



# Wideview Public School

Learn Wisely Live Proudly

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## Messages from the Principal

Dear families

This week, school settings across the state, celebrate Education Week with theme of 'Creating futures – education changes lives'. Each and every day, we witness students sharing their passion and commitment for learning with us, in and outside of the classroom.

We have our Author Visit incursion today and thank Mr Smith for creating this opportunity for us.



**Tuesday, 6 September (Week 8)**

**Book Parade is back!**



We also believe Education Week can fall in any week at Wideview. We welcome our parents and carers to attend an open day with us, with a classroom visit, book parade and morning tea to celebrate our wonderful students, teachers and community on Tuesday, 6 September.



**Tuesday, 20 September (Week 10)**



Our wonderful Year 6 cohort are keen to wrap up the end of Term 3 with a fun filled day of activities. More details will be shared throughout the term.

## COVID safe measures

RAT Kits have arrived and will be distributed to students this week. Each child will bring home a pack of five tests. We continue with COVID safe measures and are taking advantage of the sunshine and warmer parts of the day to learn outside of the classroom. Masks are strongly encouraged for students attending school as close contacts and are also available in all rooms for any student who would like to wear a mask whilst indoors.

## Staff and Student Absences

This term, across so many school settings, students and staff have been unwell with the cold and flu season setting in and COVID cases increasing. We recognise the challenges of juggling work and family when students are unwell and thank our families for following the COVID guidelines.

As a staff, we are committed to always finding ways to ensure our students come first. We are covering classes as often as we can with off class teachers such as Mrs Griffin, Mrs Anthonisz and I. Casual teaching staff availability has been extremely limited this term. When multiple teachers are absent on any given day, classes have needed to be split for part or full day. Our teachers are taking on additional duties, continuing extracurricular groups and the like because we have the strong desire to remain as consistent as we can. The teachers and I wish to sincerely thank our community for your care, support and understanding.

Parents often ask how they can help the teachers. If you are interested in volunteering time to help teachers with incidental jobs in their classroom or for activity support, please reach out to the school with your availability.

## **Bush Telegraph – We're famous in the local**

Please check out our first spread in the local Bush Telegraph. Mrs van Epen, Hayley and Rocco certainly didn't need any prompting for their amazing reaction to the erupting volcano experiment! Thank you to the wonderful Jack, Emma, Leia and Jed for sharing in their love of reading and sharing the things that they love about Wideview with me.

## **Students in the Spotlight**

### **The Buzz of the Spelling Bee**

The 49 students across Years 2-6 who took to the stage for our Premier's Spelling Bee school finals were absolutely amazing! The words the students had to spell certainly had us all on the edge of our seats. Our junior spelling bee champion was Misato H of 4/5H. In what we thought may have been the final round, Misato answered her word correctly. The remaining students all spelt their given word incorrectly. Whilst we were all elated for Misato, we were just as excited for the remaining students, who all had to go through the round again to determine the runner up. Congratulations to William H of 2M who placed as a strong and confident runner up!

Our senior spellers did not disappoint. Mrs Griffin and I were feeling the heat when students kept spelling their words successfully. We made it to the hardest level words and even then, we had a battle on our hands for the champion position. After three rounds with only two students left in the competition, Sienna G of 6LA took out the spelling champion title. Congratulations to Sophie H also of 6LA, for receiving the runner up position. Thank you to the student and parent audience. I think I wasn't the only one holding back a happy tear or two!

Both Misato and Sienna will represent Wideview PS at the Regional Premier's Spelling Bee competition in late August. There's no question we will have some keen spellers ready to battle it out again next year.

### **Wonderous Writing**

Thank you to Annika of 2F for visiting me last week to share her independent writing. It was very easy to award Annika a Principal sticker after reading her creative writing piece about a time machine.

### **Athletics Stars**

Our Week 2 assembly was filled with students lining the stage as we celebrated all of our talented students in their running races and events. We wish the Zone Athletics team of 51 students, the very best of luck as they head to Narrabeen in Week 5 of the term. A SchoolBytes email has been sent to parents of participating students.

## **Creative Arts take to the stage**

Thank you to our senior dancers, percussion and recorder students for showcasing your passion and performance pieces at the Week 2 and Week 3 assemblies. It was a wonderful warm up for our dancers and recorder students who have special events scheduled for later in the term.

