



Kindergarten / Childcare Centre

Presents:

SCHOOL READINESS (A Parent Information Night)

Determining when to begin formal schooling for our children is often a complex issue. Factors such as age, maturity, social skills, and developmental progress all impact such a decision. Parents are presented with very few opportunities to compare their child's development to that of other similarly aged children. They are often left guessing as to whether their child will be socially or emotionally ready to cope in a formal school setting, and wondering whether the child's cognitive and developmental skills are, in fact, age appropriate. Even having made the decision to send a child to school, parents are still keen to know how to ensure a positive and successful transition from kindergarten to school, and how best to equip their child to cope with the inevitable challenges of such a change.

This parent information night addresses the following issues:

- Social / emotional / developmental / cognitive expectations of a Prep child
- What parents can do to encourage and develop school readiness
- Formal assessment processes and criteria
- Advantages / Disadvantages of "waiting a year" or "holding them back"
- Strategies to assist in starting school
- "Bringing out the best" in our children
- Many practical ideas and activities to use at home

DATE:

TIME:

7.30 – 9.00pm

VENUE:

Kindergarten / Childcare Centre

COST:

\$10.00 per adult (supper provided)

Alison Brown is a registered psychologist, an experienced teacher and a parent. She has been a committee member and Vice President of the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children over six years, has presented at a number of state, national and international conferences in the areas of technology, gifted education, and psychology, and has provided extensive consultation and training programs to schools in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Switzerland and Germany.

Alison brings experience from both an educational and psychological background. Having taught for seven years at Methodist Ladies' College, and worked as a school psychologist at Mosman Prep School and Kincoppal-Rose Bay, Sydney, she has first-hand experience in recognising and catering for the social, emotional, and academic needs of students. She is currently working in private practice in Melbourne, specialising in educational assessments, parenting, counselling and gifted children.

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I / we wish to attend the Parent Information Night given by Alison Brown on from 7.30pm at Kindergarten / Childcare Centre.

Names: _____

Phone: _____ Mobiles: _____

Number of people attending: _____ Cost: \$10 per person _____