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TRANSITION TO “BIG” SCHOOL MADE EASIER

Over 50 parents and 35 children attended a Transition to School Seminar for Korean Families at the West Ryde Community Hub this week.

The Transition to School Seminar gave parents from the Korean community the opportunity to learn:

- How to prepare their children for ‘big School’ in 2014
- What School readiness means in Australia
- What School is like in Australia and
- What to do if their children have limited English.

City of Ryde Community Life Group Manager, Baharak Sahebekhtiari, said: “The majority of parents who attended the seminar do not have extended families in Australia and many have a language barrier.

“As our school system is quite different to that in their origin country, having interpreters and translated material ensured that the parents were fully informed and able to ask any questions they wanted.

“We received very positive feedback and the free childcare organised on the day and Korean speaking volunteers were much appreciated.”

The seminar was organised by Ryde Council’s Community & Culture Unit in partnership with the Department of Education, Relationships Australia, Good Beginning, Community Migrant Resource Centre, Australia Korean Welfare Association and Ryde Family Support.

Guest Speakers from the Department of Education, English as a Second Language and West Ryde Public School also took part in a Q&A session.

Similar seminars have been held for the Chinese and Indian Subcontinent communities.