



Get your kids Prep ready

1. Take your child to visit the school he or she will be attending. This will help them become familiar with their new environment.
2. Ensure your child can grip a pencil.
3. Encourage independence. Teach your child to look after their own belongings and to dress independently and go to the toilet on their own!
4. Show your child how to pack and unpack their school bag. It is always useful to put a key ring on their bag so that they can identify it easily amongst all of the others.
5. Introduce your child to their lunch box, including how to unwrap food, and identify what is to be eaten at morning tea and lunch.
6. Immerse your child in text – read, read and read some more to your child!
7. Talk positively to your child every day about the experiences they will have at school – going to a special building every day, teachers who will help them, how they will follow a special routine, mix with a large number of students, and make friends.



8. Engage your child in conversations about a variety of things. Ask questions and model descriptions and explanations. Encourage them to respond in full sentences and not just one-word answers.
9. Encourage your child to speak to adults with confidence and ask for things clearly.
10. Give your child responsibility by encouraging them to do small tasks such as setting the table, carrying things and packing away toys and books after use.