## **Back Gate Stair Safety Team**

Our students love taking on responsibilities. Over the past term or so, as part of the back gate afternoon duty, we have had some very passionate students who have been supporting their peers to take care whilst walking down the back stairs. What started from a random idea has now transpired into an official and important role. Thank you to Mr Coleman who congratulated Nic and Ben of 4C and Cooper of 2F with their lanyard. Thank you, boys, for ensuring we all take our time and remain safe. We are grateful for your enthusiasm and commitment!

## **Kindergarten 2023**

It's that time of year when we eagerly look forward to preparing for the arrival of our 2023 Kindergarten students. If you are yet to enrol your child who is commencing kindergarten next year, we encourage you do so. Enrolling your child can be completed online via the school website. *All enrolments are due by August 31.* If you need any assistance, please contact the school office and Mrs Fieramosca will gladly assist.

## **Non-local enrolments**

The DoE has a policy for accepting non-local enrolments into schools. For families living outside of our school zone this means going through the non-local enrolment process. At this point in time, our school is over its cap on student numbers, meaning we are unable to take non-local enrolments. This includes siblings of students who are already with us.

## **What's ahead for the next fortnight ...**

ICAS tests Years 2-6 – Keep an eye out for a specific SchoolBytes email later today for participating students

Week 4 assembly led by 4/5H

K-2 Cross Country – Week 4

Florimos Gala Day – Week 4

Week 5 assembly led by 1/2S and special junior dance performance

Northside Gifted and Talented Network – Week 5 (selected K-2 students)

Teddy Bears Picnic – Kindergarten – Week 5

We never stop discovering ways to learn at Wideview. Further on in the newsletter Mrs van Epen and Miss Hefford share some wonderful student stories as well as the latest news from the P&C.

Enjoy the fortnight ahead.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Pitts

Principal



10/2 25/7/22 past or future  
 Imagine there was a time machine  
 that could show you the future or  
 past. you picked future because  
 your mum already told you about  
 the past. So you put in future  
 f-u-t-u-r-e... it opened up you were  
 nervous because you didn't want to  
 fall.  
 you told your self to  
 stop thinking about that and think  
 about the bright side. you stepped in  
 lights started flashing then it all  
 stopped & your hands were shaking  
 but you knew it will be a good  
 experience. you jumped out! It was  
 amazing! Everything looked so different  
 there was flying cars, trees were  
 talking and baby's went to school.  
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different  
 People were talking different  
 I saw my self playing some sort  
 of game. I think this is way better  
 than the past. ✓ So creative Annika!  
 Thank you for sharing!  
 Mrs Pitts ©RP 25.7.22





## Author Visit – Dr Cameron Stelzer, The Story Doctor

Today, we enjoyed a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Dr Cameron visited Wideview Public School to run workshops with our K-6 classes. Kinder students enjoyed an interactive Big Screen Book Reading and follow-along drawing activity with Dr Cameron. Year 1-6 students took a behind-the-scenes look at creating a book, and applied their own creative components. Students and teachers all had a great day!

In conjunction with the Author Visit, Wideview PS families have a special opportunity to purchase **signed** and personalised copies of Dr Cameron's books at special prices. Individual books are \$15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students have received their order form today. Forms and payment can be returned tomorrow Friday, 5 August to the **Library**.



## Dance Groups

A huge congratulations to the Senior Dance group for their performance of 'Netherland' at the school assembly on Monday, 1 August. After two years without live performances, we were BEYOND excited to get in front of an audience.

The Junior Dance group will be performing at the school assembly on Monday, 15 August. Parents are invited to attend the performance.

Miss Hefford



## K-2 Cross Country

Next Tuesday, 9 August we will be holding the K-2 Cross Country on our school oval. Races are planned to commence at 11:45am and parents are welcome to attend. Students are to wear sports uniform with a school hat. We encourage students to bring a drink bottle and a towel to sit on. On the day, Year 6 will be selling house coloured wrist bands for \$3, it would be great to see our K-2 students supporting the fundraiser. The excitement is building for this long-awaited event and we will continue to keep our fingers crossed for fine weather.

Mrs McGirr

## Carrots galore!!!

We've been busy in the garden this week! Our patience has paid off as we were able to finally harvest lots of carrots from our wonderful school garden. With the help of our enthusiastic stage 3 students and favourite Green Thumb, Doug Foster, we cleared out the old gardens, topped up the beds with fresh soil and planted some delicious looking herbs and winter/spring veggies. We are very proud of the efforts from our students and of how many are willing to lend a helping hand!



## Let's Get Ready for Science!

This term, we have a very exciting whole school science day planned for Tuesday, 13 September. This will involve a special science show in the hall, where students will get to see gigantic bubbles, flying toilet paper, hair-raising electricity experiments, levitating beach balls, volunteers on a nail chair, a giant gyroscope, fire balls, coloured shadows, a flame equalizer (don't worry, it's perfectly safe) and much more! This day will also involve student participation in rotating activities where they will get to explore lots of different types of science to ignite their curiosity!

For a gold coin donation, you can dress up as a mad scientist for the day! Think lab coats, safety goggles and crazy hair!

A permission note will be going home in Week 4, please make sure these come back by the due date of Thursday, 1 September.

Mrs van Epen

## Unwell at School

Any student or staff member who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and remain offsite until they can complete a RAT or PCR test.

- If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.
- If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative and they are displaying no symptoms OR they are diagnosed as another condition such as hay fever, the student or staff member can return to school.

NSW Health and the Department of Education would like to remind our schools of the full list of COVID-19 symptoms that communities should continue to look out for.

Unexplained chest pain and conjunctivitis (eye infection) have also been reported as symptoms of COVID-19. If anyone develops any of these symptoms they should get tested and isolate until they receive a negative test result.

**When completing an absence note we kindly ask that you please be specific in terms of reasons, if only 'unwell' or 'sick' is noted the school will need to contact you for further information.**

If a student or staff member is unwell and has any [symptoms](#) they should always test for COVID-19, either with a rapid antigen test (RAT) or PCR (nose and throat swab) test.

Symptoms include:

- fever (37.5 degrees celsius or higher)
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
- runny nose
- loss of taste
- loss of smell
- nausea/vomiting
- loss of appetite

Other reported symptoms include:

- fatigue
- acute blocked nosed (congestion)
- muscle pain
- joint pain
- headache
- diarrhoea

If the test comes back negative for COVID-19, the student or staff member should still not return to school until either:

- the student no longer has any symptoms, or
- a medical certificate is provided to the school confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis (such as hay fever).

It is important that students do not attend school if they are unwell, even if they have tested negative for COVID-19. RATs can produce false negative results and symptoms of other illnesses can also be similar to COVID-19, including flu, the common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that students who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick.

A reminder that if a student records a positive RAT, they/their family must register the positive test on the [Service NSW website](#) or [Service NSW app](#) so they can be linked to important health care support and advice. Please remind your parents and carers to ensure that they select your school name when prompted when registering a positive test result for their child.



## School Calendar

Please follow the link to access the school calendar: <https://wideview-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-calendar.html>

# Merit Awards

Congratulations to our award recipients for Term 3 Weeks 1 & 2

<b>KGM</b>	Lachlan S, Madi C, James P, Kai A	<b>KH</b>	Piper C, Maggie E, Gaolin L, Henry G
<b>1D</b>	Joel P, Nathan S, Esther B, Joel P, Jack M, Matilda W	<b>1M</b>	Rumi L, Jack S
<b>1/2S</b>	Lewis D, Sophia B, Oliver W, Emily D	<b>2F</b>	Liam C, Amelie F, Jed B
<b>2M</b>	Rian B, Adis P, Sophie N, Theo E, Nawa N, Isaac P	<b>3C</b>	Billy C, Blake S, Harland A, Jacob W
<b>3H</b>	Lily I, Zeke G, Hannah S, Noah M	<b>4AT</b>	Mia R, Brad T, Tyler C, Harry K
<b>4C</b>	Amelia G, Leila B	<b>4/5H</b>	Cody R, Daphne L
<b>5P</b>	Cooper G	<b>6LA</b>	Eliana R, Sophie H, Tiago P, Issy G
<b>6T</b>	Chris W		





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## P&C Update

### Get involved – now is the time!

There's never been a better time to get involved with your P&C. We're able to deliver a lot more activity on site than we have for the last couple of years, and it's great to have more and more people getting involved and enriching our school and wider community.

