TRANSITION
POLICY

PRE-SCHOOL TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rationale:

- To ensure a smooth and efficient transition from Pre-School to the Primary School. We will support children so they can start their Primary School with confidence, familiarity and a positive attitude towards their formal learning environment.

Implementation:

- The Karoo Prep team will coordinate the Transition Program.
- All parents will receive a detailed information package about the school outlining relevant information regarding the first year at school and some helpful hints.
- Organised school tours will be provided at mutually convenient times although there will be a preference for 9.30 a.m. two days a week. This time provides the opportunity for families to observe the students at work following the usual school program.
- Information will be sought about each child from the pre-school via the Transition Learning Development Statement, and meetings will be organised with parents of children with special needs to discuss programs and resource requirements.
- The Transition Program will consist of familiarisation tours of the school and activities (story time, music, drama, craft) in classrooms.
- If staffing allocations are organised by the Orientation Day in December students and their families will meet their Prep teacher and visit the classroom.
- A parent information evening in Term 3 will provide prospective parents with the opportunity to learn more about the Prep Curriculum.
- A second parent information evening in Term 4 focuses on school programs and procedures, and an opportunity will be provided for questions and discussions. Detailed information about the first day of school, including starting and finishing times will be provided.
- All parents will receive a detailed information package about the school outlining relevant information regarding the first year of school and some helpful hints.
- Teacher liaison between Pre-schools/Childcare centres and the Primary School will occur, to ensure a smooth and positive transition for all students.
- Karoo Parents Association will invite prospective parents to the staffroom for tea/coffee and a chat during the Transition activities.
- Prep students will not attend school on Wednesdays until the week of Labour Day in March.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.