TIPS FOR TRANSITIONING TO MAINSTREAM SCHOOL

- Visit the new school to make sure it is familiar to your child. Practice the journey to and from school.
- If you plan to pick your child up after school, agree on the time and place. Some schools offer after school care if you need it.
- Attend information sessions and encourage your child to participate in orientation activities.
- Check if the school has a Multicultural Educational Aide (MEA) who can speak your community language.
- Contact your child’s school for free interpreting services if needed. This is available for certain activities.
- Give the school your contact details so you can be contacted if needed. Know the school’s contact number.
- Get a copy of the timetable so you know what classes your child has. Tell the school if your child will be absent or late.
- Let the school know if your child has any medical conditions or special needs. Speak to the school if you have any concerns.
- Before school starts, buy your child’s school uniform. Some schools will also sell second hand uniforms.
- The school may require students to have a laptop or iPad. Ask the school what kind your child will need.
- Get the required books and stationery – ask the school for a list and how to order it.
- Put your child’s name on all of their belongings such as clothing and equipment.
- The school may require students to have a laptop or iPad. Ask the school what kind your child will need.
- Encourage your child to join homework clubs or other out of school activities.
- If financial assistance is needed, contact your child’s school for financial support to meet school costs.
- Pack healthy food. Find out if the school has a canteen.

For more information head to www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school