# Transcript Video 2 – Western Suburbs

## Transition Statements

## Supporting successful transitions from kindergarten to school

## Townsville, North Queensland

Simona Longson, Prep Teacher, Holy Spirit Catholic School, Cranbrook: I have been a teacher in the prep setting for over 10 years and one thing I have found is the transition statements help me to know the child and their family, over a faster period of time. I have two children this year where I received their transition statements and the children were better equipped because they came into a setting that was more suited to their needs.

Keriann Reissenberger, Director and teacher, Western Suburbs C&K: Data is quite easy to collect but that whole information about the children’s disposition’s and strategies that have worked with the child are what is really important to relay because that’s not something you can determine by a quick checklist. The parents know their children better than anyone, any information they share with us and with schools will support that learning journey.

Steven Sanderson, Parent: It was well communicated to my wife and I, the importance of the transition statement. We believed it was a very powerful reflection tool , not only, I guess, look and review the progress that our child had made throughout the year but the importance of then out lining key considerations to pass on to our future prep teacher.

Richard Strike, Parent: My child was quite shy so we asked for some sort of consideration that he’s quite a shy lad and now he is at the prep process and he’s learning mathematics and he’s learning spelling and reading, it’s just come natural.

Keriann Reissenberger, Director and teacher, Western Suburbs C&K: And I was certainly really happy when the consent form came out because although there were parents handing them on, it wasn’t always the case and not all schools were requesting them.

Simona Longson, Prep Teacher, Holy Spirit Catholic School, Cranbrook: Having it emailed directly to the school has just been a wonderful wealth of information.

Keriann Reissenberger, Director and teacher, Western Suburbs C&K: Having that insight to whether it’s just getting used to a new environment or something that may need ongoing support is really valuable.