

Managing a successful school transition

one parent's journey

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Many transitions



High school transition



Key transition events

Taster lessons

Introduction

**Supported
visits**

Orientation

Observations

Meetings



TRANSITION STRATEGIES

Quick wins to help you with your transition



What does success mean to you?

It's important to understand what success means to you so you can work with the school to concentrate on a specific focus area for transition

Academic

Behaviour

Attendance

Social

Extracurricular



Create a relationship with the school

Introduce yourself to the school & introduce them to your child

Identify contact points with the school

Understand policies and procedures (discipline, homework etc)

Learn about the support systems available (counsellor, social groups, etc)



Introduce organisational strategies

Colour coded books, timetables, calendars, maps and storage solutions

Routines and schedules

Communication book, email communication system or student diary

Online portals & apps (Canvas, Moodle, Edval, etc.)

BYOD – use inbuilt camera to capture work & minimise handwriting

Look beyond the school for help

Utilise specialists, therapists & education professionals

Identify specific areas to work on: executive functioning, self-regulation, social skills, independent travel skills, etc.

Look at ways you can incorporate therapies into school life

Include the transition to high school as a goal in your child's NDIS plan



Resources

For more information:

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You'll find a copy of this presentation, resources to help you support your child's transition and links to articles with more information.

