

Preparing for School - A Preparatory Year for Queensland

The Queensland Government wants to ensure our children have the best possible start to formal schooling.

We are making two important changes to give young children a head start:

- introducing a non-compulsory, full-time preparatory year of education before Year 1 from 2007; and
- raising the compulsory school starting age for Year 1 in 2008.

Availability

From 2007, all Queensland children of appropriate age will have access to a full-time preparatory year.

It will be offered in all state primary schools and replace the part-time preschool system that is not available at all schools.

Therefore there will be no need for waiting lists for enrolment in the preparatory year at state schools.

Funding has been allocated for refurbishing existing classrooms and building new classrooms, where needed, in state and non-state schools so all Queensland schools are ready for the new preparatory year. It is anticipated that the preparatory year will be offered in all non-state primary schools.

Prep Year 2007.

It is not necessary to pre-enrol students for Prep 2007. Students will be enrolled in Prep if they meet the age requirements. Please contact the school for details.

Eligibility

Children born on or after 1 January 2002 will be eligible for the new preparatory year of schooling before enrolling in Year 1. They must be five by 30 June in the year they begin the preparatory year.

Children born between 1 January and 31 December 2001, including those who complete preschool in 2006, will enrol in Year 1 in 2007.

Birthdate	Eligible for Prep	Eligible for Year 1
1 Jan 2002 – 30 June 2003	2007	2008
1 July 2002 – 30 June 2003	2008	2009
1 July 2003 – 30 June 2004	2009	2010

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