Ready for school checklist
Tick each item when it has been done (not all tasks will apply to you).

The school

☐ Attend school orientation
☐ Ensure your child’s immunisations are up to date. Ask to have your child’s hearing and eyesight checked at the same time
☐ If your child has an allergy, medical condition, takes medication or has any special needs, inform the school as early as possible and make an appointment to see the principal.
☐ Think about how your child will be getting to school
☐ Practice walking or travelling to school
☐ Organise out of hours school care

Some things you might need to buy

☐ School uniform (summer, winter, sports)
☐ Hat (usually part of school uniform)
☐ School shoes, socks and running shoes (try velcro straps if your child can’t tie laces)
☐ Backpack
☐ Lunch box (have your child choose one they can open)
☐ Water bottle
☐ Raincoat
☐ Paint shirt (an old T-shirt will do)
☐ Library bag

The week before

☐ Get organised at home
☐ Write your child’s name on everything!
☐ Make sure you have the school’s phone number
☐ If you have a son, make sure he knows how to use a urinal

The night before

☐ Lay out your child’s clothes, shoes and socks
☐ Make your child’s recess and lunch and pop it in the fridge
☐ Help your child pack their school bag
☐ Pack a spare set of clothes in a plastic bag in case of accidents

The first day

☐ Be confident about the first day with your child
☐ Let your child dress themselves as much as possible
☐ Tie back long hair or plait hair
☐ Apply sunscreen and take a hat
☐ Take photos!
☐ Pick up your child on time