



Welcome To

FOUNDATION

At Truganina College



Believe, Achieve, Succeed



This booklet is for you and your family to read over the holidays. This guide will help you and your 2026 Foundation student to learn a little bit about their school life at Truganina P9 College next year. We hope that you enjoy looking through it and look forward to seeing you soon when you start school!

Our Philosophy

Our Purpose

Our school community is one with high expectations. We are collaborative and inclusive of all. We deliver a 21st century guaranteed and viable curriculum that results in outstanding student achievement.

Our Motto

Inspiring Excellence in Learning to Believe, Achieve and Succeed

Our 2025–2028 Strategic Statement

To develop the capacity of all students to be active learners, leaders and citizens.

College Values



Learn



Resilient



Respect



Responsible

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is located, the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation and pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise their continuing connection to the land, water and community.



I will need to bring these items to school every day:



All of these items must have my name on them so I know they belong to me!

I will need to wear my uniform everyday.



***Note: Please ensure all personal items and uniform are labelled with your child's unique compass student code. This ensures any lost items can find their way back to your child.**

I will see these friendly faces around my school:



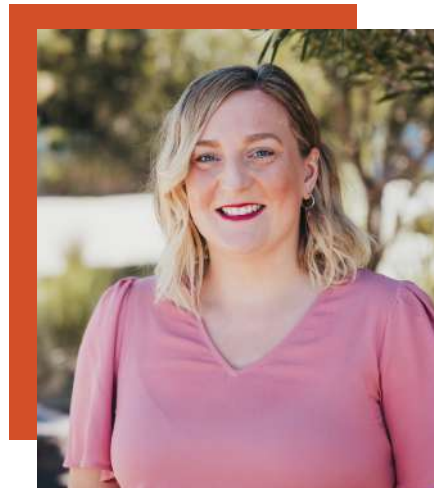
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Principal

Amanda Williams



Mrs Porter
Director F-2

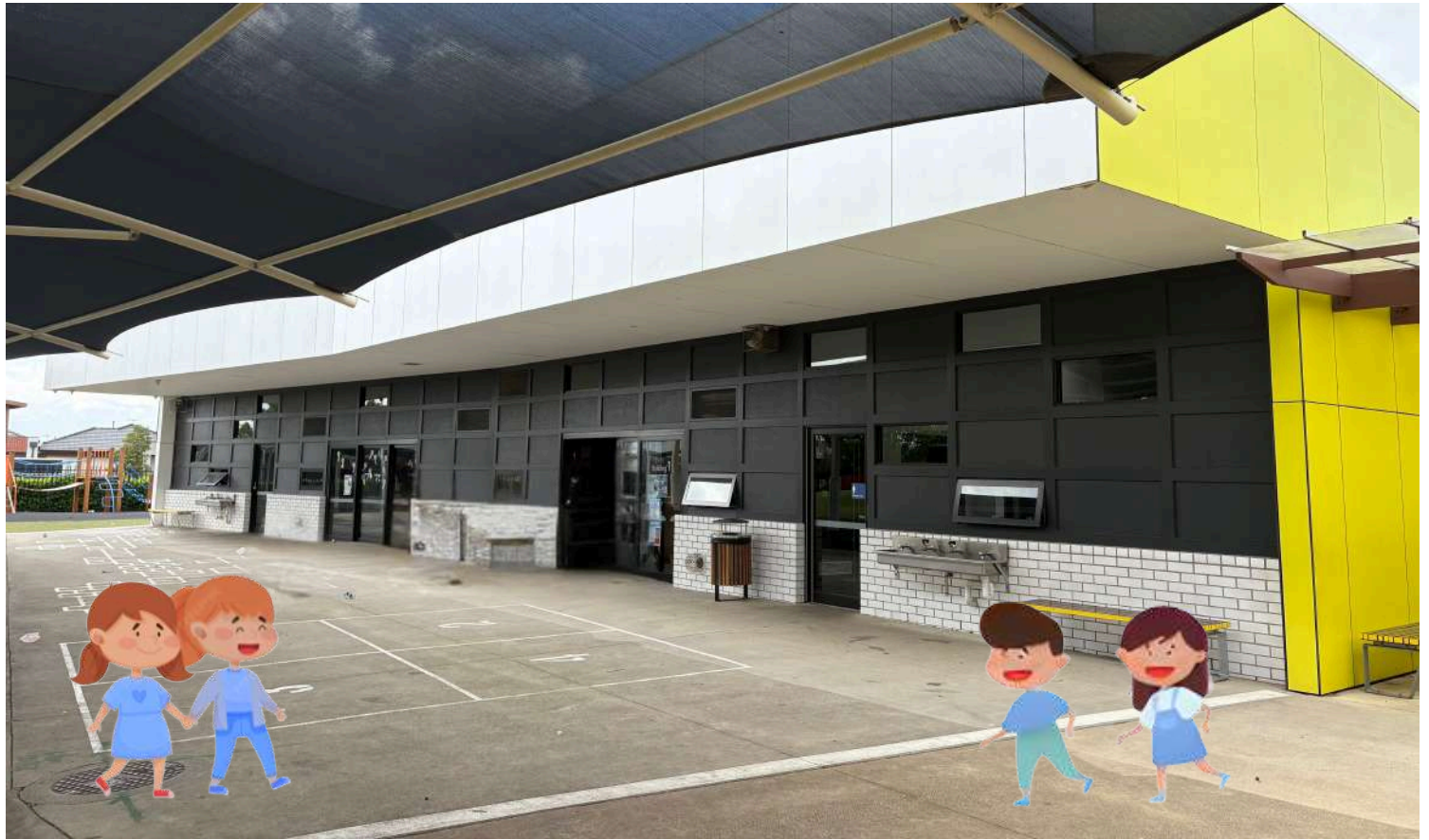
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Mrs Fiamengo
Assistant Principal
Foundation

