



## **The Enrolment Interview at Chatswood Hills State School**

We have found, through speaking with the community that some anxiety arises from the interview process. The purpose of an enrolment interview changes from school to school. At our school, the Prep Enrolment Interview is conducted to:

- Get to know children beyond what can be found on an application and transition statement
- Ensure we can cater for children's individual needs and provide required learning support
- Explain the nuts and bolts of how our school works, including uniform and iPad information
- Allow parents and carers to ask questions or express concerns
- Explain the enrolment process
- Assess school readiness (particularly for early entry students)
- Assist in class formation
- Collect data required by Education Queensland and other Government departments

The enrolment interview is held with our Deputy Principal, Mrs Trina Wilhelmsen. The information we collect from you falls under two categories:

1. Information for the Government (birth certificate, proof of residence, applicable medical plans, pre-prep information, health assessments)
2. Information relevant to your child to ensure we can best cater to their social/emotional, educational and developmental needs.

During the interview, one of our prep do some activities with your child, which entail drawing a picture of themselves, writing (or attempting) to write their name, counting blocks, etc. This is usually done in the same room as you are. The activities are conducted in a fun way and children receive a sticker on conclusion. The activities assist us with getting to know your child and class placement, and also give you a chance to talk with Trina in the interview uninterrupted.

### Other Information and Advice for Parents:

- The interview and activities are NOT tests and no person or family is excluded based on the answers you give.
- Please do not feel you need to do anything to prepare your child for the interview, other than letting them know what to expect.
- If you are running late or need to reschedule your interview, please phone the school on 34892222 to let us know.
- If you have not provided us with proof of residency, birth certificate or enrolment forms, please bring these with you.
- If your child has a transition statement from Kindergarten, health assessment letters, asthma or other medical plans, please bring these along also.