



# Grovelands

## Primary School

### 2026 KINDERGARTEN

### Information Booklet



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# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome parents, carers and our new children! We are very happy that you have joined us for Kindergarten at Grovelands Primary School (GPS) and know that you will soon settle in and enjoy a wonderful first year at school.

The purpose of the Early Childhood programme at GPS is to offer and encourage learning through motivating and exciting opportunities in a stimulating environment.

Our Kindergarten programme offers you:

- Personalised developmental learning.
- A strong focus on Literacy & Numeracy.
- An informed and strategic approach to your child's social and emotional development: *You Can Do It!, 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching.*
- Information & Communication Technology (ICT) – through Interactive Whiteboard, iPads and current educational Apps.
- Strong family & community partnerships.
- A seamless transition from Kindergarten to Pre-primary and beyond.

The Kindergarten programme will be informed by the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and provide opportunities for your child to achieve the five EYLF outcomes.

1. Children have a strong sense of identity.
2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
4. Children are confident and involved learners.
5. Children are effective communicators.

The programme aligns with the National Quality Standards Framework and Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines to ensure that your child will be ready for the demands of Pre-primary in 2026.

You are welcome to discuss any matter regarding your child's education with the teacher in person or by telephone. Please contact the teacher, or the office, to arrange a suitable time to meet. We can help each other to ensure your child gets the most from their time here.

The first few weeks of Kindergarten can be very daunting for many children and parents. You can help your child by remaining calm, showing understanding, listening to your child's concerns or excited stories, and offering lots of love and care while they adjust and settle into the classroom.

This booklet is intended to make it easier for you to prepare for, and become familiar with, the day-to-day running of the class. It should also provide you with information about what to expect during your child's first year at school. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher or the office for clarification.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome parents, carers and students. We are very happy that you have joined us at Grovelands Primary School.

Grovelands Primary School is a *You Can Do It!* school which celebrates the five keys to success –

Organisation  
Getting Along  
Persistence  
Confidence  
Resilience



At Grovelands we focus on the total development of your child; intellectual, physical and social. We believe our students should be happy while striving to achieve their best.

We have a dedicated team of experienced and passionate teaching staff who are committed to providing opportunities for students to grow, achieve and excel at school. Our staff place an emphasis on quality teaching and work to provide a broad and challenging curriculum that meets the interests and learning needs of all students.

We are committed to developing and sustaining a culture of continuous self-improvement and lifelong learning in an environment of collaboration and innovation. We are a blend of cultures, ideas, innovation, and imagination. Grovelands Primary celebrates diversity and achievement and promotes excellence in all areas of life.

Mr Mark Bradshaw, Principal

*Our Vision*  
*An inspired community of engaged, empowered learners.*  
**ENGAGE**                      **EXPERIENCE**                      **EMPOWER**

## SCHOOL TERMS 2026

**Please check your Kindy Roster in 2026 to confirm Term start days**

Term 1	Commences Wed 5 February 2025	Ends Fri 11 April 2025
Term 2	Commences Mon 28 April 2025	Ends Fri 4 July 2025
Term 3	Commences Mon 21 July 2025	Ends Fri 26 September 2025
Term 4	Commences Mon 13 October 2025	Ends Thu 18 December 2025

Information on 'Pupil Free' days will be available through the school newsletter, the Grovelands Primary School website [www.grovelandsps.wa.edu.au](http://www.grovelandsps.wa.edu.au) and the Connect Now App.

## KINDERGARTEN DAYS

In 2026 we will operate two Kindergarten classes. Your child will attend 5 days per fortnight. Confirmation of your child's Group will be mailed to you prior to starting Kindy.

### **Kindy Group One:**

Monday & Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays (odd Weeks of Term).

### **Kindy Group Two:**

Thursday & Friday and alternate Wednesdays (even Weeks of Term).

## SCHOOL HOURS

Monday	8:45am – 3:00pm
Tuesday	8:45am – 3:00pm
Wednesday	8:45am – 2:30pm <b>(Please note early close every Wednesday)</b>
Thursday	8:45am – 3:00pm
Friday	8:45am – 3:00pm



Please collect your child on time as children can become distressed when you are late.

## ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten is a non-compulsory year of schooling, however if you have chosen to enrol your child, it is expected that they will attend. This will enable the most effective and beneficial Early Childhood experience and provide for sequential learning. Missing even one day per week could result in your child missing vital learning opportunities.

Attendance Matters



Absences should be explained to your class teacher. This can be done verbally, directly to the teacher, by SMS, via the Connect Now App or by phoning the office. Please let the office and your child's teacher know if your child is going to be away for extended periods.

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Children must be delivered and collected from sessions by a *responsible adult* who is listed as a contact on our school records. If you wish to make alternative arrangements, please do so in writing. If you wish for your child to be collected by an older brother or sister, this needs to be arranged with the Principal in writing.

Children should not be on school grounds before 8:20am. If you arrive prior to classrooms being open, you must wait with your child in the undercover area until the classroom is opened at 8.45am.

**LATE  
PASS**

If you arrive at school after 9.20am, you must go via the office to sign your child in with the reason for the late arrival and obtain a "Late Pass" to take to the classroom.

**LEAVE  
PASS**

If you need to collect your child earlier than the normal closing time, you must go via the office to sign your child out and obtain a "Leave Pass".

At the end of school, a staff member will release children one-by-one as parents/carers arrive at the door. We will not release the child to someone unknown to us unless notified in advance.

Please collect your child on time as children can become distressed when you are late.

**For safety reasons, children (students or siblings) are not permitted to use the playgrounds before or after school.**

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

It is sometimes necessary to make contact when a child is unwell or injured.

**Please provide the office and your child's teacher/s with your up-to-date emergency contact details.**



Children can become distressed if the school cannot contact parents/caregivers if they are unwell.

## NOTICES

It is necessary during the year for us to send home various notices and newsletters.

- Please check your child's bag daily.
- Please look for your child's folder in the communication box located outside the Kindy room.
- Please regularly check the verandah notice board.
- Download the Connect Now App** for all the latest school information, such as Term Planners, Newsletters and general school information.



An invitation to join Connect will be sent to your mobile number when your child starts school.

## HEALTH

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell, even if they “*wish to come*”.

Our School Community Health Nurse is available to assist you with any health concerns relating to your child. The Nurse performs routine health screening and follow-up on health issues related to Early Childhood (hearing, vision, language development, movement etc), and she can be contacted through the school office.



## INFECTIOUS ILLNESSES

Children should stay at home until all signs of the illness have passed or until you are advised your child can return to school by your family doctor.

It is recommended that children without up-to-date immunisation stay at home if there is an outbreak of a disease that can be controlled by immunisation.



Please refer to the following list of infectious diseases:

CHICKEN POX	MUMPS
CONJUNCTIVITIS (PINK EYE)	RINGWORM
COVID	RUBELLA (GERMAN MEASLES)
IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)	SCABIES
INFLUENZA	WHOOPIING COUGH
MEASLES	



## HEAD LICE

Head Lice can be prevalent in kindergarten. They can be spread easily between children and the cycle will continue if unchecked. Under Section 27 of the School Education Act 1999, a child with head lice may be excluded from school until treatment has commenced. Parents are encouraged to tie long hair back and off the face. A good preventative routine is to comb conditioner through your child’s hair with a fine-tooth comb on a weekly basis.

PLEASE check your child’s hair regularly and notify the school if Head Lice are found.

### FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:



## TOILETING



All children should be capable of attending to their own toileting needs. If your child has difficulty in this area, please let the school know at enrolment so that we can support you.

**Toilet accidents do happen, so please provide a change of clothes each day (to be kept in child’s school bag).**

## CHANGE OF CLOTHES



## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

A note detailing Voluntary Contributions and Charges for all students will be sent home to each family prior to the end of the year.

Voluntary Contributions of \$40 per child per year can be paid at the school office via Cash or EFTPOS. Or directly to the school bank account using the following details:

Account Name: Grovelands Primary School  
BSB: 066 040 Account Number: 19901113  
Please make sure you quote the student's name.

