



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## TRANSITIONING TO PREP FOR 2025



- ✿ A welcoming, active and supportive community
- ✿ Engaging air-conditioned classrooms
- ✿ Experienced and innovative educators
- ✿ Outdoor learning opportunities
- ✿ Inclusive teaching and learning
- ✿ Age appropriate pedagogies

Prep at Gilston is an exciting learning journey. It is important that students engage in opportunities in the school environment prior to Prep to support their transition to school.

At Gilston, we offer the following to support your child transition to school:

- ◇ School tour
- ◇ Participation in Under 8's Day
- ◇ Meet and Greet session
- ◇ Participation in Gilston Geckos transition program
- ◇ Parent information sessions
- ◇ Tailored transitions



### HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD TRANSITION TO PREP SUCCESSFULLY?

#### TERM ONE

|          |                   |         |                |
|----------|-------------------|---------|----------------|
| 25 March | School Tour—Group | 10:00am | RSVP to Office |
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#### TERM TWO

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| 30 April, 09, 13, 22 May | School Tour—Group          | 10:00am          | RSVP to Office        |
| 29 May                   | Parent Information Session | Online           | Link via email        |
| 18 June                  | Under 8's Day              | 11:40am - 2:00pm | Meet at Tuckshop Area |

#### TERM THREE

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| 12 July             | Sports Day        | 9:15am—10:15am       | Meet at Oval      |
| 22, 31 July, 09 Aug | School Tour—Group | 10:00am              | RSVP to Office    |
| 09, 10 Sept         | Meet and Greet    | Various: Book online | Heritage Building |

#### TERM FOUR

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| 04, 14, 22 October | Meet and Greet | Various: Book online | Heritage Building |
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#### GILSTON GECKOS TRANSITION PROGRAM (Attendance at all sessions is encouraged)

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| <b>9am—10am</b> | <b>Parent Session topic</b>                | Sign in at Rotunda    |
| 31 October      | Emotional regulation—(School psychologist) | Meet in Tuckshop area |
| 07 November     | Guidance Officer - Nikki Lock              | Students to classroom |
| 14 November     | Oral language and pre-reading skills       | Parents to Library    |
| 21 November     | A Day in the Life of Prep                  |                       |

**KEEP UP TO DATE:** Contact the Office to register your details 07 55012333  
 Email: [office@gilstonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:office@gilstonss.eq.edu.au)

**School tour:** Join staff on a school tour. Tours will take approximately 40 minutes around our beautiful grounds. Please wear comfortable footwear and a hat as part of the tour will visit the Secret Garden.

**Under 8's Day:** Each year, our Prep to Year 2 teachers celebrate Under 8's Day by providing students with an opportunity to engage in fun, hand-on activities. Parents and pre-prep families are welcome to attend this event.

**Parent Information Session:** This session will be published online and available for all pre-prep families to access.

**Meet and Greet:** Your child and their parent/s attend a Meet and Greet session with a Gilston staff member. This is a great opportunity for staff to get to know your child, their strengths and interests.

**Gilston Geckos:** Gilston Geckos is our Pre-prep transition program that is run across four consecutive weeks. Students are encouraged to attend all four sessions. They will rotate throughout all prep classrooms and meet a range of teachers and new friends during these sessions.

**Gilston Gecko Parent Sessions:** While students attend Geckos, parents will participate in information sessions located in our Library on important and valuable topics.

Does your child require a Tailored Transition? Please speak to your child's Kindergarten.