



# Norfolk Island education services

## Transition issues and information

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### Frequently Asked Questions

These Frequently Asked Questions will be continuously updated as more information becomes available, so make sure to check back regularly to find the most up-to-date answers.

Below is the latest update based on information now available.

#### **When will lower secondary students be able to select their subjects and what will be offered?**

All students should proceed with subject selection for 2022, based on current offerings and subjects.

#### **What size classes will be offered at NICS in 2022?**

Once enrolment numbers for NICS are known, class sizes will be established. No eligible student will be denied attendance at NICS due to class size requirements.

#### **Can an additional role be created at the school to ensure a smooth transition?**

The Australian Government will provide additional resources during the 2022 school year to continue to support transition to a new provider.

Sally Thompson, former Acting Principal at NICS is working remotely during Term 4 as Deputy Principal supporting the NICS senior leadership team in both operational tasks and the transition process.

#### **Who is involved in the high-level transition meetings?**

On 1 September 2021 the inaugural Norfolk Island Teacher Consultative Committee was held. The Committee is chaired by the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

Membership of the Committee includes representatives from the following entities:

- Norfolk Island Central School (including the Principal, Deputy Principal and a staff representative)
- NSW Teachers Federation
- Queensland Teachers Union
- NSW Department of Education

- Queensland Department of Education
- Norfolk Island Administrator
- Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Further information on the Teacher Consultative Committee is available in the weekly meeting Communique found here: [https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/territories/norfolk\\_island/norfolk-island-state-services-transition](https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/territories/norfolk_island/norfolk-island-state-services-transition)

## **What information is currently available to parents about 2022?**

- NICS has been advised they should operate under normal processes and subject selection for 2022 can now proceed.
- A NICS intention to enrol form will be available in Term 4. The intention to enrol form is to better plan educational service delivery until a full enrolment form will be available for prospective students in early 2022.
- No eligible student will be denied attendance at NICS due to class size requirements.
- The Australian Government has confirmed funding arrangements will be in place over the transition period and can assure the NICS community that funding to NICS will remain stable and responsive to the ongoing needs of the school.

Further information will be provided to the NICS community as it is available.

## **When will an information night for the parents of future Kindergarten students be held and what information will be available to them?**

We understand an information night for prospective kindergarten parents has taken place. It is anticipated that for the 2022 school year onwards, Kindergarten will be known as Prep.

A NICS intention to enrol form will be available in Term 4. The intention to enrol form is to better plan educational service delivery until a full enrolment form will be available for prospective students in early 2022.

## **If families arrive on island in 2021 to enrol their students for 2022, what enrolment forms will be used?**

A NICS intention to enrol form will be available in Term 4. The intention to enrol form is to better plan educational service delivery until a full enrolment form will be available for prospective students in early 2022.

## **Who is responsible for the effective transition of education services?**

The Australian Government is wholly responsible for the provision of essential services to Norfolk Island including education services.

All governments are committed to working collaboratively to ensure a smooth transition to new arrangements for NICS staff and students.

## **Will there be any changes to funding throughout the transition period?**

The Australian Government has confirmed funding arrangements will be in place over the transition period and can assure the NICS community that funding to NICS will remain stable and responsive to the ongoing needs of the school. Purchasing can proceed as per the usual processes.