Part payments throughout the year are accepted (i.e., \$10 per term per student)

## PERSONAL ITEMS LIST

A list of personal items will be sent home for 2026. Items can be ordered online from the supplier or purchased elsewhere.



## LIBRARY

Kindergarten children will visit the library once a week to borrow a book. Please return the book each week to ensure your child can borrow another book.

Children will need a library bag to borrow a book.



## SPECIAL PARENT SKILLS

If any parent has a skill/hobby/job that you feel may be of interest to the children, we would be delighted if you would arrange to come to the class and share this experience with the children, e.g., pottery, music, cooking, art, woodwork, gardening.

## PARENT ROSTER

Parents are welcome to assist in the classroom. Please write your name on the Parent Roster if you are available. Parents will be required to complete a Confidential Declaration form at the office prior to helping in the classroom.

## RECYCLING

We are always on the lookout for good clean junk. Other than toilet rolls, we can make use of all sorts of things, especially the following items.



Ribbons and String	Wire	Ice Cream Containers	Cereal Boxes
Wrapping Paper	Egg Cartons	Felt and Wool	Polystyrene Packing
Cardboard Sheets	Fabric Scraps	Clean Old Socks	35mm Film Containers
Cardboard Tubes	Carpet/Vinyl Pieces	Clean Old Stockings	Magazines
Cardboard Boxes	Spare clothes	Pipe Cleaners	Soap
Bottle Tops	Dress Ups	Matchboxes	Candles
Nuts and Bolts	Newspaper	Dowelling	Junk Jewellery

## TOYS AND PERSONAL ITEMS

The classroom is well equipped with toys, puzzles and other play materials that makes bringing 'home toys' unnecessary.

Please **keep all toys at home**. Toys and other personal items can be very precious. When brought to school, damage or loss can occur, causing distress for the student.

## WHAT TO BRING

PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL PERSONAL ITEMS, (bags, clothes and shoes etc.).



**BAG:** All children will need to bring a backpack or school bag for recess, lunch, **spare clothing**, work to take home, and other personal belongings.

**CLOTHING / UNIFORM:** We have a school uniform that is available through our uniform shop which is open Wednesday mornings 8.15am – 9.15am. Please refer to our Dress Code.

Kindergarten can be a messy place even though we try to take care each day. Most stains will come out in a normal wash but occasionally, you may need to use a Wondersoap or Napi-san type product.

Jeans, jewellery, nail polish and temporary tattoos are not permitted at school.

**CHANGE OF CLOTHES:** Children need to bring a complete change of labelled clothes, including underpants and socks, in their bag. Please explain that they are allowed to change into these clothes if they get wet or have a toileting accident.

**Toilet accidents do happen, so please provide a change of clothes each day (to be kept in child's school bag).**

**FOOTWEAR:** We recommend that children wear safe, practical footwear that they can put on and removing themselves, eg. velcro runners or closed in sandals. Children are not permitted to wear thongs.



**HATS:** Your child will be provided with a wide brimmed hat, that will remain at school. Children must always wear a hat when outdoors. Our school operates a 'No Hat, No Play in the sun' policy.

**FRUIT:** Kindergarten children will participate in a fruit session each day. Your child needs to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to share. As we emphasise healthy choices, please do not send lollies, chips or sweet biscuits for fruit time. Some healthy options include celery, carrots, cucumber, tomato, cauliflower, sultanas, dried fruit, apples, bananas, oranges, seedless grapes, mandarins, pears and any other fruits or vegetables you know are a favourite!



**LUNCH:** Children need to bring their lunch in a labelled lunchbox or bag. Please make sure your child can open and eat their lunch on their own. Please provide a labelled drink bottle with **water only**.



