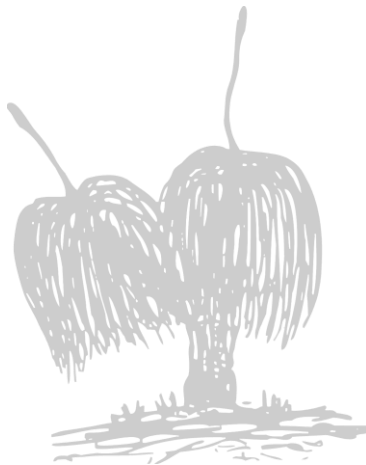


Noranda Primary School

Information for Parents

Early Childhood





Our Vision

Our school community supports, challenges and inspires each other to personal excellence.

Our School Motto

Friendship and Knowledge

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A message from the Principal

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all families joining us at Noranda Primary School. We offer an excellent early childhood program and look forward to working with you in achieving the very best and positive start to your child's education.

This booklet contains information about policies, procedures and practices at Noranda Primary School. If any aspects of the booklet require further clarification, please feel free to contact the school.

We value your support and involvement in your child's education. Working together in a partnership creates the best possible educational outcomes for your child.

We look forward to working with you.



Noranda Primary School

Early Childhood Philosophy

This philosophy statement has been compiled by our early childhood team and reflects our values, beliefs and principles.

Early childhood years are special years. This vital time in a child's life provides an opportunity to develop confident and successful life-long learners.



Our aim in the early childhood years at Noranda Primary School is to provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment for our students where positive relationships with peers can grow. Our program offers a balanced approach to teaching where structured and unstructured opportunities are available for children to develop their social, language, cognitive, physical and creative thinking skills.

We provide a developmentally appropriate environment for our students to advance these skills, problem solve, make mistakes and take safe risks. Our team continually reflect on their practice and work collaboratively to instil a love of learning in our students.

Our staff understand that each family is unique in relation to their culture and beliefs which enrich each child's daily experiences. Partnerships with families and the community are strongly valued and play an important role in each child's development and success.



Start / Finish Times

Classroom doors open at 8:30am.

All children should be accompanied to the classrooms upon arrival and remain with a parent or carer until the programme begins at 8:50am.

<u>KINDERGARTEN</u> 8:50am – 3:00pm alternating 3 day/2 day fortnight	<u>PRE-PRIMARY</u> 8:50am – 3:00pm
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Please ensure that your child is punctual for the start of the class.

Parents are asked to ensure their child is collected promptly at the end of the day. It can be very distressing for a young child to be left waiting, even for a few minutes.

Attendance Information – Every Day Counts

Research prepared for the Department of Education by the Telethon Institute for Child Research UWA in May 2013 indicates that good attendance habits established in the early years of schooling translate to successful learning beginning with Kindy.

Every day of attendance counts.

Absences for birthdays, holidays in term time, appointments that could be done out of school hours, day of rest after a busy weekend are not legitimate reasons for non-attendance at school.

Please support your child by advising the school of non-attendance and by ensuring your child attends regularly. If there are any issues which impact upon your child's attendance, please contact the school so that we are able to support you.

What to bring:

- Child's own drink bottle with WATER only marked clearly with their name.
- A hat – bucket or legionnaire.
School Policy is '*NO HAT – NO OUTDOOR PLAY*' with the exception of June, July and August (JJA).
- In the hot months please apply sunscreen on your child each morning.
- A complete change of clothes in case of 'accidents' and change of weather.

Recess / Lunch

We promote healthy eating and food habits, which begins at Kindy and Pre-primary.

Recess – please provide fresh fruit/vegetables. The variety that children bring stimulates discussion and contributes to your child's health. Please NO lollies, sweet biscuits, nuts, cakes, roll ups or sweet popcorn in morning tea/lunch boxes.

Lunch – children are required to bring their own lunch boxes clearly labelled with their name. Healthy lunches are recommended to sustain your child's energy levels. Please do not bring in fast food for your child.

We are an Allergy Aware school, so no nuts can be consumed at school (including Nutella).

Canteen

Noranda Primary School does not have a canteen; however, lunches are supplied from Morley Senior High School canteen.

Lunches must be ordered and paid for online through www@QuickCliq.com.au

Clothing / Belongings

It is expected that your child wears the school uniform. This gives the children a sense of belonging to the school community and saves their good clothing. Sneakers or joggers are encouraged as best footwear.

Please ensure everything is clearly marked with your child's name.



Allergies

We have children enrolled who have an anaphylactic reaction to nuts. These reactions can sometimes be life threatening.

To help these families we ask your support in making our school an “*allergy aware school*” by not sending products to school that contain nuts. We realise the inconvenience of this but the response in the past has shown what a caring community we have.

If you require further information on our “*allergy aware school*” please contact the class teacher or a member of the administration.

Birthdays

Every child likes to celebrate their birthday. If parents wish they are welcome to send along commercially produced, individually portioned treats for the children to enjoy, eg Freddo Frogs, Cup Cakes. As there may be children with severe allergies, teachers will be responsible for distribution of these at the end of the school day.

Parents are responsible for giving out party invitations.



TheirCare

TheirCare provides an amazing before, after school and holiday care as well as a vacation program to Noranda families at Noranda Primary School.

Parents can contact TheirCare on www.theircare.com.au or 0428 200 886 to discuss arrangements for the care of your children.



Car Parking

Parents are **NOT** to use the staff car park area for drop-off and pick-up of children. Children moving in and around this area creates a serious safety risk.

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds for health and safety reasons. This includes dogs on a leash.

Enquiries or Complaints

If you have a matter which you feel you need to discuss, please contact the teacher in the first instance. In some cases, parents discuss what they feel are problems with other parents and neglect to notify the school. Please make the teacher your first point of contact. The Principal and Associate Principal are available to address concerns that cannot be resolved at the classroom level.

Change of Information

Please notify your child's teacher AND the school office of any changes to address, telephone numbers, employment or emergency contact details in order that contact can be made in emergencies.

Home Situations

Home situations have a great influence on children. Please notify the teacher of any change to the normal routine. A child's attitude and emotional well-being may be affected by such changes. If the teacher is aware of any problems the child's needs can be more aptly considered. All information is treated with the strictest confidence.

Interviews

Teachers will be available for parent interviews, **by appointment**, throughout the year to discuss your child's progress and any problems which may have arisen.



Notes

Fortnightly school newsletters are sent via email. A hard copy is available from the office. At other times information notes will be sent home with each child. Please check your child's bag regularly.

Class Dojo

Teachers use Class Dojo as an online platform to share information, reminders and photos with parents. You will need to have the Class Dojo App installed on your smartphone, as well as the class code, which the teacher will provide to you to access this content.

Sickness

Please ***DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE UNWELL.***

If in doubt, visit the Department of Health website to seek clarification about your child's illness and how long they will need to be excluded from school. Please remember that there are other children and adults to be considered. Infections and illnesses spread rapidly.



Smoking

It is Department of Education policy that, ***SMOKING AND VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES INCLUDING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.***