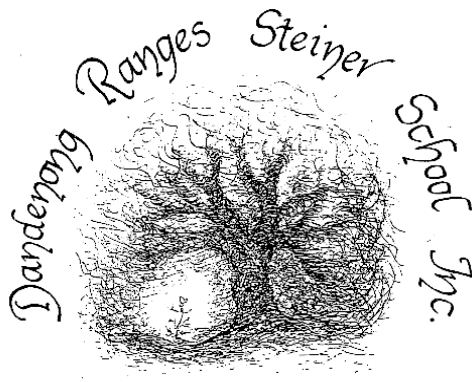


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KINDERGARTEN ADMISSIONS POLICY & PROCEDURE

Welcome to our School Community. This **Kindergarten Admissions Policy & Procedure** forms part of an **Information Package**. Please contact the office to receive the full Package.

To enrol your child in our Kindergarten please complete an **Application for Enrolment** form and return it to the school office together with the non-refundable application fee of \$25. Your application will be processed and you will then receive either a letter offering your child a place together with an **Acceptance Form**, or a letter advising that your child has been placed on our waiting list.

Should your child be placed on our waiting list we will inform you as soon as a place becomes available.

To accept the place, return the **Acceptance Form** to the school office together with the non-refundable acceptance fee of \$25 and the non-refundable enrolment deposit of \$100. This deposit will be subtracted from the first fees due.

In term 4 of the year prior to commencement, you will be invited to an adult **Information Evening**, where you will have an opportunity to meet with the teacher and other new parents and to learn about the rhythm of the Kindergarten. It is important that you attend this evening.

In term 4 you and your child will also be invited to an **Orientation Session**, where your child will be happy to experience a session of the kinder with you in attendance.

Timetabling of sessions is completed in November and you will receive a letter informing you of the sessions allocated to your child. We commence each year in February with an individual family meeting with you and your child. The date and time of your meeting will be enclosed in the letter.

Age guidelines

Our approach has its roots in the understanding of the nature of the developing child, as indicated by the teachings of Rudolf Steiner.

Kindergarten/Prep

The young child lives in a world of "doing", of will activity. He or she needs plenty of opportunities to engage in rhythmical and domestic activities; cleaning, sweeping, digging, weeding, building, kneading... all the things that a child would see done, and wish to imitate, in an active household. For this reason the Kindergarten strives to be as little like school and as much like home as possible, with learning through imitation seen as a fundamental key to one's work with children at this stage of childhood (i.e. up to 7 years). Teachers acknowledge persistence, pre-literacy/numeracy etc.

With these things in mind, and based on the experience of many teachers, our age guidelines are as follows:

- **Prep** - 8 sessions per week. (4 full days)
Children attend fewer hours at the beginning of the year and build up to the full program.
For children who turn 6 in the given year but before October 31st.
- **Kindergarten** - Pre-School year – Big Kinder - 15 Hours per week.
For children who turn 5 in the given year but before October 31st.
- **Kindergarten** - Younger children – Little Kinder - 2 sessions per week.
For children who have turned 3½ years old.
Children who turn 3 after October 31st are recommended to wait until the following year.
Children may commence kindergarten at the beginning of any term providing a space is available. The teacher would first meet with you and your child to assess his or her readiness.

Children may be in the Kindergarten/Prep for 2-3 years before going to Class 1 in the year they turn seven.

Class One

Our Early Childhood teachers recommend that all children should be fully ready before entering Class One. They advise that the social, emotional, intellectual and physical development of the child which takes place in the Kindergarten/Prep through play, movement, story telling and circle is crucial to the successful further development of every child.

Acceptance of Prep children into Class One is not automatic. All children whose birthdays fall between 1 November and 30 November would be considered on an individual basis. This gives the Prep teacher and the parents together, a chance to establish the child's readiness for Class One.

Continuing Enrolment

Children who have been accepted into the Kindergarten and who are currently attending, do not have to re-enrol to continue onto Prep.

Exit Interviews

Families who choose to withdraw their child will be invited to attend an exit interview with the bursar and/or their teacher.

Thank you for your interest in our kindergarten. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our School community.

Playgroup

To enrol your child in Playgroup, please refer to the separate **Playgroup Admissions Policy and Procedure**.

School

To enrol your child in Prep or Classes 1-6 please refer to the separate **School Admissions Policy and Procedure**.