

## Expos to make school transition easier

'Big school' for most of the city's four-year-olds is more than nine months away but parents and carers are being urged to begin planning now through a series of information expos being held by the Wollongong Transition to School Network.

The network, consisting of Wollongong City Council, Illawarra Children's Services and the NSW Department of Education, is hosting four expos.

These will offer advice and information on making the

transition from toddler to school easier.

The first of these expos, which are free of charge, will be held from seven o'clock tonight at the Woonona-Bulli RSL Club.

There will be a similar event at the Dapto Ribbonwood Centre on May 18, Wollongong Town Hall on May 24 and the Illawarra Yacht Club on May 31.

Through the expos, parents and carers will be able to access information on what schools are available in their area, as well as the

importance of a good transition for their child into the school environment and its effects on life-long learning.

Those attending will be able to use the informal nature of the expos to meet the parents and carers of other children who might be attending the same schools as well as the staff working within them.

Bookings can be made by phoning Illawarra Children's Services on 4225 2366, and further information is available by visiting [www.transitiontoschool.com.au](http://www.transitiontoschool.com.au)