Our P&C currently has some open positions within our committees.

Our Uniform committee would like to welcome a Convenor for this committee – the Convenor will be responsible for co-ordinating meetings with the other members of the committee and reporting back at P&C meetings the activities the committee is embarking on.

Our P&C Executive Committee would like to welcome a second Vice President to join our ranks. Our VP's support the President with the ongoing running and administration of our P&C activity. If you'd like to be a part of our efficient and effective team – reach out to [wideviewpandc@gmail.com](mailto:wideviewpandc@gmail.com), we'd love to chat with you to see how you can be involved in our school.

If you're organised and would like to have a hands on contribution to our school – become a member of our P&C and consider taking on either of the roles above.

P&C operates our WOOSHC service, Canteen, Uniform Shop and Band activities – join in and get involved!

### Save the date! 14 August next Lonsdale Road Working Bee – Community Garden project

Following the success of our Working Bee in Term 2, we're rolling up the sleeves again on 14 August to spread some more mulch at the Lonsdale Road entrance to the school, as well as put together the remaining garden beds that will be a part of the community garden.

### Save the date! Wideview Parents Disco!

Save the date for the Wideview Parents Disco! It's being held at Berowra RSL on Saturday, 5 November. Tickets will go on sale mid September, but pop the date in your diary now.

## Follow our pages

Join our volunteers page at [P&C Volunteers](#) to get involved, as well as the general [Wideview P&C Facebook Page](#) to keep up to date with our activities.

We are active in our school community many ways – follow our activities via the following pages:

[Uniform Shop](#)

[Canteen](#)

[Wideview Out of Hours School Care \(WOOSHC\)](#)

Band – email [wideviewband@gmail.com](mailto:wideviewband@gmail.com)

[P&C Volunteers](#) – follow this page to find out opportunities on how to get involved in our upcoming events and projects.

If you own a business that would like to support our P&C, please reach out to us at [wideview-pandc@gmail.com](mailto:wideview-pandc@gmail.com) – we'll certainly let our community know via the newsletter and Facebook page that you've supported our non-for-profit organisation and wonderful volunteers.

## Next meeting and getting involved

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 15 August 2022 at 7:00 pm in the library – all welcome!

We encourage everyone to renew their membership to make your vote count – and get involved in what is going to be a great end of year.

To become a financial member, \$1 membership is to be paid to the P&C account or via QKR!.

The bank details are:

Name: Wideview P&C Building Fund

BSB: 633000

Account number: 163071582

We welcome input from all those present during discussions held at P&C. We note that only financial members of P&C can raise motions and vote on P&C items.

Come along and say hi – and get involved in what's happening at Wideview!!

Kind regards,

Shayne Sommer

P&C President



Download the QKR! app today!  
Remember to select your child's class.

Click here to stay connected



## WEEK 3

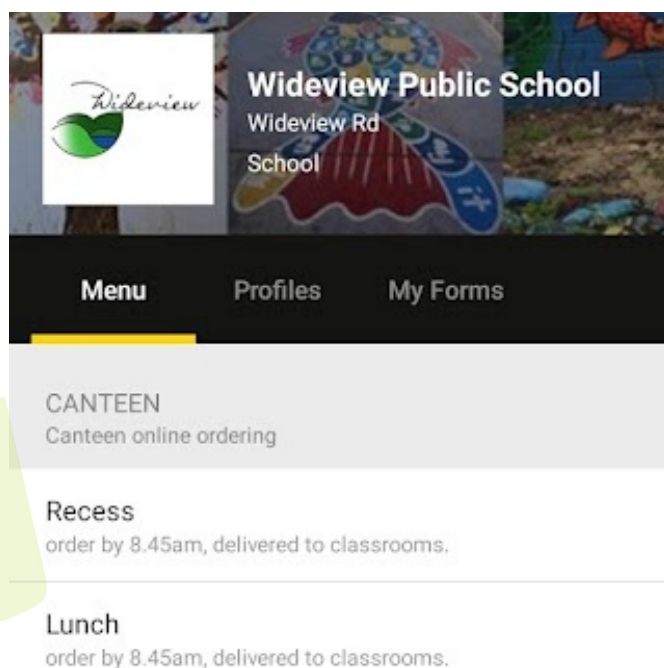
Our P&C run Healthy School Canteen aims to provide fresh, healthy foods to our school community for orders via QKR for recess and lunch!

