



Glenview School

Causing learning in a happy, safe environment

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Cohort Entry at Glenview School – 2027

Glenview School uses cohort entry when new entrants start their school journey.

What does this mean?

- Instead of starting individually throughout the term, new entrants start school in small groups (cohorts) on set dates, after they turn 5 years old.
- Children are placed in a class in a small group, rather than by themselves.
- Families have flexibility — if a different date within the term suits your child better, we will support that choice.

Why do we use cohort entry?

- Research shows that starting in a cohort gives tamariki a stronger sense of belonging and confidence. This aligns with our school vision of being '*safe and happy*' at Glenview School.
- Teachers run a specific transition programme for each group on visit days. This supports a calm and positive start to school, where school routines quickly become predictable.
- Whānau know in advance when visits will take place, making the transition easier to plan.
- Connections between caregivers are more likely to occur when starting in a cohort.

Cohort start dates (2027) (for children 5 years and older)

- **Term 1:** Cohort 1 - February 2 Cohort 2 - March 8
- **Term 2:** Cohort 3 - April 27 Cohort 4 - May 31
- **Term 3:** Cohort 5 - July 19 Cohort 6 - August 23
- **Term 4:** Cohort 7 - October 11 Cohort 8 - November 15

Transition Programme

- Before starting, each child is invited to have four school visits in their cohort. Visits are on Thursdays from 8.45 am - 11.15 am and incorporate time in their new class as well as participation in the morning tea break. Parents are not required to wait on site, providing they have provided the necessary enrolment details, e.g. enrolment form, proof of address and identification documents.

- Our usual 'Here We Go' meeting for parents is held on the first Thursday your child visits. This welcome session provides an opportunity for parents/caregivers to meet personnel from Glenview School as well as the other new families, and to ask questions you may have about school routines.

For tamariki with additional needs

Our SENCO and LSC meet with whānau (and ECE kaiako, where possible) before the start date to ensure the right supports are in place. *Please let us know when you enrol, that your child has additional learning needs.*

What parents need to do:

- Pre-enrol your child with us as soon as you know they will be attending Glenview School.
- Let your early childhood provider know that your child is attending Glenview School and what their start date is. Our local preschools have been notified of our school cohort dates but we strongly suggest that you discuss this with your provider so they can plan accordingly.