



# Evelyn Scott School

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# Welcome to Evelyn Scott School



Evelyn Scott School is a 'Future Focused' school, we learn through an inquiry-based approach that connects learners and their learning to their world. We lead our community to engage with the *Future of Education Strategy* and all of its possibilities. Contemporary learning means preparing for a shifting future that requires skills and knowledge, citizenship, connection to culture and the environment and capacity to solve complex problems with creative approaches.

Evelyn Scott School prepares students for the 21st Century. Learners build their capacity to solve problems, be critical and creative thinkers and self directed learners. Through collaboration and effective communication, students learn the skills to navigate their futures and become life long learners.

## My first day at Kindergarten

[Starting school - a guide for families from the ACT Education Directorate](#)

### Day 1 - Monday 31 January 2022

Day 1 will begin at **9:30 am**. Follow the signs to the Kindergarten building to meet your child's class teacher, receive your name tag, balloon and meet your classmates and teachers.

After your child has met their teacher and settled in, you are welcome to join the school leadership team in the Community Room for light refreshments.

The school day finishes at **3:00pm**. Children will leave the class once a parent or caregiver arrives to collect them.

### Day 2 and beyond

Children in our Kindergarten can be dropped off by a parent or caregiver from **9:00am** once the teacher welcomes the children into the classroom.

Playground supervision starts from **8:40am**. Students are unable to be left unaccompanied in the school grounds before this time.

The Kindergarten day ends at **3:00pm**. We encourage and welcome parents and carers to arrive at 2:50pm to be a part of our reflection sessions at the end of each day.

Collection of children in Kindergarten must involve a parent, carer or familiar adult who is listed on the child's enrolment form as an authorised nominee and emergency contact. Please contact the school via email to update or add to this list.

## My first day of Year 1 to Year 6

### Day 1 - Tuesday 1 February 2022

Children in Years 1 to Year 6 can arrive from **8:30am** with school commencing at **9:00am**. Please follow the signs to the playground and look for the pinboards to find your child's year group and teachers. School will finish at **3:00pm**.

## Day 2 and beyond for all students

Students can arrive at the school from **8:40 am**, but please note that minimal supervision is available from this time. The school day will commence at **9:00am** and finish at **3:00pm**.

## What to bring

The essential things to pack in your child's school bag are:

- A full drink bottle of water
- A [waste free lunch](#) box for fruit/vegetable break, a snack and fruit/vegetable for Break 1 and [healthy lunch](#) for Break 2
- Evelyn Scott School is an anaphylaxis-aware school. This provides protection for children who have severe allergic reactions to certain foods and in particular nuts and nut products. Parents are asked to provide **nut free food** for their child's snack and lunch. This includes *Nutella* and peanut butter sandwiches.
- A complete set of spare clothes to accommodate changes in weather and accidents of any kind.
- A warm coat and beanie in the cooler months.
- A broad brimmed/sunsafe hat

Please ensure all your child's belongings are **clearly labelled**.

## Birthdays

Parents are welcome to bring cupcakes or individual treats (store bought only due to COVID restrictions) to celebrate their child's birthday. Please provide a full list of ingredients. Should you not wish your child to eat the provided cakes, please supply an alternative that we can freeze or store at the school.



## Communication and Staying Connected

Staying connected to our families is of the highest importance. We want you to be a part of your child's learning and encourage families to stay in touch.

We will use a high quality digital platform to communicate with you about your child's learning and achievements towards their learning goals. More information about the digital platform will be available early in 2021.

### Feedback

At Evelyn Scott School we value feedback about our preschool. Classroom teachers are available for informal and scheduled appointments out of school hours. You can provide feedback on our preschool program in a number of ways:

- Comment on your child's learning through digital platforms
- Verbal comments to teachers or add to the class communication log
- Provide your feedback anonymously in our feedback boxes located at each classroom entrance

## Voluntary Contributions

Every year we encourage all families to pay a one off voluntary contribution of \$150 for one child or \$250 for families with more than one student attending. There is also a tax deductible Library Trust Fund contribution that families are able to donate.

These voluntary payments contribute towards the running of the school and educational resources for the preschool. Payment details will be included in family information packs.

## Resources for learning

Families can purchase their annual book pack for each child through [COS](#). The book pack contains consumables used in the classroom throughout the year. Once purchased, the **entire** book pack will be sent to the school in Week 1 of Term 1.

