Starting Preschool

Preschool is an important step on a child’s journey through education. At preschool, your child will be given new experiences to play, learn, grow and develop.

Soon, the time when children start preschool in Catholic Preschools in South Australia will change.

From 2013, children will start preschool only at the beginning of Term One each year.

This new policy is called Same First Day Start. It means that children will start preschool on the first day of Term One each year and that all children will spend the same amount of time in preschool, one full year.

Having the same first day means that there will be fewer changes to groups of children during the year.

When can my child start preschool?

There is no change to what happens now until 2013.

From 2013, the start date will be the first day of Term One.

If your child turns four before May 1, they will start preschool on the first day of Term One in that year.

If your child turns four on or after May 1, they will start preschool on the first day of Term One the following year.

The minimum age for starting preschool will be three years and eight months from 2013.