“I’m coming to School”
2014 Information

One of the most commonly asked questions about beginning school is "How can I help my child?" The first and most vital assistance is to help your children with the transition into "big school"! That is, moving from one setting (home, pre-school, childcare) to school.

At Sacred Heart Central School Cootamundra, we have developed an Orientation Program, which is designed to provide children and parents with the opportunity to come to school and join in selected activities. This allows your child to familiarise themselves with life at school. It helps to make the transition for a small person into primary school a pleasant one.

This program is done in Steps:

Step 1 Classroom Visit: **Step Inside** (Thursday 31st October 2013)
Visits to the Kindergarten Early Stage 1 classroom and other School community events such as liturgies, 'breaks the ice' for the incoming Kindergarten (Early Stage 1) students and allows them to become familiar with a face or two.

Parent Session: **Step Up**
During this session there will be a brief talk by our Principal, Office Staff, Welcoming Committee, Parents & Friends etc. There will also be a uniform display and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions.

School Tour: **Parents Step around the school**
This gives parents the opportunity to come and see for themselves the excellent facilities and warm welcome atmosphere we have on offer at Sacred Heart Central School.

Step 2 **Student Orientation: Step by step** (Thursday, 7th November 2013)
This program involves Kindergarten 2014 (Early Stage 1) students making visits to the school during normal Kindergarten (Early Stage 1) sessions.

Step 3 **Teach The Teacher: Step through** (Friday, 8th November 2013) Times to be allocated
On this day parents will be able to meet the teacher and share all there is to know about their child.

Step 4 **Classroom Visit: Students Step around the school**
(Thursday, 14th November 2013)
This gives our new students, with their Year 6, 2014 Buddies, the opportunity to come and see and explore the excellent facilities we have at Sacred Heart Central School.

Step 5 **Invitation Christmas Advent Liturgy: Stepping together** (Tuesday, 10th December 2013)
Parents and Students will be invited to the Christmas Advent Liturgy. A wonderful time to share and start preparing for the joys of Christmas.

2014 Class Information Session: (Tuesday, 11th February 2014.)
Now that you are in the room, we will share information about day-to-day events, your child’s timetable and calendar, parent helper opportunities and home learning strategies.

2014 Welcome BBQ: (Tuesday, 11th February 2014.)
A chance to meet other families within your child’s class and have a social chat with staff.

2014 Parent Curriculum Review and Parent Interviews: (Wednesday, 12th March 2014)
A chance to learn more about what your child is learning and discuss their progress with their teacher.

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Principal