

SAME FIRST DAY START TO PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL

As you would be aware there will soon be changes to the time children in South Australia start preschool and school.

The new start date brings South Australia into line with other states in Australia and will mean that all children will receive four terms of preschool and four terms of Reception.

Changes will begin to apply and be completed in preschools in 2013 as we move towards full implementation in 2014.

STARTING PRESCHOOL IN 2013

In 2013 preschools will continue to enrol children in Terms 1 and 2 as is the case under the current preschool enrolment policy. Therefore, children who turn 4 years of age on or before 29th January may start preschool in Term 1. Children who turn 4 years of age between 29th January and 1st May will be able to start preschool on the first day of Term 2. Some preschools have the capacity to enrol all students in Term 1 so please contact the preschool you have chosen for confirmation of their process.

The Same First Day policy means there will be no general intake of children in Terms 3 and 4.

Preschools may make individual arrangements for children who start in Term 2 to offer access to the equivalent of 400 hours (4 terms) of preschool over three terms with additional hours being completed in Terms 3 and 4.

In order to manage the enrolments of eligible children, including any offer of additional preschool hours for Term 2 children preschools will need to operate within the enrolment capacity for their centre.

STARTING SCHOOL IN 2013

There will be no changes for children who complete four terms of preschool during 2013. They will continue to start school in Terms 2, 3 and 4 respectively.

FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF SAME FIRST DAY IN 2014

- If a child turns four before 1st May, they will start preschool on the first day of Term 1 in that year.
- If a child turns four on or after 1st May, they will start preschool on the first day of Term 1 the following year.
- If a child turns five before 1st May they will start school on the first day of Term 1 in that year.
- If a child turns five on or after 1st May they will start school on the first day of Term 1 the following year.

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Starting Preschool and School in 2013

Preschool in 2013

Preschool is an important early step on your child's journey through education, giving them the chance to play, learn, grow and develop.

There will soon be a change to the way children start preschool.

From 2014 there will be a new start date for preschool and school children. This will be the first day of Term 1.

The new start date will mean that all children will receive four terms of preschool and four terms of Reception.

Some things will be different in 2013 as we move to the new same first day arrangements.

When can my child start preschool in 2013?

From 2013, preschools will continue to enrol children in Terms 1 and 2 in 2013 as is the case under the current preschool enrolment policy.

If your child has turned four years of age by 29 January in 2013 they may start preschool in Term 1. If your child turns four years of age before 1 May, they may start preschool on the first day of Term 2, 2013.

The new Same First Day policy means there will be no general intake of children in Terms 3 and 4.

Preschools may make individual arrangements for children who start in Term 2 of 2013 to offer access to the equivalent of four terms of preschool over three terms, with additional hours being completed in Terms 3 and 4 of 2013.

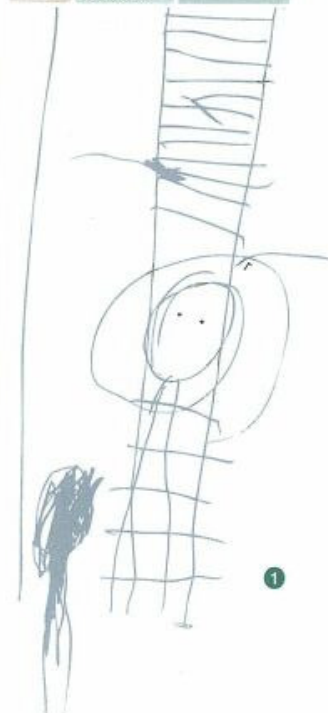
Talk to your local preschool director to determine how this could best work for your child.

Starting school in 2013

Children who have started preschool in 2012 will start school after their four terms of preschool as is now the case.

Children who start preschool in Term 1 and Term 2 of 2013 will start school on the first day of Term 1 in 2014.

Year of birth	Child's birthday	Can start preschool
2009	Prior to 29 January	Term 1, 2013
	From 29 January to 30 April	Term 2, 2013
	from 1 May to 31 December	Term 1 2014
2010	from 1 January to 30 April	Term 1 2014
	from 1 May to 31 December	Term 1 2015
2011	from 1 January to 30 April	Term 1 2015
	from 1 May to 31 December	Term 1 2016





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What happens if my child has additional needs?

Children with additional needs* may start preschool early. Your local preschool director or principal will work with you to manage this.

** Additional needs include disability, developmental delay, gifted development and children who are at risk because of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds or family circumstance.*

To find out more

Visit your local early childhood service, school or the Department for Education and Child Development, 'early years' website at www.earlyyears.sa.edu.au/

To find out more information about when your child can start preschool and school, visit www.earlyyears.sa.edu.au

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