



## Individual Prep Resources Kit – 2010 (per Child)

### What is the “Individual Prep Resources Kit”?

Traditionally, in Years 1 to 7, parents are asked to provide their child with a set of stationery, workbooks and other consumable type items, for use in the classroom and learning program for the year. It is generally the parents' responsibility to purchase these items from an appropriate supplier (e.g. newsagency), or make a payment to the school to cover the cost for the school to supply some items.

The **Individual Prep Resources Kit** is the Prep equivalent of the traditional 'book list', and **is in effect a payment to the school to allow us to equip your child with a full set of resources for the year**. Resources purchased will remain at school for ready use as required.

Please note: funds derived from parents paying for the 'kit' will not replace the school's responsibility to fund other necessary resources and equipment, but rather will add to other school-based and government funding. All *Individual Prep Resources Kit* payments will be deployed to support to the Prep program.

### How does it work?

1. Parents make a single, one-off payment to the school.
2. The school makes bulk purchases through accredited suppliers as required.
3. Your child will be issued with all day-to-day requirements (resources and materials) as required, for the year.

### Why is Prep different from other Years?

- Prep is about hands-on, play-based learning which requires extensive use of a wide range of consumable resources.
- It is difficult for young children, especially at the beginning of the year, to manage their own individual kit of materials.
- It is much easier and more practical to pool class sets of resources which can be issued as required, and collected for safe storage ready for next time.

### What are the advantages?

Making payment for the 'Kit' ensures:

- A one-stop-shop for parents e.g. no shopping around to get the best buy, or wondering if this is what the school is looking for.
- Peace of mind e.g. you can be assured that your child has everything they need, of the appropriate quality, every day.
- Minimal confusion and angst for children e.g. “She’s got my pencil!” OR “My scissors are better than yours.”
- Best of all, cost-effectiveness – we can make your dollar go further by buying in bulk.

### What will my payment buy for my child?

Payment will cover the cost of:

- Consumable items used on a daily basis including: stationery (pencils, markers, paper, folders, etc); art, craft and construction supplies (paint, paint brushes, scissors; glue, sticky tape, crayons, etc.); foods and ingredients for preparation and cooking.
- Individual folios (materials and production) which will be compiled by your child's teacher throughout the year, for your child. Folios include work samples and other items which show milestones achieved and record your child's learning journey. Folios will be presented to children and their parents at the end of the year as a lasting memento of their child's first year of school.
- Library bag (for carrying books borrowed from the school library)