These items **do not** need to be labelled and books **do not** need to be covered prior to starting school. Book packs price may vary slightly depending on the year level of your child. More information will be provided to families prior to the start of the 2022 school year.

## Out of hours care

Woden Community Services is the provider of Evelyn Scott School's out of hours care. They will offer before and after school care during each term. Holiday programs will be offered during term breaks. Out of hours school care operates in the school gymnasium. For more information and enrolment please follow the link [here](#).

## The Australian Curriculum

Evelyn Scott School uses the [Australian Curriculum](#) to guide experiences for students K-10. The framework's vision is for all children to experience learning that is engaging and builds success for life.

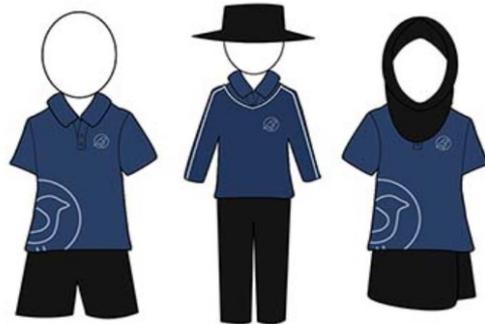
Evelyn Scott School uses an inquiry approach to teaching and learning. Inquiry learning is an education approach that focuses on investigation and problem-solving.

Inquiry-based learning is different from traditional approaches because it reverses the order of learning. Instead of presenting information, or 'the answer', upfront, teachers start with a range of scenarios, questions and problems for students to navigate.

Inquiry-based learning prioritises problems that require critical and creative thinking so students can develop their abilities to ask questions, design investigations, interpret evidence, form explanations and arguments, and communicate findings.

The Australian Curriculum is designed to help all young Australians to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens. Presented as a developmental sequence of learning from Foundation - Year 10, the Australian Curriculum describes to teachers, parents, students and others in the wider community what is to be taught and the quality of learning expected of young people as they progress through school.

## School Uniform



*"Childhood is about doing. It is about process, action, adventure, motion, trial, error, exploration, discovery, searching, connecting and probing- we call this play."*

We encourage children to be comfortable so they are able to play and learn. We offer a variety of uniform options that are comfortable, durable and sustainably-sourced.

We encourage children to wear closed-toed shoes to keep their feet safe and for ease of play.

The Evelyn Scott uniform showcases the school's Reed-Warbler logo on a navy backdrop and is the core piece of the uniform. This will be coordinated with black bottoms in the form of skorts, shorts, pants and skirts. A trans seasonal dress is also available for purchase. Please visit our school's website for information on how to purchase school uniforms.

## Our Community

Evelyn Scott School is a school in the heart of a new suburb. We will strive to create a connected community where all members of our community feel a sense of belonging and their voice is heard.

Together, as a community of staff, children and families we will create a safe, collaborative, connected learning environment. We nurture independence, resilience and regulation through respectful relationships, encouraging every child to reach their full potential. We value a culture where high expectations, respectful and effective communication is developed through community partnerships.

### The Evelyn Scott School P&C

The Evelyn Scott School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) will be established early in 2021. It will be committed to maintaining and enhancing our children's education and facilities.

Parents and carers, such as yourself, can get involved and participate in organising activities and fundraising events. Involvement in the P&C is not onerous and the more people that join, the more meaningful our contributions can become.

Every school parent and carer is eligible to join the P&C and participate in the monthly meetings. The P&C gives a voice to the parents on matters such as: school safety, enrolment, curriculum, school funding, student support services, information technology and student wellbeing.

Please see the school newsletter for details about how you can become involved in the establishment of our P&C.

### School Board

The Evelyn Scott School Board will be established in 2021. Each public school in the ACT is administered by a School Board whose membership comprises of the school principal, elected staff members, elected members of the parent body and a nominee of the Education Directorate. Elected members normally serve for a two year period. The Board is the policy making body of the School. For more information on nominating for the school board and the roles and responsibilities please email [jackie.vaughan@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jackie.vaughan@ed.act.edu.au).

We always encourage our parents to get involved and there are many opportunities for you to be a part of Evelyn Scott School Preschool, such as:

- Sharing skills
- Volunteering your time to support children
- Serving on the P&C
- Assisting on excursions
- Participating in special projects during the year for example, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and Tree Planting events.
- **Regular** volunteers are asked to comply with the [Code of Conduct for Volunteers](#) and complete a [Working with Vulnerable people Check \(WWVP\)](#)

