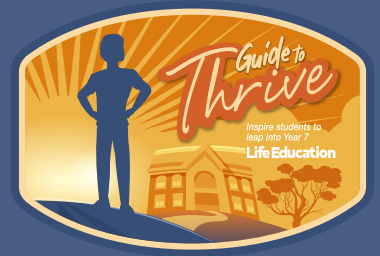


School Transition

Conversations to have



What can parents and carers do to help when we have chosen a school?

When you have decided upon a secondary school, try the following conversations and activities.

How the new school operates:

- Download a campus map and study where things are
- Visit the school on a weekend and walk around (if permitted by the school)
- Practise how to get to school, for example, catch the bus or train together so your child knows the route

Academic work talking points:

- If something is difficult at primary school, what do you do?
- If something is difficult for the parents and carers, what do you do?

Workload talking points:

- When you have lots of work at primary school, what do you do? How do you manage it all? Do your friends do anything different?
- When the parent or carer has lots of work, what do you do? How do you manage it? Do you know if other adults do things differently?

Social elements talking points:

- How did you make friends at primary school?
- How do friendships change at primary school? (for you or someone else)
- What are some good strategies for when you don't know anyone? What does your parents and carers do when they are in a situation where they don't know anyone?
- What do you do when people act in an unfriendly manner?

School-life balance talking points:

- What are the sports, hobbies, or other fun things in life that you want to keep doing?
- It's very important that we all have a break from work and schoolwork. How do we make sure we have time for fun?

Talking and sharing is important.

