



Wideview Public School

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Messages from the Principal

It's the final countdown, we're on the home stretch, the end is in sight – no matter how you look at it, the days are quickly passing us by, and the end of Term 4 is upon us.

As a community, we have so many events and activities to look forward to before the last day of school for the year arrives.



One more sleep to go! Tomorrow, Friday 9 December, we celebrate and congratulate students for a variety of achievements. We invite parents and carers to attend the K-2 Presentation Day, which commences at 9:30am. The 3-6 session commences at 11:30am. Our special guest dignitaries will be arriving at 11am and will be welcomed by the 2022 Prefect Body.

The hall will have both roller doors opened on either side for as much cross ventilation as possible. A sanitiser station and masks will be available at the entry way to the hall.

At 1:30pm, parents of the 2022 and 2023 prefect body are welcomed to the library with their child for a light afternoon tea.

House Captain Speeches

Last Friday, many of our courageous Year 5 students spoke about their willingness to lead their Sports House in 2023. Mrs LV and I met with all nominees yesterday to give them the exciting news that all students were going to have a position. House Captain and Vice-Captain roles will be announced tomorrow at the 3-6 Presentation Day.

Textbook Orders for 2023

Information has been sent to families of how to purchase textbooks directly through LJHarper for students K-6. To guarantee delivery please place your orders prior to Thursday, 9 February.

In 2023, Years 5 and 6 students will be continuing to use the PR1ME Mathematics textbooks. At the beginning of Term 1, these texts will be available for purchase through the school. More information will be shared early in Term 1.

What's on in Week 10

This poster was emailed to families at the commencement of Week 9. A full scale copy has also been included at the end of the newsletter.

Invitations for the Thank you Afternoon Tea for Parents/Carers have started to be sent home with children. We look forward to thanking all the incredible parents who have supported students and the school over the year. You may have helped at a carnival, P&C working bee or are a P&C member or volunteer. Maybe you supported classroom activities, Ethics, Scripture, or Year 6 events, just to name a few. If an invite doesn't make its way to you, please join us. We look forward to thanking you all with a few little sweet treats.

Additional to the calendar – Band Breakfast

Senior and Junior Band students will be treated to a breakfast during their Week 10 rehearsal. Band rehearsal will be at the same time of 8:00-8:45am Thursday, 16 December. At the conclusion of the breakfast, students will walk to the silver seats to meet their classroom teachers to prepare for their excursions.

Best Start Information – Kindergarten 2023

Before the end of the year, Mrs Griffin will send out communications to each family of their child's Best Start assessment date and time. If you have any questions prior to receiving this information, please contact the school office. Our 2023 Kindergarten students will commence school Monday, 6 February 2023.

School Organisation and Class Formations 2023

The placement of students into their new classes each year is an important and complex process. This includes teachers and I determining class placements to ensure a smooth transition for all students. Each year, we do our best to create positive and productive learning environments.

With our student enrolments fluctuating and increasing over the last two weeks, we are yet to determine class structures and will confirm our 2023 class structures in the new year. We are anticipating that in 2023, we will have 13 classes across K-6. Our primary classes will follow a stage-based model of 3/4 combined and 5/6 combined classes. Our class structures are created based on the number of students in grades and with strong teaching and learning objectives in mind.

We bid a sad farewell to families who are not returning to Wideview in 2022. Some families are moving interstate or to other areas of Sydney. We thank you for being a part of the Wideview community and wish you and your children well. Please contact the school in writing if your child/ren are not returning to Wideview in 2023. This information supports us to have the most accurate student enrolment numbers. It is also helpful to inform us of your child's last day in attendance and the name of their new school.

Intake area adjustment for Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls High Schools

As part of the department's assessment of school infrastructure in our area, a need to expand the enrolment intake area for Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls High Schools has been identified. This change will provide more certainty to families in our area knowing they will be able to enrol their child/children at their closest government high school.

What's on in Week 10

Monday Dec 12	Tuesday Dec 13	Wednesday Dec 14
Service Awards Assembly 9:30-10:30am Parents welcome Stage 3 Junior First Aid session @ school 1-3pm	Regular day Sometime this week send an environmental bag in with your child to help them take things home :)	Semester 2 Reports sent home Year 6 Farewell Asquith Golf Club
Thursday Dec 15 K-2 Fun Day @ school / Stage 2 EOY excursion / Stage 3 Surf Fun Day • all details for excursions and events have been sent to all families • payment and permission notes due prior to events		
Friday Dec 16 - Students last day for 2022!! 8:00-9:00am - Breakfast for Year 6 students only - students will be supervised by teachers and treated to brekkie 11:30am-1:15pm - Snowball Raffle in hall - parents welcome 1:30-2:00pm - Thank you afternoon tea on behalf of Wideview staff for parent helpers - invites will be sent out in Week 9 2:45-3:15pm - Year 6 and student leavers tunnel - front oval - parents welcome		
Additional Information: Service Assembly - Library Monitors, Bus Monitors, PA team, Dance Groups, Premier's Reading students and SRC all presented with certificates on Monday.		

From Tuesday 6 December 2022, students living in the local intake area of our school will have the in-area entitlement to enrol at Asquith Boys High School and Asquith Girls High School. This will be in addition to our current co-educational option of Ku-ring-gai High School.

- All prospective parents and carers are encouraged to look at the SchoolFinder website from Tuesday, 6 December to view the updated intake area for the Asquith schools.
- There is no change to the co-education option and intake area for our school community, this remains Ku-ring-gai High School.
- Families who have already completed an out-of-area application for Asquith Boys or Girls High School will be automatically considered in area from 6 December and do not need to complete another application form.

Students who wish to enrol at a school that they do not live in-area for are able to apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis in line with the [department's enrolment policy](#).

Curriculum Updates

In 2023, K-2 students and staff will be engaging with new syllabi for English and Mathematics. Throughout 2022, staff have been involved in professional learning sessions to prepare for the mandatory implementation of these documents in 2023.

In 2023, staff across the school will be engaging in professional learning sessions on a regular basis to familiarise themselves with the new primary syllabus documents for English and Mathematics. These will be released as a mandatory requirement to guide teaching and learning in all the 3-6 classrooms from 2024.

Emergency and Bushfire Plans

We are currently updating our emergency and bushfire plans in consultation with the DoE Health and Safety team. Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is listed as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

Category 2 Schools means - Schools in bushfire-prone areas with high landscape-to-site bushfire risk. The department will direct the school to proactively temporarily cease school operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for the following day, or on advice from emergency services or the State Emergency Operations Centre.

We have included a two-page Bushfire Danger Period Information to Parents which includes updates to bushfire signage and suggests important ways to keep up to date and alert in the bushfire season.

Students In the Spotlight

We are continuously proud of the students at Wideview who put their best foot forward in and outside of the classroom.

Purple Mash Card Creator

Our very own Sophia B of 1/2S created a Christmas card using the Purple Mash app. Sophia entered the competition for fun and enjoyment and has walked away, the WINNER from over 100s of entries. Sophia receives her design professionally printed and some other cool prizes. Congratulations Sophia!



5P Art – from Zalia W and Matilda G

5P have enjoyed creating art with pastels, capturing the scene of Cape Point. This year, Mr Parks, our amazing Year 5 teacher, has taught us about the South African landscapes as Mr Parks has visited Cape Point. He wanted to share where he has been with us through art. We hope you like our beautiful artworks.



Year 4 Maths Game Fun

The wonderful students of 4C, 4AT and 4H created interesting maths games to teach different mathematical concepts to our Year 1 and 2 students. I have to say, it was one of the most impressive displays of creative and critical thinkers, working together, having fun and tackling some tricky questions. Well done to the Year 4 students for being able to not only create the game but to teach younger students how to play. The Year 1 and 2 students were full of smiles and were so engaged. Mrs A has shared some funny quotes and photos a little further on in the newsletter.



2M students were also creating unique artworks this week and were getting their hands dirty while designing and moulding clay monsters. The students and Miss Much had to battle the elements of the clay drying out too fast. Their creations are spectacular!



Community Garden

Thank you to Donna Young for lending a hand with GA Stuart over the past fortnight. We are so grateful for the extra assistance. Our community garden now has a beautiful new sign to welcome community in. The garden shed has arrived and will be the next part of the build for this area. We would love to know if some families can water the garden spaces over the Summer break. If you live on Lonsdale Ave or nearby, and are a green thumb at heart, please contact the school for the code to the lock box for the tap key.



Dates for 2023

As 2022 draws to a close, 2023 dates for our school calendar begin to creep in.

January

Friday, 27 & Monday, 30 January - Staff Return/School Office Open

Tuesday, 31 January - Students in Grades 1-6 Return

Tuesday, 31 January – Friday, 3 February - Kindergarten Best Start Interviews

February

Monday, 6 February - First day of school for Kinder 2023 students

Tuesday, 8 & Wednesday, 9 February - K-6 Gymnastics Program begins

Tuesday, 28 February - Swimming Carnival

March

Wednesday, 8 March (TBC) - Zone Swimming

15 - 27 March - NAPLAN 2023 Window

23 March – Sydney North Swimming Carnival

April

Thursday, 6 April - Last Day of Term 1

Friday, 7 April – Good Friday

May

Thursday, 4 May - Selective High School Test

Friday, 26 May – Zone Cross Country

June

Thursday, 22 June - K-6 Athletics Carnival

Saturday, 24 June - Winter Wonderland P&C Fete

Further in the newsletter is the DoE 2023 Calendar. This calendar includes:

- Term start and end dates
- School development days
- School vacation dates
- Public Holidays

When I look back over the past 12 months, I am in awe of the school community that surrounds our beautiful school. We have accomplished many wonderful things together. In 2023, I look forward to continuing to work side by side with students, staff and families to create an environment that delivers every opportunity for our students to develop, learn and thrive.

On behalf of the staff at Wideview, I would like to wish our students and families a safe and enjoyable break.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Pitts

Principal

Berowra APEX/Salvation Army Hornsby Christmas Toy Drive

Thank you to our wonderful community for your donations, APEX have now collected and have advised if you would still like to contribute they are accepting donations at their Christmas Tree sales this weekend.



Road Safety Update

Please see further in the newsletter the Term 4 School Zone Road Safety News. Feedback from our community is the concern of drivers making u-turns in or close to the school zone. We encourage our school community to read the attached documents sent out to schools from Hornsby Shire Council.

Share our Space – holiday time

During the holidays, contractors will be on-site to replace roofing of buildings across the school. We also have external paint works commencing. For the safety of community members, when construction works occur on school site, we are not permitted to be an advertised share our space setting.

Year 4 Mathematics Teachers

Year 4 students have been working very hard to create mathematical games to teach to Year 1 and 2 students. On Tuesday the Stage 1 teachers handed over their classes to the very capable hands of our Year 4s. They made games to revise addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, friends of 10, equivalent equations, measurement, money, 3D objects and symmetry.



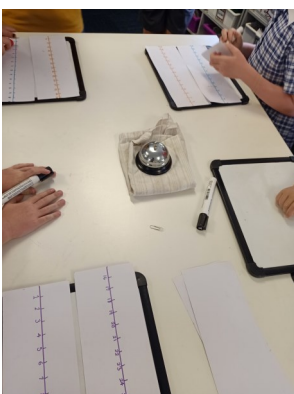
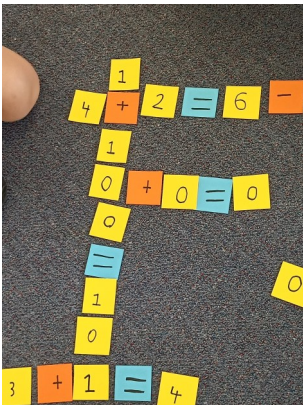
"It was lots of fun with challenging games. It was important for our brains to develop."

Year 2 student



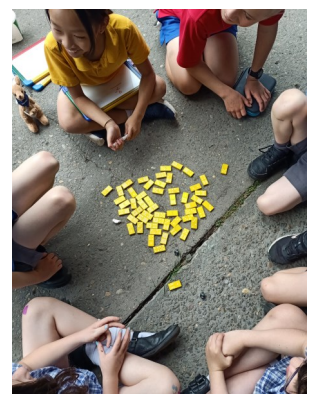
"I like playing maths and meeting year 4 people."
"I liked winning two games."
"I liked snakes and ladders."
"I liked the Fast Maths games with friends of 10, 20 and 100."

Year 1 students



"It was really fun helping them understand harder equations."
"Watching everyone have fun and working together as a group was really good."
"It was hard being the teacher."
"It was great watching them have fun doing school work."
"I'm happy that my game worked and the kids had fun. It was worth the effort."

Year 4 students



High Potential and Gifted Dance Workshops

Last week, 5 of our talented Year 4 dancers were selected to represent Wideview at a Dance Masterclass Workshop at Ku-ring-gai High School. Holly, Leilani, Isla, Daphne and Maisie had the opportunity to preform, compose and appreciate a contemporary dance.

"It was very fun and we learned a contemporary dance. I made a lot of friends."

"We learned a contemporary dance and made a dance to a poem with our group leader Talia. Then we performed it on a stage."

"I liked doing a group dance with the teachers."

"We did warm up activities and there were 4 helpers."

"We had a great experience. We got to meet new people and learned a dance with everybody."



Final 24 Hours to buy Snowball Raffle tickets!

Year 6 students will sell tickets out the front of the hall on presentation day.

You can also buy them online via the Wideview website:

- Go to Wideview Public School website - <https://wideview-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
- Click 'Make a payment' (top menu)
- In 'Section3. Payment Items', select 'OTHER' (under Payment Type) and Description either 'Snowball Raffle K-2' or 'Snowball Raffle 3-6'
- Enter the correct \$ amount of your order.

Tickets: \$2 = 1 entry, \$5 = 3 entries, \$10 = 8 entries, \$20 = 20 entries, \$50 = 70 entries.

Don't miss out! Online tickets for the Snowball Raffle close 5pm Friday 9th December, so be sure to get yours before it's too late!

2M - Kindness Prompt

2M has been taking on a kindness prompt for the '12 days of Christmas'. Today, their prompt was 'write happy chalk messages along the pathways at your school.' They brainstormed ideas and then put their ideas into action!



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 4 Weeks 8 & 9

KGM	Ned P, Emily P, Lucas P, Ivy H, Lachlan S	KH	Oliver M, Emma D, Emma N, Ava M-D
1D	Theo A, Joel P, Jordan S, Tynan R	1M	Evie B, Eddy W, Jack S, Natasha E, Charlie W, Chaise W
1/2S	Emily D, Lucas S, Sophia B, Luke D	2F	Cooper B, Emma H, Jed B, Alvin G
2M	Isaac P, Max G, Theo E, Paityn H	3C	Billy C, Axl A
3H	Jono M, Chloe M, Eli G, Addy P	4AT	Greg H, Mia R, Hannah B, Issy T, Fraser D
4C	Ava B, Jade H	4/5H	Bentley B, Samika H, Poppi B
5P	Ella W, Darcy S, Zara C, Torston H, Raina B,	6LA	Arabella F, Declan S, Oliver K, Sienna G, So-
6T			

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.

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.

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.

Change to Isolation Requirements

Please see the following link regarding changes to isolation requirements from 14 October 2022:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/noticeboard/2022/10/change-to-isolation-requirements>



Email: wideviewpandc@gmail.com



www.facebook.com/WideviewPublicSchoolPandCEvents/

P&C Update

Thanks for an outstanding year Wideview!

It has been wonderful to have met and served so many Wideview families this year via our activities in P&C.

Thank you to all families and community members that have participated and supported our election day sausage sizzles, cake stalls, Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls, Canteen, WOOSHC, Uniform shop, discos (for children and adults), working bees, clean ups, Band activities, performing arts events and other fundraising activities throughout the year.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers and staff!

We couldn't accomplish anything without you – however you have volunteered your time and energy this year – a heartfelt thank you to you for your service and dedication to our school community.

Wideview Uniform Shop News

Opening hours and holiday hours

Monday 2 – 3:30pm

Friday 9 – 10am

You are welcome to come and browse the second-hand items or to purchase new items.

Online (Qkr!) orders are delivered to classrooms Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please place your order by 9am for same day delivery.

Final day for classroom deliveries and purchases:

Friday, 16 December 2022.

Orders can be placed via Qkr! over the summer holidays, to be collected next year.

Shop will reopen for purchasing and collecting orders:

Friday, 27 January 2023 9 – 10am

Monday, 30 January 2023 9 – 10am

Any orders not collected in these times will be sent to classrooms as usual. New kindy, any online orders will be sent to the classroom to collect at your best start interview.

Normal shop hours and deliveries will resume Wednesday, 1 February 2023.

Clothing Pool

All donations of good quality items are welcome. If you wish to donate clothing, please drop in to the shop when open or leave at the front office.

Returnable cloth bags

Please return all uniform shop bags by the end of the year. If you have any at home or in your child's bag, they can be returned to the collection box in the library, or to the shop when open.

Back to School vouchers

The Back to School NSW Vouchers program will provide 3 x \$50 vouchers, totalling \$150 for each eligible child.

The vouchers can be used:

towards the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and stationery
at registered businesses
before 30 June 2023.

For more details visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers>

If you wish to use your vouchers at the Uniform Shop, please visit us, as we can accept them in store using the QR code or unique voucher code.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept the vouchers through Qkr!.

Contact Details

Please contact the shop if you have any queries.

Email wideviewuniform@gmail.com

For any updates, please check our Facebook page.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wideviewuniformshop>

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

[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 – 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

Our next meeting will be in February next year. In the meantime, we will be catching up during the holidays to get our fete preparations underway – if anyone is keen on being a part, please reach out to wideview-pandc@gmail.com and we'll get you in touch with our Fete team.

We have the best team of volunteers as a part of our Wideview P&C team – thank you to everyone who had donated their time, expertise and energy to our activities onsite, whether it be a working bee, in our canteen, election day bbq or cake stall, one of our special events, supported our uniform shop and vacation care and WOOSHC services.

This year P&C has been able to support school with the community garden projects, circa \$17,000 of grant money for our grounds, pledge over \$20,000 in education and teaching resources, and support of over \$20,000 in renovation projects for our canteen. Thank you to the Wideview staff, lead by the incredible Mrs Pitts, to help us achieve these outcomes in conjunction with our school.

We have the best community and it's been a pleasure to be your President this year. Here's to the end of 2022, and we're looking forward to delivering more great services in 2023!

Kind regards,

Shayne Sommer
P&C President



Term 4

P&C CANTEEN NEWS



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

Click here to stay connected



WEEK 9

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!



**We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a happy & safe New Year.**

FIRST CANTEEN DAY OF 2023
WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY!

The 2023

**CANTEEN
ROSTER**

is ready for you!



CLICK HERE!

**THANK
you**

to all our
canteen volunteers!
You have made 2022
a terrific year
for our children,
the school
and the canteen!



Wideview Public School Book Packs 2023

Parents & Carers,

Please see book pack inclusions for students K – 6 below.

- Student book packs are available on the LJ Harper website: www.ljharper.com.au.
- All book packs will be **delivered to Wideview Public School** and handed out on **Thursday 16th February 2023**
- To guarantee delivery please place order prior to **Thursday 9th February**.

Book Pack Inclusions	Price
Kindergarten: NSW Targeting Handwriting Student Book Kindergarten	\$17.95
Year 1: Targeting Mental Maths year 1, Writing Time Book 1	\$30.90
Year 2: Targeting Mental Maths Year 2, Writing Time Book 2	\$30.90
Year 3: Writing Time Student Book 3, Think Mentals 3	\$29.90
Year 4: Writing Time Student Book 4, Think Mentals 4	\$29.90
Year 5: Handwriting Conventions 5, Think Mentals 5	\$30.90
Year 6: Handwriting Conventions 6, Think Mentals 6	\$30.90

How to Order Online

1. Go to the www.ljharper.com.au
2. Click on the yellow 'STUDENT PACKS' button located at the top of the homepage
3. Click on "Enter your school code" then enter code: **LJWIDE** and click "SEARCH"
4. Select the **Year Group Pack** and/or items you would like to purchase and click "PURCHASE"
5. Enter the First Name and Last name of the Child you are purchasing for and click "ADD TO CART"
 - If you are purchasing for a second Child in the same year group click on the grey box to "Add second child for this year level and enter their First and Last name.
 - If you are purchasing for a second Child in a different year group click on "Back to all Year Groups" and click on the year group/ product and enter their First Name and Last Name then click "ADD TO CART"
 - If you are purchasing an item in addition to a book pack click on "Back to all Year Groups" and click on the item you need to purchase and enter the First and Last name of the child this product is for then click "ADD TO CART"
6. Once all items have been added to your cart click on "VIEW CART", check your shopping cart to ensure you have selected the items you require and click "PROCEED TO CHECKOUT".
7. Fill out your billing details in checkout and click "PLACE ORDER" this will direct you to pay for your order, fill in your card details then click "CONFIRM AND PAY" (Note: **All primary orders will be delivered to school on a pre-arranged date with school, however for billing details we require a personal address**)
8. Your order has now been completed and you will receive a confirmation email from LJ Harper Books.

SCHOOL CODE: LJWIDE

L for Lima, J for Juliet, W for Whiskey, I for India, D for Delta, E for Echo. Enter letters together in the searchbar.

Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



2024 Year 7 Enrichment Class Application



Asquith Boys High School is offering places in 2024 for their Year 7 Enrichment Class.

The Enrichment Class caters for students who are talented in literacy and numeracy, providing challenging extension opportunities that include creative and critical thinking.

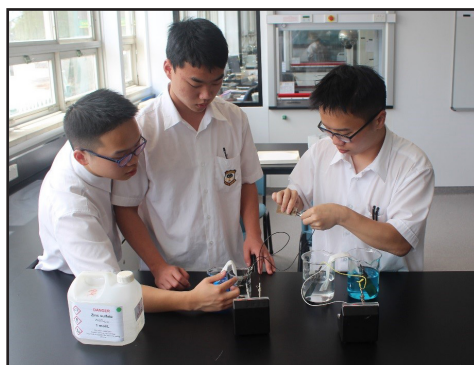


**Applications open Friday 18 November.
For an application package go to
our website**

www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au



The Enrichment Class application and portfolio must be submitted to Asquith Boys High School by Monday 12 December 2022.



Students will receive placement offers for the 2024 Enrichment Class in Term 1, 2023.

Photos from top to bottom: 3D Printer, Food Technology and New Science Labs

Leadership, Citizenship, Science , Technology, Creative Arts and Sporting Excellence

Bushfire Danger Period Information for Parents and Carers

This brochure provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bushfire danger period.

The NSW Department of Education has engaged external experts to conduct assessments of all NSW government schools to identify schools at greater risk of impact from bushfires.

To support the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff in your school, the department in consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service, will direct the school to temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for your school's NSW Fire Area. Alternative learning arrangements will be put in place for these days.

In addition, schools may be made non-operational due to changing higher risk conditions and relevant advice from emergency services.



What is a Fire Danger Rating?

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a fire start. The ratings are determined by a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought. The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System has four ratings; Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic.

For further information on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, visit - www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon

Old Fire Danger Rating sign



New Fire Danger Rating sign





When will I know if my child's school has been made non-operational?

At approximately 4:00 pm each day the Fire Danger Rating is issued for the following day. This means that schools, including onsite preschools, will be notified after school hours that it will be non-operational the following day. Your school will notify you as soon as possible by the preferred method of communication.

Parents and carers are requested to:

- Provide up-to-date home and after-hours contact details to your school.
- Stay up-to-date with news and local media through the bushfire danger period.



NSW School Updates app

Get the free NSW School Updates app to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools – education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app



What education arrangements will be in place if the school is non-operational?

When non-operational, your school will advise of alternative learning arrangements, including any relocation or learning from home plans.



Learn more

Be prepared and make sure you have your Bushfire Survival Plan in place. The NSW Rural Fire Service has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bushfire season. Consider whether your home is safe from bushfires and grassfires and be prepared to relocate to a safer place well in advance.

Find more information and resources on NSW Rural Fire Service – rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare

We appreciate your cooperation during the bushfire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bushfire danger period, please refer to –

NSW Rural Fire Service – rfs.nsw.gov.au

The department's School Safety website education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety provides up to date information during bushfires and grassfire emergencies.

Please contact your school with any additional questions you may have.



Christmas Edition 2022

The run up to Christmas and the holiday period can be especially chaotic and stressful. Here are some tips to help you get through it safely, as well as how to prepare for school travel in 2023.

Christmas Time Driving Tips

- ★ Be patient.
Congestion when driving and on foot is high this time of year. Take your time and stay focused.
- ★ Watch out for pedestrians who may be distracted or in a rush.
- ★ Place packages in the boot of a vehicle to avoid them moving about.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday period this year. Remember that everyone has a role to play in keeping all road users safe. Let's make sure everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas!

Double Demerit Points

Double demerit points apply for speeding, seatbelt, mobile phone and motorcycle helmet offences during the following holiday period:

Christmas Day to New Years

Beginning of Friday 23 December 2022 to end of Monday 2nd January 2023 (inclusive)

Planning ahead

The January school holidays is a great time to start planning how your family will travel to school in 2023.

Walking, cycling or catching a bus to school is a great alternative to school zone congestion.

- Plan and practise safe travel routes with your child/ren.
- Identify safe crossing locations.
- Discuss how to spot dangers, like vehicles exiting driveways, and how to cross where there is no crossing facility.

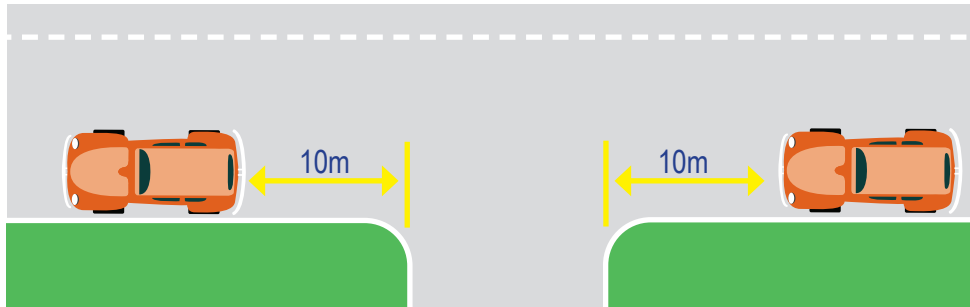


Merry Christmas

Parking Rules

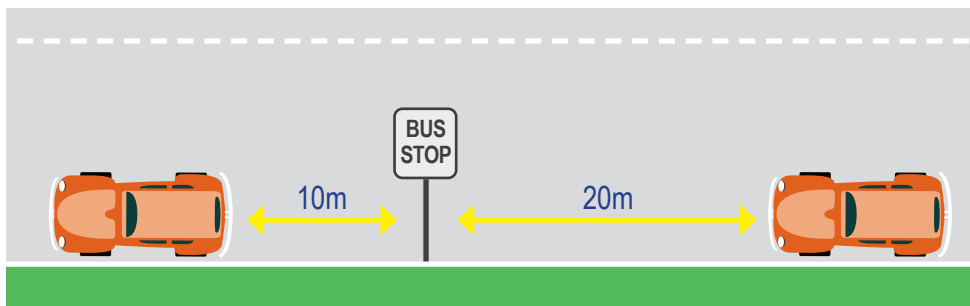
Please park safely and legally on the streets around your school. Park legally so you do not incur parking fines and demerit points. Council's Traffic Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools. If you park contrary to the road rules you will be fined!

