

# The Swot Shop

## Enrolment for Springboard Preschool Program

### Self-Assessment / Eligibility Guide

The Springboard Program at The Swot Shop is a three-year foundational program for bright and motivated young learners. It starts with a school readiness program in the last year of preschool (or other early childhood education) followed by enrichment and extension in Kindergarten and Year 1. Children can start at any time during the three years.

All Swot Shop programs are developed for children with strong academic potential who show curiosity and an intrinsic enjoyment of learning. This is why most of our programs have an entry test which children take to establish their suitability for the challenging nature of the programs.

In the early years, assessing academic potential is less reliable. Therefore, there is no entry test for the Springboard programs. Instead, we encourage parents to use self-assessment to ensure that the children who enrol and take part in the program have the skills that should be mastered prior to enrolment.

*To be eligible for the Preschool Springboard Program children must be starting school in the following year and be at least 4 years old.*

Furthermore, each child should master the skills listed below.

#### English/Language Skills:

- Speaks clearly to adults and children
- Follows a simple oral instruction
- Listens attentively to a story
- Answers simple questions e.g. What? Where? When?

- Holds a pencil with an appropriate grip
- Recognises own first name
- Practises writing own name
- Able to tidy up and pack away
- Counts 1 to 10
- Recognise basic shapes e.g. square, circle, triangle
- Knows basic colours
- Makes simple patterns
- Describes objects e.g. big/little, hot/cold
- Pastes pictures onto paper
- Practices colouring inside shapes
- Draws simple pictures e.g. person, house, flower
- Learns through play

#### Social Skills:

- Shows eagerness to learn new concepts and ideas
- Able to happily separate from parents
- Manages new environments successfully
- Willing to try new learning experiences e.g. have a go
- Shows sportsmanship in game situations
- Complies with requests and ceases activities when requested
- Respects the feelings of others by their words and actions
- Uses materials with respect and purpose

With the skills above your child will be well placed to enjoy the program and experience success in their participation.