



STARTING KINDER



This year Mater Dei welcomed 11 new students to Kindergarten, six of whom joined Kinder Red and five who joined Kinder Purple. Our new students took only a short while to settle into the school routine with the help of some wonderful student role models who are in their second year of kindergarten. These students also took the environmental changes to Mater Dei in their stride. The staff were very proud of how the Kindergarten cohort adjusted to changes in classroom location, playground environment and various other areas that we access.

It has been pleasing to observe the class groupings bond with staff, and develop student friendship groups. Independence is at the heart of all experiences at Mater Dei and Kindergarten are working on aspects such as packing and unpacking our school bags, moving to and from the classroom and taxi ramp and dressing and undressing independently after swimming. Students are working hard in the classroom, striving to achieve individual and group outcomes in all Key Learning Areas particularly in English and Mathematics. Religious Education occurs on a daily basis, as we introduce prayer and 'big book' bible readings. Kindergarten are also enjoying active experiences such as our new sport program, swimming and having a go on the flying fox!

We look forward to an exciting year in kindergarten full of learning, smiles and fun!