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 FROM: \$352*
Demerit Points apply

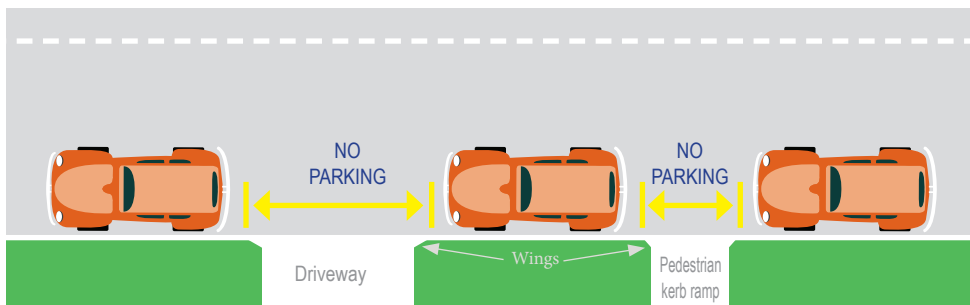


Within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop (see image)

PENALTIES FROM: \$275*
Demerit Points apply in School Zone

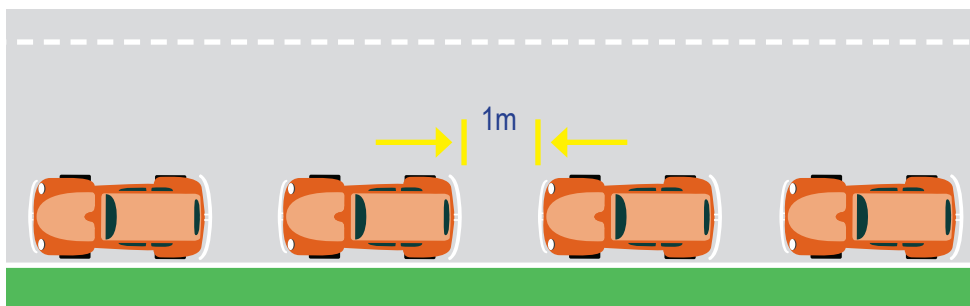
Parallel parking

This is the usual way to park unless signs tell you otherwise. 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 FROM: \$275*
Demerit Points apply in School Zone



You should park at least one metre from any other parked vehicle and entirely within any marked parking lines where provided (see image)

PENALTIES FROM: \$117

* Penalty amounts are substantially higher for offences committed in School Zones

SCHOOL ZONE

Road Safety

News

Term 4 - 2022

Welcome to the School Zone Road
Safety Newsletter for Term 4.

In this edition we look at practical ways
to help your child be independently road
safe, and some facts about teaching
learner drivers, to keep them safe.



Teaching **children road safety**

Keeping kids safe

Learning about road safety starts from the time a child begins to walk. As children grow they start to use our road network in different ways, from riding scooters and bikes through to using public transport. Parents are not always going to be around to supervise so it's important to teach kids about road safety from a young age so that they can be safe on and around our roads.

There are many practical ways to help your child by teaching them:

- to understand timing and speed
- how to cross roads safely
- to see a dangerous situation and respond appropriately

You don't have to be a road safety expert to do this!



Image above: Richards, L. 1968-1978. Police traffic school, Victoria.
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Teaching **Learner drivers** - The facts



- Learner drivers are statistically less likely to be in a crash than other drivers.
- The risk of being involved in a crash increases for young drivers once they get their probationary licence.
- Learner drivers need a minimum of 120 hours of logged driving practice before they can sit for their probationary licence test.
- A learner driver must log a minimum of 20 hours of night time driving. When L plate drivers move to their probationary licence they're at a much greater risk of being in a crash at night.
- Gaining experience in all conditions helps to improve driving skills and reduce risks when a driver gets their probationary licence.
- The introduction of the Graduated Licensing System (GLS) has helped to reduce deaths and serious injuries of young drivers
- Local Councils offer online presentations for parents/carers supervising a learner driver. To find out when Hornsby is next offering this presentation, visit www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/learnerdrivers.



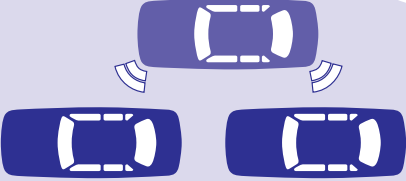
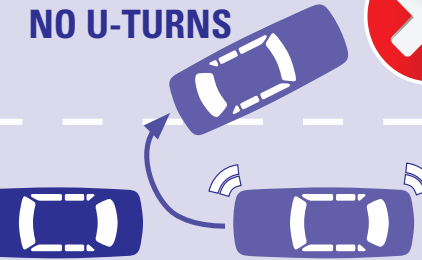
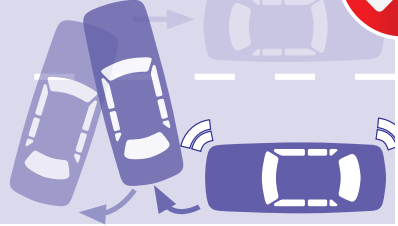
Source: Transport Accident Commission.
For further information visit
<https://www.tac.vic.gov.au/road-safety/road-users/parents>



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Safety tips for school zones:

EXITING THE CAR  Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.	APPLY BRAKE  Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
PARKING  NEVER double park.	CROSSING  NEVER park across a pedestrian crossing.
NO U-TURNS  NEVER undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.	NO 3 POINT TURNS  NEVER undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.

Safety tips for students:

BUCKLE UP  Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.	STORE ITEMS  Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position	BE READY  Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seat belt.	EXIT SAFELY  Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear foot path-side door.
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Demerit Points:

* The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has '**zero**' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record.

