



Department of Education  
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Jandakot Primary School

## **CURRENT KINDY AND PRE PRIMARY PARENTS**

### **2018 ORGANISATION FOR PRE PRIMARY AND YEAR 1 (P/1)**

Dear Parents

I am currently planning staffing and school organisation for 2018.

School funding is allocated by the Department of Education as per a formula which directly relates to specific student enrolments. Consequently, school organisation is always difficult as student numbers, in all year levels, rarely allows single year level classes across the school.

Many schools choose to organise their classes into what are called composite classes (sometimes referred to as split classes). These are classes where there are two year levels in one class.

Educationally, this fits with developmental learning philosophies. Even if children are the same age/year level, they are not all at the same level of development. As parents, watching our children grow from infants and toddlers, we know their language and numeracy along with physical, social and creative development varies from child to child and doesn't always correspond with their chronological age. All children differ in their rates and styles of development.

Quality learning programs are my priority. Composite classes don't hinder or inhibit a quality teacher delivering a quality program which is catering to all students.

At this stage, due to the spread of our enrolment numbers, next year we will be having a P/1 composite class. Your child may be placed in the P/1 class in 2018.

It will be an exciting learning environment and we want to continue students' success.

I encourage you to chat with your child's current K or PP teacher if you have concerns. They can give you information about the class and as they know the children's learning needs better than anyone in the school, they are best placed to make professional decisions about the placement of students in classes for next year.

Should you have any specific input about your child's placement for 2018, please do so as per the attached letter.

Yours sincerely

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