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The bell goes at 8:45am. This is when I need to go to my classroom to line up and get ready for the day.



I will line up with my class and my teacher will meet me here. I will follow them into my classroom.



There will be classes on both sides of the Foundation building. My family and my teacher will make sure I know how to get to the right classroom.



**This is where I will put my bag
when I am at school.**



**I will put
my bag
away in my
own locker.
My locker
will have
my name
tag on it.**



This is what my classroom might look like





In the morning, we will have a fruit and snack break

In the afternoon, we will have eating time in the classroom before we go outside to play.




After we eat our lunch, my friends and I will go outside and play! I will need to wear my hat to play outside in Terms 1 and 4.



If I need help in the yard, I can go to a teacher. They will be wearing a bright coloured vest so I can find them easily.



If I need to go to sickbay, I need to get a sick bay pass from the teacher outside.

 **Classroom Sickbay Pass**

If your student is sick please send them with this pass outlining what is wrong with them.

Name: _____

Class: _____

☐ Stomach ache ☐ Headache

☐ Vomiting ☐ Toilet Accident

☐ Other _____



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SICK BAY PASS

**I have seen the yard duty teacher
before coming to sick bay.**

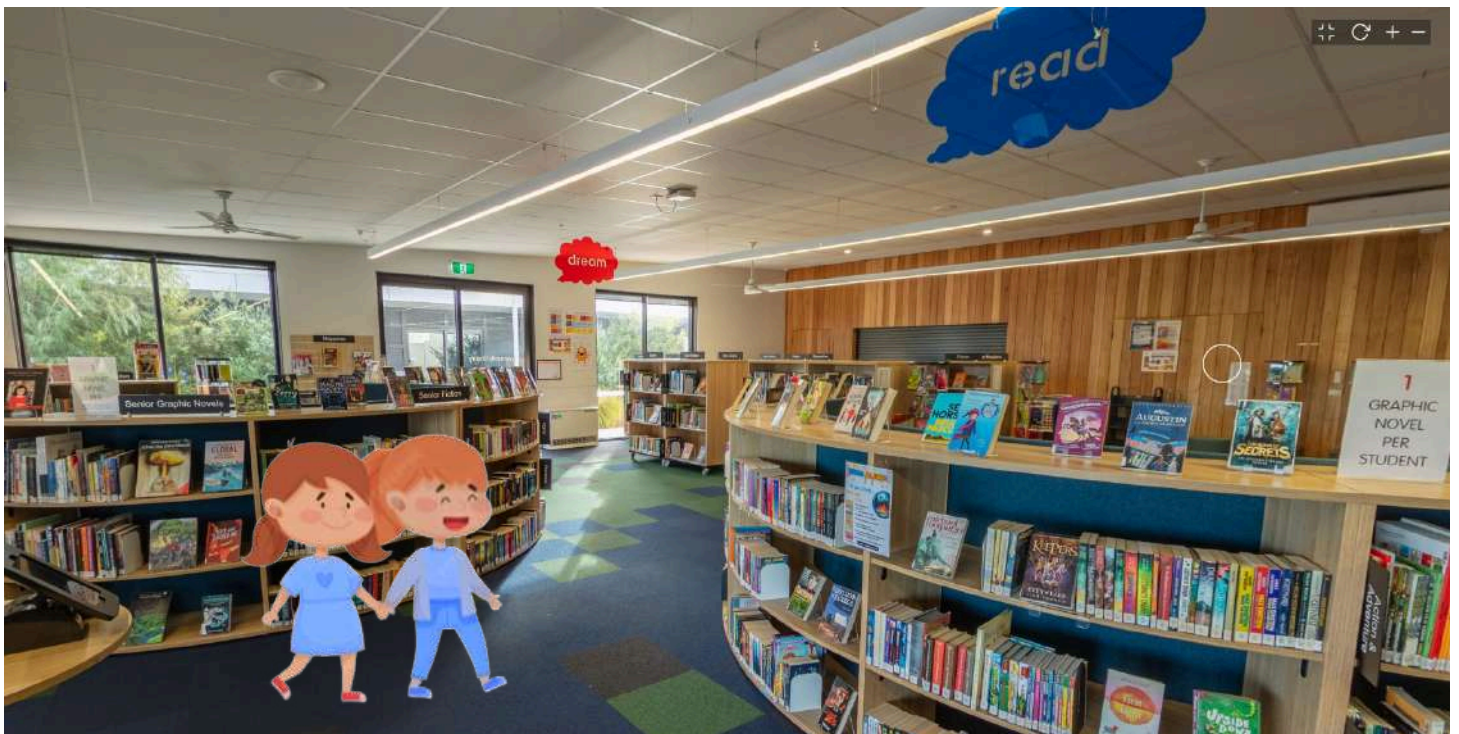
I will also be able to do special classes like Art, Spanish STEM and HAPE



In my classroom we have lots of books to read



I will also get to visit the library with my class to borrow books when it is our turn



At the end of the day we pack our own bags and line up with our teacher



