You have probably been preparing your child for school without even knowing it, all the child’s life! You are your child’s first teacher. What your child learns at school will build on the skills and knowledge you have already helped your child to learn. Starting school should be seen as a natural progression – an exciting step your child is ready to take.

Schools and teachers give particular care and support to children starting school. Primary school teachers visit preschools, organise school tours for the parents and invite preschool children to visit the school. They set up buddy systems with older children to ensure that, from the very beginning, the incoming Prep children’s experiences are stimulating and welcoming.

They recognise that each child is an individual with unique strengths, needs and attitudes and that not all children are at the same stage of development at the same time.

In partnership with parents, teachers identify each child’s learning needs and plan programs to meet the wide range of abilities of the children in their classes.

Your child will enjoy starting school if he or she is already showing confidence in some basic aspects of their physical, emotional, social and intellectual development.

Nilma Primary School has an extensive transition program to support families to transition from preschool into primary school in a well organised and caring manner.

You may find it useful to discuss your child’s development with preschool teachers and carers, as well as school staff.

Parents are welcome to make an appointment with the Principal, Ms Annette Sutherland, to tour the school. During this visit, parents are encouraged to discuss their child’s needs, meet teachers, view the grounds and facilities, and see the school in operation.

Phone 56232963 for an appointment.

Enrolment packs will be distributed at the information evening or on tours. Early enrolment is critical in supporting your child’s transition to Nilma.

Once your child is enrolled, NPS staff will contact the appropriate Kindergarten (if applicable) and organise a visit.

This will provide an opportunity for staff to also speak to the preschool teacher.

Our prep students will be learning in a Year 1/Prep composite class of approximately 18 students. The smaller class enables the school to personalise the learning of students and allows each child to develop the solid foundations of literacy and numeracy in their first years of school. Teachers work together to ensure the program meets the needs of each student.

Throughout the year we encourage frequent communication between parents and teachers. Each week a school newsletter is sent home to all families. Newsletters have a weekly note from the classes to keep parents informed of class news. Assemblies on Monday mornings provide a forum for celebrating learning and parents are welcome to attend. Two detailed student reports are sent home each year and we invite parents to attend discussions throughout the year. The school provides a communication satchel and diary that goes back and forth to home each day. Classroom routines are established at the beginning of the year and communicated to parents.

During term one, until the long weekend in March, prep children come to school four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). Wednesday is a rest day for prep students as they adjust to the demands of full time school.
Nilma Primary School offers a wide variety of exciting and enriching programs such as:

♦ Excellent computer and laptop access for children (1:2 ratio)
♦ Flexible Open Learning areas
♦ Whole school focus on Literacy and Numeracy
♦ M.A.R.C (Mobile Area Resource Centre) Library Van
♦ Pleasant rural environment & atmosphere
♦ Smaller class sizes
♦ Automated School Library
♦ Specialists—Science, ICT, Arts
♦ Environmental Science - Gardening Program
♦ Mt Worth Cluster of Schools - Camps and Excursions
♦ Swimming Program
♦ Community Building - Parents Club
♦ Active After School Program
♦ School Chaplain

Learning Community

Nilma staff, in partnership with home and community, provides a safe and caring learning environment which encourages students to be life long learners, independent thinkers and respectful and responsible citizens.

Enrol Now

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Come And See Us

WE WELCOME NEW STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES INTO THE SUPPORTIVE AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE OF NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL