1. The discussion paper *A flying start for Queensland children* will be released on 2 February 2010 for public consultation on future directions in education for all Queensland schools.
2. The discussion paper has three sections:
   1. *Getting ready for school*, including encouraging families to read to their children and enlisting an army of volunteer Queensland Ready Readers in primary schools;
   2. *Getting ready for secondary school*, including a proposal to move Year 7 to secondary school; and
   3. *Boosting performance for all schools*, including a review of preservice teaching programs, improving support for preservice teachers undertaking school placements, and a proposal to establish an independent education authority.
3. Cabinet approved the release of the green paper *A flying start for Queensland children*; and public consultation on future directions in school education with the green paper as its basis, including:

* increasing volunteering
* moving Year 7 to secondary school
* reviewing teacher preservice education programs
* establishing a single independent education standards authority.

1. Cabinet noted the initiation of the public awareness campaigns concerning reading to children and volunteering in schools.
2. *Attachments*

* [Discussion paper: *A flying start for Queensland children*](Attachments/discussion%20paper%20flying%20start.pdf)