

BEST START 2017

Initial Kindergarten
Assessment
Part 1

Purpose

- identifying the Literacy and Numeracy knowledge and skills each child brings to school as they enter Kindergarten.
- helps us to develop learning programs by finding out what each child knows and can do so we can plan and teach what they need to learn next.
- providing feedback to parents on what their child can do and how they can support their child's learning.

When does it happen?

- You will be sent a letter, with a date and time for a 30 minute interview (Monday 30th January, Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February).
- On that day, you and your child check in at the office and go to the AV room in the library and participate in some play opportunities. Please arrive 15 minutes before your allocated time.
- At the allocated time a teacher will take your child to a quiet working area in the library and conduct the Best Start assessment.
- If time permits, the teacher may provide some verbal feedback. However, please be assured a written report will be sent home a few weeks later.

When does school start?

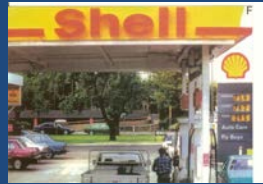
All Kindergarten students
start school on
Thursday 2nd February 2017
(staggered starts).

You will receive this information
on your child's last orientation
session.

What is assessed? - Literacy

Seven aspects of literacy are assessed:

- Reading texts
- Comprehension
- Concepts about print
- Phonics
- Phonemic Awareness
- Speaking
- Writing



What is assessed? - Numeracy

Three aspects of numeracy are assessed:

- Numbers
- Counting from 1 ..., count from another number
- What number comes after 5? 8? 14? ...
- What are these numbers?

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- Problem solving (addition & subtraction)

E.g. Here are some counters, How many are there?
Can you get 2 more. How many altogether?



- Patterns (identifying a pattern, what comes next?)

