



**MOAMA
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TRANSITION TIPS FOR STARTING SCHOOL

Helping your child get the most out of their first year at Moama Anglican Grammar

We would like to welcome you and your child to Moama Anglican Grammar.

As you and your child approach the exciting time of starting school, we want to make sure that their experience is a positive and enjoyable one.

To help prepare for this transition, we have listed several suggestions below for you and your child to work on before starting school to ensure a smooth and successful start to the school year.



Strategies for Success

Self-managing

- Teach your child to tidy up after themselves and pack things away in the correct spot.
- Ensure that your child can manage their toilet needs and wash their hands afterwards.
- Teach your child to blow their nose and wipe efficiently.
- Allow your child to practise putting on and removing their jumper and doing up their own shoe laces.
- Help them learn how to manage their lunchbox by having a go at unwrapping sandwiches, peeling fruit and opening packaged food, opening twist tops and opening drink bottles.
- Teach them how to pack/unpack their school bag.

School readiness activities

- Help your child learn how to write their own name using the correct pencil grip.
- Encourage drawing, colouring and painting.
- Do activities that promote fine motor skills and help develop hand-eye co-ordination such as playdough, lacing/threading, puzzles, mazes, mosaics and tracing.
- Encourage the use of scissors to cut along lines and around shapes.
- Read books together to encourage literacy skills and develop the ability to sit and concentrate for extended periods.
- Help them to recognise numbers and letters of the alphabet in the environment (e.g. letterbox, supermarket, road signs, pantry). Help them to recognise shapes and colours in the environment.
- Teach them to count groups of objects up to 10, ensuring that they touch each object as they say the number.
- Share rhymes, poems and songs. Encourage your child to join in.
- Promote oral language. Story telling is a great way to extend your child's speaking and listening skills.
- Chat about the books you have read, make up your own stories based on their interests.

Social development

- Make sure your child has plenty of opportunities to play with children their age.
- Teach your child to share their toys and take turns.
- Encourage your child to wait their turn to speak in group situations or during a conversation between adults.
- Encourage your child to partake in activities that require 10 minutes of sustained concentration at a time.
- Teach them appropriate ways to express their emotions.
- Have positive discussions about school, talk about what they might do and what they are looking forward to.

Getting familiar with Moama Anglican Grammar

There are various channels Parents/Guardians can engage in during the lead up to the commencement of your child's education at Moama Anglican Grammar.

Follow us on our social media platforms

Facebook: Moama Anglican Grammar

Instagram: moamaanglicangrammar

Join our Facebook parent/guardian community groups:

- MAGS Secondhand Uniforms and Books
- Moama Anglican Grammar Parents and Friends

You can also sign up to our online newsletter via the below link:

<https://newsletters.naavi.com/p/rxJX65g/subscribe>

We look forward to welcoming you into our School Community.



OUR MISSION

To provide a safe and inspiring educational environment that equips students with the skills and confidence to help create their future.



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