

Early entry to Prep

October 2015 Update: The Queensland Government has announced plans to develop a formal framework and objective assessment for determining a child's readiness for early entry to Prep (July birthday) – this will be developed in time for use in 2016 in anticipation of enrolment in Prep in 2017. There is no change to arrangements for 2016 enrolments.

Can my child go to Prep?

To be eligible to enrol in Prep your child must turn 5 by 30 June in the year of attendance in Prep.

Birthdate	Eligible for prep year in:	Eligible for Year 1 in:
Child born 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010	2015	2016
Child born 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011	2016	2017
Child born 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2012	2017	2018

Are there any exception to the age limits?

Section 15 of the Education General Provisions Regulation 2006 allows early entry to the Prep Year for a child who:

EITHER

- Will be at least 5 years and 5 months on 31 December in the proposed year of attendance (i.e. a child who turns 5 on or before 31 July); AND
- Is considered 'ready for education in the year of schooling considering the child's attributes';

OR

- Had started education in another state or country that is equivalent to the Prep Year; AND
- Is considered 'ready for education in the year of schooling considering the child's attributes'.

The Regulations define 'child's attributes' as

1. Aptitude and ability; and
2. Social and emotional competence, and
3. Physical development; and
4. Level of knowledge and understanding.

Parents wishing to apply for early entry into the Prep Year on this basis should make application to the Principal in the usual manner. Parents also need to provide additional documentation to assist the Principal in making a decision as to whether the child meets the requirements of early entry to Prep.