# NARANGEA STATE SCHOOL

An Independent Public School



# Preparatory Year 2025



Situated in the Department of Education and Training's North Coast Region, our school serves the Narangba district with pride and integrity. Narangba State School provides every student with the opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills and values, enabling them to maximise their learning potential and become caring, valued members of society.



## What is the Preparatory Year?

All schools in Queensland offer a full time Preparatory Year. Narangba State School operates a five day Prep program between 8:50 am – 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

All students in our catchment area who meet the age requirements are welcome to enrol at Narangba State School.

We invite you to begin your child's formal education in Prep at Narangba State School. Our Prep classes are specifically designed to meet the needs of Prep students through a play-based curriculum coupled with some of the rigours of pre-reading and pre-writing activities. Our Prep staff consist of Early Childhood trained teachers and teacher aides.

#### It is our aim:

- To provide a program that is challenging and responsive to the diverse needs of the young child;
- To be the first link in the educative process for your young child as they participate in age appropriate activities within our school;
- To continue to foster appropriate early childhood practices in all that we do.
- To build partnerships with parents and the school community to provide the optimum opportunity for children to develop, learn and have a smooth transition into school life.



# Early Childhood Education at Narangba State School

At Narangba State School, we believe that a child is a fun-loving, inquisitive person who is shaped and influenced by his/her family background.

We believe that children are individuals who grow and develop at their own rate and have their own learning styles. Children observe, absorb and explore everything in their world through their senses. They develop their attitudes from their adult role models. Children learn through play.

We believe the Prep environment should be welcoming, safe, fun and interesting. It should be stimulating and challenging while catering to the interests of the children. The environment should be relaxed but guided by rules and routine.

# **Early Years Curriculum**

Our Early Literacy curriculum revolves around our very successful reading program, the core of which is 'Sounds to Letters'. We have had outstanding success with this program, ensuring that all students leave the Early Years reading at an appropriate level. This is demonstrated by our excellent achievement in relation to National Benchmarks in Year 3 and 5.

We believe that these Early Years are crucial in establishing a love of learning in our students and growing capable, confident readers. Students learn through activities in a sensory rich and stimulated environment. The program incorporates and is often guided by children's curiosity and interests which maximises their engagement and learning.

#### **School Uniform**

The Prep uniform is exactly the same as the regular school uniform with a yellow hat (other students have a green hat). The yellow hat enables us to distinguish Prep students from others in the playground; particularly in the early weeks of the first year.

These items are available from the uniform shop in the amenities block in the centre of the school. Opening times can vary so if you are not sure, please check with the school office.



Prep uniform with yellow hat

#### A School with Values

Our values are Being Safe, Being Respectful and Being an Active Learner.

Our school is grounded in community and uphold the 'You Can Do It' keys of:

Resilience: having a positive attitude and being in control of ourselves

Persistence: always trying our best and remembering if we keep trying 'We Can Do It'

Getting Along: respecting every member of our school community

Organisation: setting a goal to do our best school work and working together with courtesy

Confidence: building self-confidence and self-control to achieve success

Some of our special events include:

- ANZAC Day
- Under 8's Day
- Book week activities
- National Simultaneous Story time
- Science week
- Education week



We commemorate ANZAC Day

### When can children enrol in the Preparatory Year?

Children need to be five by 30 June in the year they enrol in Prep.



	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Child born 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Child born 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018	Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr4	Yr5
Child born 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019		Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
Child born 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020			Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3
Child born 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021				Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2
Child born 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022					Prep	Yr 1
Child born 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023						Prep

If you would like to enrol your child for Prep next year, please phone the office on 07 3491 1333 to arrange a suitable time for an interview.

You will need to bring your child as well as their birth certificate and any immunisation records to the enrolment interview.

Parents play the most important role in the education of their child.

We welcome parents to become involved in school life.

#### We invite parent participation through...

- An active P&C Association
- · A wide range of school events and special days
- Attendance at student parades
- Visiting the class and joining in the program
- Reading and contributing to newsletters and notice boards
- Collecting junk and collage materials
- Offering to share hobbies e.g. music, poetry, carpentry
- Volunteering in our Tuckshop



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