Helping your child to shine

Starting school is a big step in a child’s life. The move from kindergarten and early childhood services needs to be a happy, positive experience.

A happy, positive start to school

This year new statements are being introduced for all Victorian children, making the transition from early childhood services to school a positive one for all new Preps and their families.

In an Australian-first, all children leaving Victoria’s four-year-old kindergarten programs at the end of 2009 will receive a Transition Learning and Development Statement.

The statement will be prepared by kindergarten and early childhood educators and given to the children’s Prep teachers. You can also contribute comments to the statement.

It will help Prep teachers plan for your child’s education before he or she starts school and help make a smooth transition for new Preps and their families.

What’s in the statements?

The Transition Learning and Development Statement will be provided to children starting in government, Catholic or independent schools in 2010.

Because each child is individual, with different interests and abilities, the statement will contain information about the teaching approach that works best with your child, what he or she enjoys most and is good at, and areas where extra help may be needed.

The statement is not a comparison with other children, and doesn’t grade children against a ‘norm’.

If your child has special needs, transition planning will take these into account.

For more information about Transition Learning and Development Statements visit the website below.

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