The bell rings at 3pm when it is time to go home, I will wait inside with my teacher until they tell me I can go.



Information for my Family

Preparing Your Child For Their First Day

1. Have your child at school at the nominated time.
 2. Show by words and actions that school is a happy and safe place.
 3. Sometimes little children become upset at the initial parting. This is quite normal and understandable. Do not prolong the parting, as children will settle down more quickly without the presence of parents.
 4. Your child should know the difference between recess snack and lunch and they should be able to open a food packet, open a lunch box, unscrew a drink container, drink from a tap and peel a piece of fruit.
 5. Support your child to understand what has been packed for their recess snack and lunch. Lunch will be eaten within the classroom between 1:15 PM – 1:30 PM.
 6. Drinks should be in a plastic bottle – no glass bottles or cans are permitted. Students are encouraged to drink water only.
 7. We ask parents to send to school a change of clothes, including underwear in case of toilet accidents. The change of clothes should stay in your child's school bag throughout the year.
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Out Of School Hours Care



PROGRAMS: After School Care, Before School Care, Vacation Care

WHERE: 55 Clearwood Dr, Truganina VIC 3029

ON-SITE LOCATION: TeamKids Room. Enter via main gate on Clearwood Drive and follow the TeamKids Flags

PHONE – ONLY DURING SERVICE HOURS: 0478 135 952

EMAIL: TruganinaCollege@teamkids.com.au

BEFORE SCHOOL HOURS

6:30 am – 8:30 am

AFTER SCHOOL CARE HOURS

3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

VACATION CARE HOURS

6:30 am – 6:30 pm

Compass Access

Compass is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps.

