



## Families as Partners – Getting to know you and your family

### Information Gathering

Dear Families,

Both parents and educators play an important role in children's learning, development and well-being. Research tells us that children generally do better when there are connections between the different spaces that they learn in. At Margaret Hendry School great importance will be placed upon educating the whole child. The most effective way to do this is through getting to know the child as an individual as well as getting to know the child in the context of their family.

We want to know as much as possible about our learners before the school starts in 2022. This will ensure that we can tailor the learning opportunities to meet the needs of our children in a personalised manner from the outset.

We invite our families to develop a letter to the educators of Margaret Hendry School writing the letter on behalf of your child or children. This letter is one that paints a picture of their individual personality through words. What gets them excited? What makes them nervous? What are some of the character traits that you would use to describe your child? What do they like to explore? What physical activities are they interested in? What are your goals for your child and their learning? What are the things that you as a parent, would like us to know about your child? How do they think, play, seek comfort, interact and learn?

This information will support our team to establish relationships with your child and family. It will assist in the development of a learning culture which is inclusive, that makes your child feel comfortable, secure and safe to take risks, make friendships and try new things. Please ensure your child's first and last name features on the letter.

Alternatively, you may prefer to complete the form provided with headings for different areas.

You are encouraged to either return this letter with the other school-based documents or email the letter to: [margarethendry@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:margarethendry@ed.act.edu.au).

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you.

Kind regards

Kate Woods

Principal



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**Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year level:** \_\_\_\_\_

Completing this form is an alternative to writing an open letter to Margaret Hendry Educators.

Please outline your child's strengths and interests:

Are there any possible challenges your child may experience?

Approaches or strategies that your child responds well to?



**ACT**  
Government



**Margaret Hendry**  
SCHOOL

Is there any family or home information you would like the educators to know?

Please list any out-of-school activities your child participates in:

Other information which will help our educators gain a better understanding of your child?

**Family member completing this form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for taking the time to communicate this information.**