### SUSHI THURSDAY

Thursday only, order by 10.30am Wednesday

Mini Sushi - Avocado	\$3.50
Mini Sushi - Crispy Chicken	\$3.50
Mini Sushi - Cucumber	\$3.50
Mini Sushi - Tuna	\$3.50
Sushi Roll - Avocado & Tuna	\$3.50
Sushi Roll - Crispy Chicken	\$3.50
Sushi Roll - Teriyaki Chicken	\$3.50
Sushi Roll - Tuna	\$3.50
Soy Sauce	\$0.20

**IN THE LUNCH MENU!**



**WATCH THIS SPACE**  
for more special days this term...

## BIRTHDAY BUCKET

*includes your choice of*

**QUELCH STICKS OR ANZAC SLICE**

for the whole class +  
a \$2 canteen voucher!

Available in the RECESS QKR menu  
on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

## PRIMARY FRIDAY LUNCH

Years 3 to 6 will receive  
both Lunch & Recess  
orders at Recess -  
11.15am on Fridays ONLY.

This is to allow more time to eat before  
they go to their sporting activities.

Infants Recess & Lunch  
times remain the same.



# WOOSHC SOCK FUNDRAISER



SOCKS VARY IN SIZE AND LENGTH  
KIDS & ADULT SOCKS AVAILABLE

PURCHASE FROM THE  
WOOSHC BUILDING

# SCHOOL ZONE

## Road Safety News

### Term 3 - 2022

Welcome to Term 3's School Zone Road Safety Newsletter.

In this edition we look at being truck aware. Trucks have many blind spots that make it hard for drivers to see pedestrians or other road users, and they also take longer to stop quickly. Being truck aware, can save lives.



#### Be Truck Aware - Drivers

##### Trucks have four main blind spots.

Due to their size and length, trucks have larger blind spots than the average car. This means truck drivers may not be able to see you. So for everyone's safety, be cautious when driving next to, or behind a truck. Can they see you?

##### Trucks can't stop quickly

Trucks can't stop quickly like some other vehicles on our roads. Avoid merging in front of trucks closely, or unexpectedly stepping in front of trucks to cross the road.

##### Look out, trucks about

With increased construction work across Greater Metropolitan Sydney, there will be more trucks on our roads and changed traffic conditions. If you live, work or travel in Sydney take extra care around trucks.



#### Be Truck Aware - Pedestrians

When walking around Sydney you need to be aware that more trucks are on our roads.

Whether you're familiar with the route or visiting a new area, follow these tips to help you stay safe:

- Trucks have blind spots. Take extra care as drivers can't always see you.
- Only cross at designated pedestrian crossings
- Don't be distracted by mobile devices and remove headphones before crossing the road
- Always look out before you step out when crossing the road.



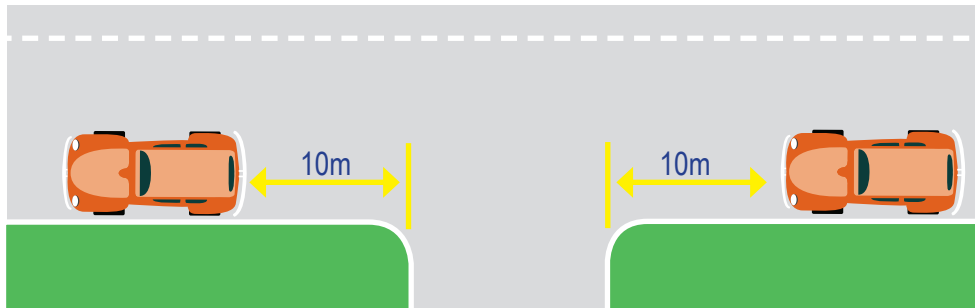
**Everyone has a part to play in staying safe on our roads -  
whether you're walking, cycling, riding or driver, always take care around trucks.**



# Parking Rules

Please park safely and legally on the streets around your school. Park legally so you do not incur parking fines and demerit points. Council's Traffic Compliance Officers and NSW Police enforce parking around schools. If you park contrary to the road rules you will be fined!

