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## **Starting School and School Days – A Select Bibliography**

We invite you to enjoy our Centre's selection of books about starting school or dealing with the day-to-day dramas of school life. Choose some from your favourite public or school library and enjoy 'back to school days' with young people you know.

### **Pre-School and Ages 5-8 Years**

ALLEN, Emma. Illustrated by Freya Blackwood

*The Terrible Suitcase* Omnibus Books, 2012 ISBN:9781862919402

BAXTER, Peta and HEMMENS, Connie. Illustrated by Marjory Gardner

*Frankie Goes to Kindergarten*. Ford St, 2021 ISBN:9781925804676

CARNAVAS, Peter

*Jessica's Box*. New Frontier Publishing, 2008. ISBN:9781921042911

CARTER, Melanie. Illustrated by Nicola Oram

*Possum Goes to School*. Childersset, 1992. ISBN:0949130486

CRABBE, Jocelyn. Illustrated by Danny Snell

*Ozzie Goes to School*. Working Title Press, 2019. ISBN:9781921504907

CRUMBLE, P. Illustrated by Dean Rankine

*On the First Day of School*. Scholastic Australia, 2019. ISBN:978174299807

DADDO, Andrew. Illustrated by Jonathan Bentley

*First Day*. HarperCollins Publishers, 2013. ISBN:9780733331206

DADDO, Andrew. Illustrated by Jonathan Bentley

*Old Friends, New Friends*. HarperCollins Publishers, 2018. ISBN:9780733338137

EVANS, Gabriel

*Ollie and Augustus*. Walker Books, 2019. ISBN:9781760652586

FRENCH, Jackie. Illustrated by Bruce Whatley

*Wombat goes to School*. Angus & Robertson, 2013. ISBN:9780732295493

GLEESON, Libby. Illustrated by Linda McClelland  
*Walking to School*. Thomas Nelson Australia, 1994. ISBN:0170080013

GODWIN, Jane. Illustrated by David Cox  
*Millie starts School*. Puffin Books, 2001. ISBN:0140567151

GODWIN, Jane. Illustrated by Anna Walker  
*Starting School*. Penguin Viking, 2013. ISBN:9780670076765

GRAHAM, Bob  
*Max*. Walker Books, 2000. ISBN:0744567874

GRAHAM, Bob  
*Maxine*. Walker Books, 2021. ISBN:9781406387636

GRAHAM, Bob  
*School*. Blackie, 1984. ISBN:0216919762

HARRIS, Christine. Illustrated by Craig Smith.  
*I Don't Want to go to School*. Random House Australia, 2000.  
ISBN: 0091838800

HOBBS, Leigh  
*Fiona the Pig's Big Day*. Penguin Viking, 2006. ISBN:9780670042760

HOBBS, Leigh  
*Horrible Harriet*. Allen & Unwin, 2001. ISBN:1865084395

KWOK, Ashling. Illustrated by Cara King  
*The Battle. Starting school can be scary sometimes*. EK Books, 2020. ISBN:9781925820904

ROBAARD, Jedda  
*I'm ready for Preschool*. Puffin Books, 2019. ISBN: 9781760891602

SMITH, Rosie. Illustrated by Bruce Whatley  
*My First Day at School*. Scholastic Australia, 2016. ISBN:9781743622964

WILD, Margaret. Illustrated by Kim Gamble  
*First Day*. Allen & Unwin, 1998. ISBN:186448103X

### **Primary/Upper Primary**

APEL, Kathryn  
*Bully on the Bus*. University of Queensland Press, 2014. ISBN:9780702253287

- APEL, Kathryn  
*Too Many Friends*. University of Queensland Press, 2017. ISBN:9780792259760
- APEL, Kathryn Illustrated by Mandy Foot  
*What snail knows*. University of Queensland Press, 2022. ISBN:9780702265464
- BRANFORD, Anna  
*How to be the New Person*. Walker Books, 2022. ISBN:9781760655839
- CALLINAN, Damian. Illustrated by Adele K. Thomas  
*Weird School. Stories from Wally Park Primary: the Weirdest School in Australia*. Puffin Books, 2021. ISBN:9781760893446
- CLARK, Sherryl. Illustrated by Briony Stewart  
*Mina and the Whole Wide World*. University of Queensland Press, 2021.  
ISBN: 9780702263231
- CLARK, Sherryl Illustrated by Elissa Christian  
*Sixth Grade Style Queen (not!)* Puffin Books, 2007. ISBN:9780143303008
- CONDON, Bill. Illustrated by Lucinda Gifford.  
*One More Friend*. Omnibus Books, 2016. ISBN:9781742991184
- DREISE, Gregg  
*Hello and Welcome*. Puffin Books, 2021. ISBN:9781760898328
- HERRICK, Steven  
*Naked Bunyip Dancing*. Allen & Unwin, 2005. ISBN:1741146550
- HERRICK, Steven  
*Pookie Aleera is not my Friend*. University of Queensland Press, 2012. ISBN:9780702249280
- HERRICK, Steven  
*Zoe, Max and the Bicycle Bus*. University of Queensland Press, 2020. ISBN:9780702263002
- MARSDEN, John  
*Cool School*. Pan Macmillan, 1995. ISBN:033035681X
- MARWOOD, Lorraine  
*Footprints on the Moon*. University of Queensland Press, 2021. ISBN:9780702262839
- MORONEY, Trace  
*The Things I Love about School*. Five Mile Press, 2009. ISBN:9781742116600

MURPHY, Sally. Illustrated by Heather Potter  
*Pearl Verses the World*. Walker Books, 2009. ISBN:9781921150937

MURPHY, Sally. Illustrated by Rhian Nest James  
*Toppling*. Walker Books Australia, 2010. ISBN:9781921529429

MURPHY, Sally. Illustrated by Sarah Davis  
*Worse Things*. Walker Books, 2020. ISBN:9781760651657

*Nude School. Stories about School*. Oxford University Press, 1992. ISBN:0195533194

PAULSEN, Michael. Illustrated by Dean & Kylene Jacobs  
*Monster Primary School*. Bizy Bug Publishing, 2013. ISBN:9780646905372

PELLING, Lenny  
*Pen Pals Forever School Days*. Random House Australia, 2010. ISBN:9781864719017

### **Secondary**

HALL, Leanne  
*The Gaps*. Text Publishing, 2022. ISBN:9781922330482

LUBY, Miranda  
*Sadie Starr's Guide to Starting Over*. Text Publishing, 2022. ISBN:9781922458674

PUNG, Alice  
*Laurinda*. Black Inc, 2014. ISBN:9781863956925

SPARROW, Rebecca  
*Find your tribe (and 9 Other things I wish I'd known in high school)* University of Queensland Press, 2010. ISBN:9780702237720

WOOD, Fiona  
*Six Impossible Things*. Pan MacMillan, 2010. ISBN:9780330426060