languages spoken
- PWPS – 92% CALD 59 Languages spoken





WHAT IS a TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM?

- Collaborative partnership approach to prepare families as they transition between home and early years settings to primary school.

BENEFITS

- Creates a sense of belonging and builds familiarity
- Develops social & emotional skills
- Identifies children who may need additional support
- Connects ECEC (Early Childhood Education & Care) to Primary School
- Cements a foundation for strong family/school partnerships
- Allows all children & families enrolling in Kindergarten to experience what schools are like in 2025

WHAT DOES A TTS PROGRAM LOOK LIKE IN OUR COMMUNITIES?

READY, SET GO

- Delivered in T3 & T4
2 x 2hour weekly sessions Monday or Thursday
- Facilitated & delivered by Hub Leader & Speech Pathologist. Developed with Kindy team & supported by SLSO & Community volunteers.
- Pre Schools – Children - Parents
- Structured session (Sign in, Group Time, Discovery Time, Recess, Story/Dance Craft) Classroom visits , School Treasure Hunt & Parent Workshops

HUBJUNIOR

- Structured Program including Cognitive Play, Circle Time, Storytime, Dance, Water break, Craft & Feedback Time
- Program delivered in T2, T3 & T4 by Nadia (EALD Teacher with Early Ed training) and a Bilingual SLSO for support. 4 groups with 1.5hour sessions per group per week and parents are in attendance for all sessions
- T4 Children (Kindy Orientation), School Treasure Hunt Tour, Parent Workshops
- School Wellbeing and Kindy Teams in regular attendance – for early intervention

READY, SET GO

- 97/100 families attended RSG regularly
Graduation & Kindy Pack for each child
Supported 8 students with additional needs
Strong transition to Kindy
- Connected families to each other, Kindy team & School Community
Strong partnerships with ECEC
Families had a strong sense of belonging
- Developed strong understanding of community needs for future workshops
Lots of fun for everyone



OUTCOMES

HUBJUNIOR

- 48 Graduates (1/3 of all enrolments) had a strong and effective transition to Kindy (based on the NSW BestStart testing data administered in the first 5 weeks of schooling which gauges literacy and numeracy)
- Supported students with additional needs and connected families to each other, the school & Kindy team to create a greater sense of belonging and confidence
- Having a bilingual SLSO in attendance helped bridge cultural gaps that might otherwise have prevented engagement. Direct communication with parents or guardians in their native language reduced misunderstandings and built trust. Language barriers did not hinder student learning



CHALLENGES

READY, SET GO

- Meeting the needs of all families
- Promoting the program in the community to ensure all enrolments have an opportunity to attend
- HRPS Staff support
- Overcoming language barriers to understand & inform educational needs

HUBJUNIOR

- Meeting the needs of all families
- Promoting the program in the community to ensure more enrolments have an opportunity to attend. New families to the school who enrol late in the year miss out as they are not aware we have the HUBjunior program in place





FUNDING

Ready, Set, GO

- Supported through the Cumberland Club Grants Program
- School support
- Community Volunteers

HUBJUNIOR

- Supported through the Schools Budget and Staffing Allocation



THANKYOU!



Scan the QR Code for access to the slide deck and program information.

HUB Junior Storytime 2025

FREE!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
STARTING KINDERGARTEN IN 2026 AT
PARRAMATTA WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

SESSION 2 WEDNESDAY 1-2.30PM
SESSION 3 THURSDAY 9.15-10.45AM
SESSION 4 THURSDAY 1-2.30PM

PROGRAM STARTS MAY 2025. PARENT/CARER NEEDS TO BE IN ATTENDANCE.
CHILD MUST BE ENROLLED AT PWPS BEFORE JOINING THIS PROGRAM.

FUN!

LOCATION: PARRAMATTA WEST COMMUNITY HUB
(ON SCHOOL GROUNDS)

TO
REGISTER.
TEXT
KRISTINA
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Ready Set Go



4 Kindy!



**Enrolling for Kindy 2026?
Join us at Ready, Set Go!**

Ready, Set Go 4 Kindy is a weekly
Transition to School program for families enrolling at
Hilltop Road P.S. for Kindy 2026.

Details:

When: Term 3 and Term 4

Start Date: Monday 28th July **OR** Thursday 31st July

Day: Monday **OR** Thursday

Time: 9am - 11 am

Who: HRPS Kindy 2026 Families

Enrolment: Forms are available from the School Office

Contact: Miss Catherine or Miss Maria

Mob: 0459 488 958



Enrolling for Kindergarten
2026 at
Hilltop Road Public School



When can my child start school in NSW?

Children can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5, on or before 31 July that year. By law, all children must be in compulsory schooling by their 6th birthday.

How do I enrol my child at Hilltop Road P.S.?

Enrolment forms are available from the Hilltop Road school office or online via <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/online-enrolment-for-nsw-public-schools>
All applications require supporting documents e.g. Birth certificates, immunisation records and proof of address
Ready, Set, Go 4 Kindy forms are in the Kindy enrolment packs..

When should I enrol my child?

Kindergarten enrolments open in May 2025. It's best to enrol as early as possible as we have a number of programs to help support you and your child transition smoothly into Kindergarten.
For example Ready Set Go 4 Kindy & Kindergarten Orientation.

What is Ready, Set, Go 4 Kindy?

Ready, Set, Go 4 Kindy is a transition to school program that works with the whole family to ensure a smooth transition to Kindy. The aim of the program is to give each child and parent/carer a happy, fun and positive start to their school journey.
The weekly 2 hour program models a typical day in kindergarten. We follow the Kindy timetable and build skills such as independence, language, social, emotional and fine motor skills. Through play based activities we will develop early literacy and numeracy skills.
The families will become familiar with the school environment, with visits to a Kindy classroom, library, canteen and secret garden. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the Kindy teachers and attend workshops to help them support their children as they transition to primary school.
Families will be connected to Seesaw, our online learning platform, where children will upload their work and families can access school and community information.
Ready Set Go 4 Kindy - runs weekly from July - December. Registration forms are in the kindy enrolment pack available from the school office.

What is Kindy Orientation?

Kindy Orientation is an another opportunity for families to visit Hilltop Road and become familiar with the school environment. Families will visit the classrooms, attend parent information sessions, purchase uniforms and meet key staff. Kindy Orientation is delivered in addition to Ready Set Go 4 Kindy!

*We look forward to welcoming you and your family into our
Hilltop Road Community*

For further information please contact:
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