

Frequently Asked Questions

When will booklists be available?

Booklists will be distributed early to mid-November. These will be posted out to 2021 Prep students.

Does the booklist include a full list of what to buy?

No. The book pack is included in the overall essential fees. A pack is ordered for every child. Should you wish to see a list of what is included you need to contact the school office to request this.

Where do I get school books from?

The required stationery items for each year level are included in the essential fees. We hold a book collection day in January prior to the first day of school for families to come and collect their supplies.

How do I pay my fees?

You are able to pay fees through the Qkr! App or in person at the office. Please contact the school office if you wish to organise a payment plan.

Where do I get uniform from?

Uniforms are available through PSW in Hampton Park. Please see the section on school uniform under the parent information tab.

Strathaird Parents and Friends also run 2nd hand uniform stalls throughout the year. Please watch school newsletters for information of when these are offered. We hope to run one on orientation day (8th December) if this event is approved to go ahead with the health advice at that time.

The school also has supplies of school hats for purchase through the Qkr! App. Items ordered before 5pm are available for pick up from the school office the following day.

Do all uniform items need the school logo?

Yes, all shirts, jumpers and jackets should have the school logo. All shorts and pants should be plain navy, no stripes and no label badges.

Where do I get a school bag from?

The school has a limited stock of bags with the school logo available. These can be ordered through the Qkr! App. Items ordered before 5pm are available for pick up from the school office the following day.

You are welcome to purchase any type of school bag. However, we do suggest you consider the size of the bag before purchasing to ensure that your child will be able to easily pack their school items inside with minimal assistance. Bags need to be able to hold the school satchel, library bag, lunch box and drink bottle, jumper or jacket and spare clothing. Smaller sized bags do make this difficult.

Where do I get an art smock from?

The school no longer stocks these items. You can find art smocks in most variety stores such as Best and Less, K-mart and even Officeworks. You might even consider making your own. We recommend looking for one made from a thick material. When the material is too thin, paint in the art room tends to seep through onto the uniform.

I have a fussy eater. Do you have suggestions for how to deal with this?

Include your child in choosing the foods they will bring to school. Try negotiating choices to ensure that some healthy food options are included. Provide choice at breakfast time to ensure that your child starts the day with a full stomach. Remember to be creative in your choices. Breakfast does not have to be cereal all the time. If you find breakfast time particularly challenging, please discuss this

with the classroom teacher, early in the year so that they can schedule fruit break time earlier in the day.

Should fruit time food be separated from the lunch box items?

No. The children find it much easier if all food is in the one lunch box. Fruit time food can be pre-cut to make it easier for your child. Please remember that at fruit time we ask for fresh fruits and vegetables not packaged items such as fruit cups in juice or jelly.

Do I need to stay with my child in the morning or can I leave them after 8:45?

Children are supervised in the yard from 8:45 each morning. If your child separates well from you, you are welcome to leave them before the first bell once they are familiar with the routine and where to find their classroom.

Do Prep children have any days off at the start of the year?

The first four days of the school year are not school days for Prep children. The classroom teachers will schedule a one hour appointment with each family on these days. From Wednesday 3rd February, the Prep children attend school every day from 9:00am - 3:15pm.

Can my child ride their bike to school and keep it there through the day?

Yes. The school has a bike enclosure. The gate is locked after arrival time and unlocked at the end of the day. We do recommend that you supply your own padlock and chain to secure it to the wire fencing.

How many Prep classes will there be?

Each year we have 5 - 6 classes in our Prep area. It is difficult to confirm the number until all enrolments have been finalised, usually not until mid to late November.

How many children are usually in each Prep class?

Each year, we aim for approximately 20 children in each class. The number does vary slightly from year to year.

How can I return my green SEA testing form?

You may drop the form off into the letter box at the front of the school or email a scan of the form to: strathaird.ps@education.vic.gov.au

I would like to be a parent helper. Do I have to help in other classes or just my child's class?

When assisting in the classroom, you would be working with the children in your own child's class. If you decide to join the Strathaird Parent and Friends group then you might also visit some other classes to collect or deliver items for fundraising purposes.

My child has completed the transition activities and would like to send through some pictures of these. How can I do this?

We have a special email address especially for our transition activities this year. Please send photos or scans to:

transition@strathairdps.vic.edu.au