**Transitioning to Prep at Thangool**

Transition is an important part of a child’s moving onto school. At Thangool State School it consists of a series of events that orientate children and families to significant features of their new school environment. Orientation occurs at a specific points in time as part of the longer-term process of children’s transition to school. The aim is to support every child to feel safe and secure and have a sense of belonging at school. For an optimal transition, all partners — the child, the family, the early childhood education and care (ECEC) service provider, the school and the community — have a key role to play.

Transitions need to begin well before children start school and extend to the point where children and families feel a sense of belonging at the school. The Transition Program at Thangool establishes positive relationships between the children, parents and educators. Thangool wants every family to feel connected to all of our staff and school community, so we are able to build open communication and trust and are best able to be ready for your child.

**Thangool State School Enrolment Process**

**Timing and Process**

TSS transition to school activities occur throughout the year prior to children starting Prep. Through on-site visits, children and families are introduced to the people, processes, services, routines, expectations and the physical environment of the school.

* A ‘Transition’ morning is held once per term.
* Term 2’s Transition morning forms part of the Under 8’s Day program (enrolment packages are available to all families on this day)
* Transition Days are held on different days to ensure all children who attend ECEC programs have the opportunity to attend at least once during the year.
* A formal parent interview is held in August
* Kindergartens visits occur on Under 8s Day and during Term 4 (dates are confirmed at end of Term 3)
* A parent information session is held for Prep families on the Monday of the second last week of the school year.
* A whole school parent information session is held in the second week of the new school year

**School Tour**

To take part in a tour of our school and to experience the Thangool community, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

**A Day in the life of a Thangool Preppie**

Using age-appropriate pedagogies, <https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/early-years/age-appropriate-pedagogies> the Thangool Prep classroom is always engaging. To check out a snapshot of the Thangool Prep classroom, see the video below.

**Transition Policy**

The Thangool State School Transition to Prep Policy can be accessed below.