

Helping Your Child Transition to School

Understanding the Transition to School Digital Statement

What is the Transition to School Digital Statement?

The Transition to School Digital Statement is a summary of your child's learning, strengths, interests, and any supports they may need as they start Kindergarten. It is completed by your child's early childhood teacher or educator, and with your consent, shared with your child's new school to help teachers prepare for your child's transition.

What kind of information does it include?

- Your child's interests and learning style
- Social and emotional skills
- Communication and language strengths
- Emerging literacy and numeracy skills
- Suggested strategies to support your child's learning and wellbeing

Who will see the statement?

The statement will only be shared with your child's school once you provide consent.

Why is it important?

- Ensures the school and classroom is ready to meet the needs and interests of your child
- Helps your child's teachers get to know them before the first day
- Supports a smoother, more positive transition to Kindergarten, and promotes continuity of learning
- Reduces the need for you to repeat the same information to multiple teachers

Supporting Continuity of Learning

The Transition to School Digital Statement supports continuity of learning by helping your child's school build on the knowledge, strengths, and interests your child has already developed in early childhood education.

Continuity of learning ensures a smoother, more connected transition to Kindergarten. It means when your child starts Kindergarten they are not at the beginning of their learning, instead their learning is being extended and supported as they move into a new learning environment.

What do you need to do?

- Your child's educator will talk to you about the statement
- You'll be asked to give consent before it's completed and shared
- You can review the statement before it is sent and request a copy

For further information, speak with your child's Early Childhood teacher or educator, or scan the QR code above for the Department of Education resources.