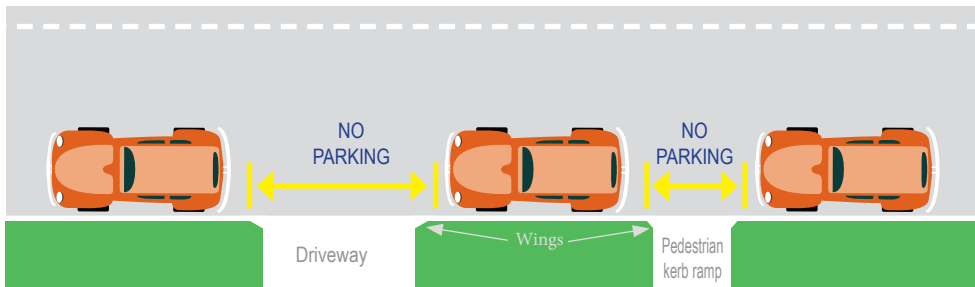
**You cannot stop or park your vehicle:**



Within 10m of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights (20m with traffic lights), unless a sign states you can park there (see image at left).

**PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS APPLY \***

**You must park in the same direction of travel and parallel and as close to the kerb as possible.**



You can NOT park across driveways or pedestrian kerb ramps. A vehicle can be parked up to the wings on the driveways or ramp (see image)

**PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS APPLY \***

\* Penalty amounts are substantially higher for offences committed in School Zones. All penalties are set by the NSW State Government.

For a list of all school zone driving and parking offences in New South Wales visit:

<https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

## 'No Parking' zone Rules

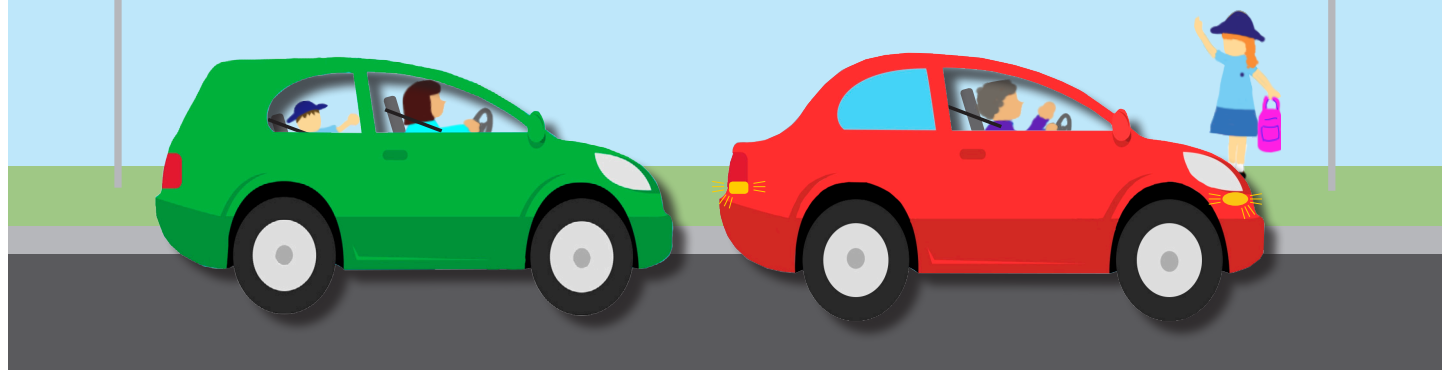
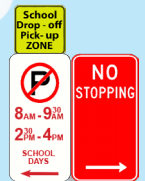
### The 'No Parking' zone rules

- The driver may stop in this zone for a maximum of **two (2) minutes**.  
*If your child is not there, you must drive away and come back later, so other drivers can pick up students who are waiting.*
- The driver **MUST** remain in or within **three (3) metres** of their vehicle at all times.
- The driver **MUST NOT** leave their vehicle unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during those times.

