

2026

Kindergarten and

Pre Primary Information

Booklet



PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN AND PRE PRIMARY

Pemberton DHS has established a tradition of providing quality education tailored to meet the individual needs of our children. Pemberton DHS caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 10.

We believe that a quality education is founded on positive beginnings, and our school's Early Childhood program is based on principles of play-based learning, explicit teaching and pastoral care.

We are committed to providing a quality educational program that is inclusive of all children. We believe that young children are active learners who construct their own understandings and knowledge of the world. A range of evidence-based teaching practices are used to support and enhance children's learning and development.



In kindergarten and pre-primary children will be engaged in learning experiences based on the West Australian Curriculum, the Early Years Learning Framework and the Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines. These experiences allow them to construct, manipulate, explore, discover, test and practise their developing knowledge. A balance between child-initiated and adult-supported experiences is provided, and children are supported in their learning and in developing their independence.

*Choose Respect
Be Resilient
Challenge Yourself*

All children come to school with prior knowledge, and it is our role to build on this to ensure educational excellence by providing activities and experiences that foster problem-solving skills, risk taking, self-esteem, gross and fine motor skills, and social and emotional development. To support students achieving the expected standards and above, as outlined in the WA Curriculum, there is a focus on literacy and numeracy through an explicit and play-based approach to learning.

We believe passionately that providing children with a seamless transition from home to school, encouraging parent partnerships and feedback, supports the wellbeing of the child and enhance their learning.

We welcome you and your child to our class. We know it will be a rewarding and valuable experience.

Cassie Thoo
Kindergarten/Pre-Primary Teacher



Developing Partnerships

Kindergarten

Kindergarten days for 2026 will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (odd weeks) and Monday and Tuesday (even weeks) from 8.30am to 3.00pm. Please refer to the Term Planner for specific dates.

Settling into Kindergarten

Some children need reassurance to settle into the routines and expectations of kindergarten, while others throw themselves whole-heartedly into the program, embracing every aspect. Please be assured that we will contact you if your child requires extra support.

Pre-Primary

Pre-Primary sessions are compulsory, five days per week. If your child is absent from school, please let the Front Office know the reason for our attendance records. It is especially important to establish and maintain positive attendance from kindergarten and pre-primary, throughout their school years. Absences mean they are missing essential learning which only takes place in face-to-face learning environments.

Our Vision

At Pemberton District High School we provide a caring, positive and creative learning environment that treats each student as an individual, providing tailored educational programs to celebrate their strengths, extend their potential and inspire life-long learning.

Arrival and Departure

A parent or carer must accompany children to their classroom at the beginning of each day. The door will open at 8.30am for both kindergarten and pre-primary. We welcome parents and carers to stay and participate in activities with their child until they are settled or the bell rings at 8:45am to signal the start of the day.

If someone other than yourself is to collect your child, notify the school and teacher. This adult must sign in at the Front Office.

If you arrive late (after 8:45am), please obtain a late note from the front office.

Similarly, if you need to collect your child early, please attend the Front Office and sign your child out of the school.



Parent Meetings

If you have any concerns, please request a meeting with your classroom teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Kindergarten Uniform

School uniform in kindergarten is not compulsory but is recommended. All clothing should be named, including shoes, jumpers, bags and hats. Please dress your child in comfortable, easily washed clothes. (Aprons are provided for messier activities.) Clothes that allow free movement, are not too tight, too loose or too long and allow children to play safely and go to the toilet independently, are the most appropriate. We recommend enclosed shoes for physical activities and when moving around the school. No thongs please.

Pre-Primary Uniform

Pre-primary is compulsory schooling so children must be dressed in full school uniform. Please refer to the school website for a copy of the school's Dress Code.



Crunch & Sip

Please fresh fruit or vegetable for Crunch and Sip. This fruit needs to be cut up and placed in a small container. This is an individual snack and is not shared with others. Please keep staff informed of any food allergies or intolerances your child may have.

Healthy Lunchboxes

Student health care is most important. Together we can promote good health habits early in your child's life. We would appreciate you supporting us by providing your child with a healthy lunchbox and also talking to your child about healthy food choices. Please include water only in your child's drink bottle.

Sun Safe Policy

The Department of Education has a sun safe policy. This means for Term One and Term Four NO HAT NO OUTSIDE PLAY. We do permit children to play under the verandah if they have forgotten their hats. Please help us protect your child from the sun by ensuring they have an appropriate sun safe hat and applying sunscreen before they come to school.

School Buses

If you intend to utilise the School Bus Services to support transporting your child to and from school, you are able to arrange this at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au



Birthdays

You are welcome to bring in a small treat to celebrate your child's birthday in class. We can help to hand out such treats as cupcakes and Freddo Frogs to their classmates. Please do not send in treats that require cutting such as a whole cake.

Nuts

Although we do not have a "no nut policy" we do have students who have nut allergies and as such, we ask families to be mindful of that when packing lunches.

STARTING SCHOOL

What to bring to school

- A school bag large enough for paintings, work and their lunchbox.
- Crunch & Sip, Recess snacks and Lunch
- A hat for Term One and Term Four.
- A spare change of clothes, including underwear, to be kept in their school bag.
- A pair of shoes that the child can manage independently. If shoes have laces, the child needs to be able to do them up.

Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring toys or wear jewellery to school. We cannot be responsible for loss or damage.



ATTENDANCE, ILLNESSES AND ABSENCES

Reporting Absences

If your child is absent from school, you can either complete a attendance note on Compass or contact the Front Office on 9776 5800. If an absence is not recorded by 9:30am, an automated message will be sent to advise you.

If your child is late or needs to leave school early, please sign your child in/out at the Front Office.

Medication

If your child needs medication, please inform the Front Office staff. Medication will not be administered unless the appropriate forms are filled in prior. Under no circumstances should medication be kept in your child's bag for safety reasons.



Compass

Compass is our school's system for recording attendance. The following links will help you set up a Compass parent account and use the system to inform the school of your child's absences.

[Login to Compass guide](#)

[Compass parent portal guide: Desktop](#)

[Compass parent portal guide: Mobile](#)



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