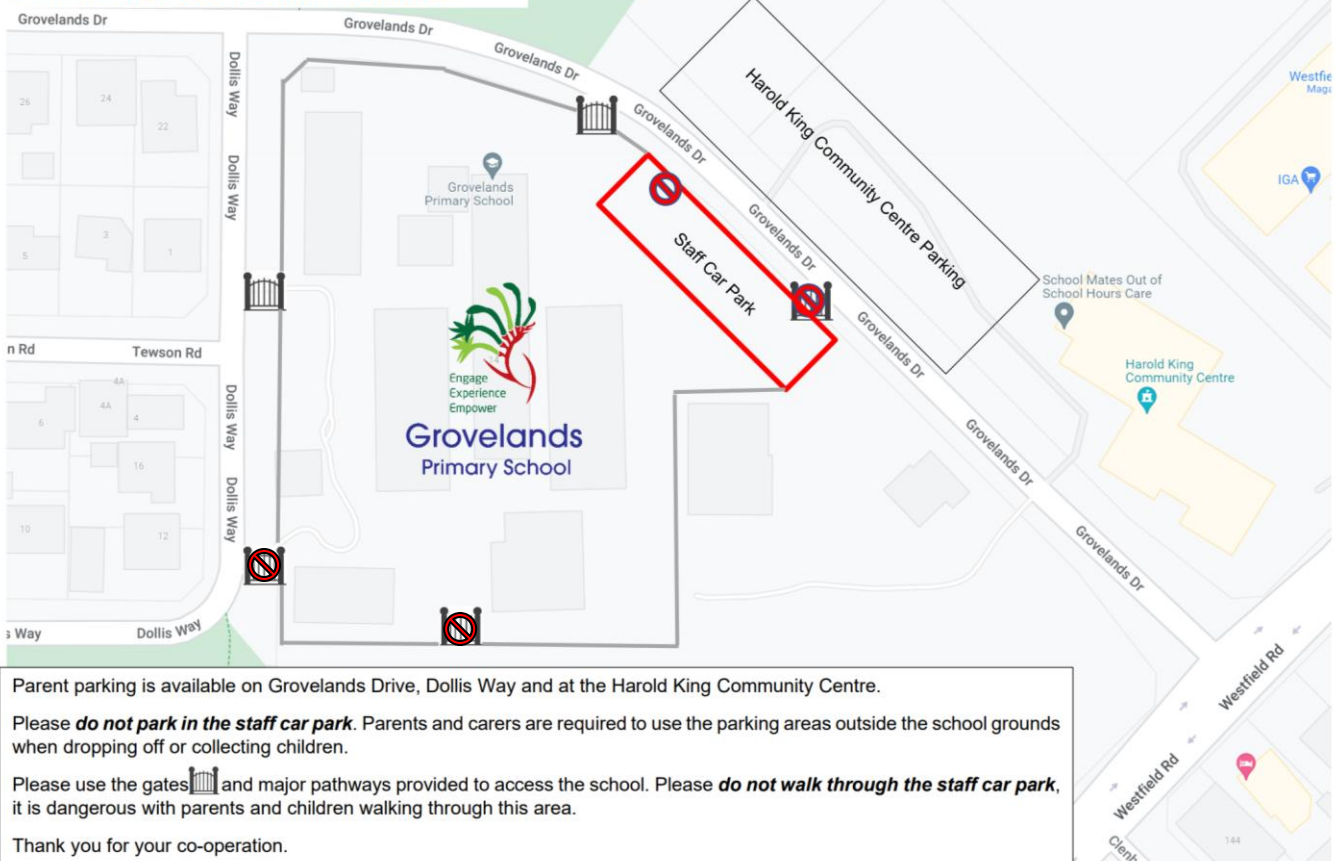


## PARKING

Parents and carers are required to use the parking areas outside the school grounds when dropping off or collecting children. We request that parents DO NOT use the staff car park as it becomes dangerous with parents and small children walking through this area.

Please **do not walk through the staff car park**.

### PARKING AT GROVELANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Parent parking is available on Grovelands Drive, Dollics Way and at the Harold King Community Centre.

Please **do not park in the staff car park**. Parents and carers are required to use the parking areas outside the school grounds when dropping off or collecting children.

Please use the gates and major pathways provided to access the school. Please **do not walk through the staff car park**, it is dangerous with parents and children walking through this area.

Thank you for your co-operation.