To access the parent portal, you can go to your school's website and click the Compass link on their homepage. Alternatively, you can go to **schools.compass.education** where you can search for our school's direct URL.

To log in you will require your unique family username and password. These details will be provided to you by our school. Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by our school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.



If you are unable to access your compass account, please contact the administration office on 9368 9800

Getting Your Child Ready For Foundation

Support Social Skills & Making Friends

- Practice simple play skills at home: sharing, taking turns, waiting
- Teach friendly phrases like: "Can I play too?" or "Do you want to be friends?"
- Organise short playdates with kinder friends or other new students
- Talk about what a "good friend" looks like

Practise School Skills Through Play

- Name writing (first name only)
- Listening to short instructions
- Packing and unpacking a bag
- Sitting and doing a quiet activity for a short time
- Recognising their name on labels or signs

Build Emotional Readiness

- Talk about what school will be like in positive, reassuring ways
- Practise separating – short goodbyes at kinder, grandparents, etc.
- Read picture books about starting school
- Create a "first day plan": Where you'll drop them off, Who their teacher is, What happens after school.

Build Simple Daily Routines

- Start regular bedtime and wake-up times a few weeks before school
- Practice getting dressed, brushing teeth, packing bag
- Create a predictable morning routine (breakfast → toilet → bag → shoes → go)

Talk About School in a Positive Way

- Focus on excitement: new friends, fun activities, learning new things
- Avoid saying things like "You'll be tired" or "You'll get in trouble"
- Validate any worries: "It's okay to feel a bit nervous. Lots of kids do."

Encourage Independence

- Practice opening lunchboxes, wrappers, drink bottles
- Teach your child how to pack and unzip their own bag
- Encourage them to take their own belongings to their room or hook
- Let them practise asking an adult for help

7. Build Trust With the School

- Visit the school grounds together
- Point out the classroom, toilets, playground
- Let them see adults (teachers, office staff) as friendly helpers

Key Steps For A Smooth Start

1. Check Your Enrolment Details

- Confirm your child's enrolment forms are complete
- Update contact details, emergency contacts
- Provide important medical information, such as medical conditions and asthma/anaphylaxis action plans
- Provide up-to-date immunisation records

2. Attend the Transition Sessions

- Meet the teachers
- Visit classrooms
- Help your child become familiar with the school environment
- Ask questions about the first week of school

3. Prepare Required Items (Label everything!)

- Uniform (labelled)
- School bag (labelled)
- Lunchbox & water bottle (labelled)
- Hat (labelled)
- Stationery or booklist items (if required)

4. Establish Routines Early

- Morning routine
- Bedtime routine
- Practising independence (shoes, toileting, opening lunchboxes)

5. Learn School Communication Channels

- Compass, Facebook, Website
 - How to report absences
 - How newsletters and notices are shared
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Key Steps For A Smooth Start

6. Support Your Child Emotionally

- Talk positively about school
- Practice short goodbyes
- Visit the school grounds before the first day if possible

7. Know Who to Contact

- Classroom teacher for daily matters
- Office for admin questions
- Wellbeing team for support
- Leadership for bigger concerns

8. First Day Checklist

- ☒ Packed lunch and water bottle
- ☒ Hat
- ☒ Uniform
- ☒ A calm, positive drop-off
- ☒ Be on time for pick-up

9. Stay Connected

- Read newsletters
 - Attend events
 - Ask the teacher if you're unsure of anything — communication is key in the early weeks
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