If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed. For further information regarding demerit points please visit: <https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

Friday, 25 November 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Subject: Back to School in 2023

As the year draws to a close, as a local bus operator we wanted to write to you to share some important information on our school bus services in the lead up to the new school year in 2023.

We are committed to working with parents, guardians and schools to provide safe, reliable and efficient bus services. As part of this, we want to provide you with a *School Bus Information Guide*, downloadable at <https://bit.ly/3XsUcAZ>. This guide also includes details of how to apply for free or subsidised travel to and from school under the *School Student Travel Scheme*.

The new school year presents an ideal opportunity to reinforce the important requirement that **all students must tap on and off with a valid Opal card every time they travel**. This informs how many people use our services, which helps to ensure that our services meet the needs of your school community.

In preparation for Term 1 in 2023, we encourage you to take the following steps:

- Check if your child is eligible for a School Opal card by visiting <https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply> (School Student Transport Scheme website)
- Ensure your child has a valid Opal card ready for the start of Term 1
- Chat to your child about tapping on and tapping off on every journey
- Apply for a replacement School Opal card if your child has misplaced theirs

On behalf of everyone at Transdev NSW, we wish you, your family and school community, a very safe and happy festive season and all the best for 2023.

If you have any questions or feedback, please phone our friendly School Engagement team on **8700 0555**.

Yours sincerely,

Transdev NSW's School Engagement Team

2023 School Bus Information Guide for Parents, Guardians and Students

Transdev NSW are proud to operate a range of school bus services on behalf of the NSW Government. This guide provides information about our services and how to get assistance if you need it.

How do I apply for a School Opal card/school travel pass?

All school students must travel with a valid School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card. Students may be eligible for free or subsidised travel to and from school or TAFE under the *School Student Travel Scheme*. School Opal cards/school travel passes are issued to eligible students by Transport for NSW. For details, visit <https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply> (School Student Transport Scheme website) or phone 131 500. If a student isn't eligible for a School Opal card, they must carry a valid Child/Youth Opal card.

Why is it important for students to tap on and off?

It is a condition of use that all students tap on and off with a valid Opal card each time they travel. This helps to ensure accurate patronage data is available, which is monitored by Transport for NSW. The more accurate data we have on patronage, the more we can ensure adequate services that meet the needs of your school community.



What can parents or guardians do to help?

Please ensure that your child has a valid Opal card for travelling to and from school, ready for when school returns in Term 1, 2023. Apply for a School Opal card or school travel pass at <https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply>. Encourage your child to have their card ready when boarding and to tap on and off every time they use a public bus service.

How can I provide feedback?

Please speak directly with your school in the first instance. We actively encourage direct communication with schools and will do our very best to resolve any matters as quickly as possible, working with your school in doing so. If you wish to lodge feedback, visit <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback> or phone 131 500. Your feedback will be processed and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

Where can I find my school's timetable?

Your school has access to current timetables with your allocated school services. Visit www.transdev.com.au/sydney-school-bus-timetables/ and simply enter your school name to download a relevant timetable. If regular route services operate nearby your school or home, you can access a timetable via <https://transportnsw.info/routes/bus> or plan your complete trip at <https://transportnsw.info/trip#/trip> - you can refine your search to add additional modes or a school route.

What if my child has lost property on a school service?

Visit <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/report-lost-property#/what-have-you-lost> to report a missing item. Our drivers regularly check our buses for lost property. All lost property is logged and our Customer Experience Team will contact you directly if your missing item has been located and let you know where you can pick it up from.

What if I need to contact Transdev NSW directly?

You can contact us directly on 02 8700 0555.



Calendar 2023

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Key dates

* Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.

Term start and end dates*

Term 1 (Eastern): 27 January to 6 April

Term 1 (Western): 3 February to 6 April

Term 2: 24 April to 30 June

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September

Term 4: 9 October to 19 December

School development days

Term 1 (Eastern): 27 January and 30 January

Term 1 (Western): 3 February and 6 February

Term 2, 3 and 4: 24 April, 17 July, 18 December and 19 December

School vacation dates

Summer (Eastern): 21 December 2022 to 26 January 2023

Summer (Western): 21 December 2022 to 2 February 2023

Autumn: 10 April to 21 April

Winter: 3 July to 14 July

Spring: 25 September to 6 October

Summer (Eastern): 20 December 2023 to 29 January 2024

Summer (Western): 20 December 2023 to 5 February 2024

Exam dates

Selective high school placement test: 4 May

NAPLAN online test window: 15 March to 27 March

Opportunity class placement test: 27 July

Public holidays



Scan me for practical school tips!

To help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources, check out our going to school hub at education.nsw.gov.au/going-to-school

School zone speed limits apply on all school days, including school development days.