### How to use a 'No Parking' zone

'No Parking' zones are provided as a space for drivers to be able to quickly drop-off and pick-up passengers.

To use a 'No Parking' zone effectively, pull into the most forward position available. Allow your passenger to alight from the vehicle, on the kerbside, then drive away.







# Ku-ring-gai High School

Turramurra North Campus

## Outstanding HSC Results



50% of our students gained early entry into University.

20% of our students achieved ATARs over 90.

20% of our students achieved in the top two bands in all of their subjects.

BRAND NEW INNOVATIVE AND  
SPECIALIST LEARNING SPACES

LONG-STANDING CULTURE OF  
CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

EXPANSIVE CURRICULUM INCLUDING  
OUR TALENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

NATURAL, TRANQUIL SURROUNDINGS  
TO STUDY, LEARN AND SOCIALISE

## Visit our school

Our next school tours are:

Tuesday 9 Aug, 10:30am

Tuesday 23 Aug, 10:30am

Tuesday 9 Sept, 10:30am

RSVP to school required

Visit our school website for a virtual tour  
and more information  
<https://kuringgai-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>





*Anything is possible.*



**Ku-ring-gai  
High School**

### **PROVIDING INNOVATIVE & SPECIALIST LEARNING SPACES**

Set amongst 10.8 hectares of beautiful bushland adjoining the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, our students derive significant benefit from these natural, tranquil surroundings as they provide a relaxed atmosphere in which to learn and socialise. Our expansive grounds feature two full-sized soccer fields, a full-sized hockey field, tennis courts, and basketball courts. In 2020, we unveiled the refurbishment of 15 learning spaces across the school, including music and drama amphitheatres, the construction of a new multipurpose hall and an additional two performing arts learning spaces. This exciting project has delivered innovative learning environments for the next generation of young minds.

### **OFFERING AN EXPANSIVE CURRICULUM**

As a small secondary school we have the advantage of offering smaller classes and individual learning programs; whilst maintaining our ability to offer a wide range of HSC courses from VET Entertainment Industry to Physics. Further, our innovative Talent Enrichment Program allows our students, in Years 7 to 10, to develop their talents, skills and interests. The Talent Enrichment classes run for two hours, once a week. Students are encouraged to choose classes that will build on their existing capabilities and strengths.

### **CONNECTING TO THE WORLD AROUND US**

Ku-ring-gai High School offers a wide range of opportunities both in and outside the classroom that promotes a sense of connection to the world around us. Students are able to connect their learning with their lives outside of school through authentic learning experiences including Creative and Performing Arts opportunities such as Schools Spectacular, Leadership opportunities, and Community opportunities such as the NSW Rural Fire Service Secondary Schools Cadetship Program and the PCYC Fit to Learn Program.



### **CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING**

Each year group at Ku-ring-gai High School follows a wellbeing program that aims to meet the personal and social needs of students and to enhance students overall wellbeing. We have a strong wellbeing structure to support our students; in addition to all school staff, we specifically have Year Advisers & Assistant Year Advisers, Head Teacher Year Groups, School Counsellors, Deputy Principal and Principal who are all invested and committed to ensuring all of our students have a sense of belonging at our school.

### **FOSTERING A CREATIVE CULTURE**

Students have the exciting opportunity to be involved in the long-standing culture of Creative and Performing Arts at Ku-ring-gai High School through our innovative Talent Enrichment Program, a wide range of arts-focused subjects in our curriculum and the use of our new facilities. Additionally, students enrolling in Year 7 can apply to be a part of the Northern Academy of the Arts Program; a scholarship program whereby students who demonstrate an exceptional talent in the Creative and Performing Arts are able to extend their expertise in their chosen field.

### **THEIR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS**

With our small class sizes and strong wellbeing support network, our alumni community maintains a connection to staff and the school long after graduation. We value our students achievements and celebrate their success; for example Amelia Guan from the class of 2018 is currently a student at the New England Conservatory in Boston USA, Reece Propser from the class of 2017 is working as a performer at Disneyland Paris, and Geraldine Hakewill from the class of 2004 is an actress known for the lead role of Chelsea Babbage in the 2016 Australian drama series Wanted.



**INSPIRE | CHALLENGE | CREATE | RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | PERSONAL GROWTH**