



# Tips on how to be school ready

## Role modelling

It would be great if students could see their parent/caregiver read and write. Drawing their attention to maths and numbers in their environment helps them to value these new skills that they are learning as they can see a purpose. Lots of positive praise when your child shows an interest in these areas helps to develop numerate and literate people.

## Creativity

Lots of creative experiences which involve fine and gross motor skills such as; drawing, playing with toys, cooking, playdough and sand work, building as well as throwing, catching and kicking a ball helps to develop your child's fine and gross motor skills.

Handy questions to reflect upon to help as a guide when transitioning your child into school. They focus on some of the practical and social skills students will need for a smooth transition to school.

- Can they follow two of three instructions?
- Can they move on to new activities easily?
- Do they separate well from their carer?
- Are they able to take turns and share?
- Can they recognise and express their feelings and needs?
- Can they concentrate on a task?
- Can they take responsibility for their own equipment?
- Are they willing to make new friendships?
- Are they able to write their own name?
- Do they recognise the number one to ten?
- Do they know how to use scissors safely?
- Can they trace over the top of a dotted line?
- Can they confidently use the toilet and know what to do if they have an accident?
- Are they able to draw a simple picture and share what it is about?

## Encouragement and support

To share how they are feeling about going to school and focus on the positive aspects of their own schooling. This sets them up for a positive learning experience and a smoother transition to school.