



BARDIA PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 2 – 2021

February

Wednesday 3	Classes commence for all kindergarten students
Tuesday 16	Swimming Carnival

March

Wednesday 3	Student Photos Day
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Message from the Principal

Dear BPS Community,

Welcome to the first of our 2021 newsletters. I trust you all had a wonderful time with your children over the summer break. A warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school and our community.

All schools are complex places, but BPS is particularly complex at the moment as we grow so rapidly with new enrolments. We now have over 800 students and 76 staff, not including our volunteers, cleaners or Camp Australia (which takes the number of people working at the school to about 100).

When we first took possession of our new facilities the staff and I made it our mission to retain our lovely school culture. So far we have been successful in this but we do face our challenges. COVID19 has remained stubbornly present and still impacts on how the school operates. I understand how frustrating this can be for you. Believe me when I say that the staff and I are equally frustrated. However, it is our responsibility to ensure the safety of your children (and indirectly our community) while providing a high quality education, something we take very seriously.

On a brighter note we now have COVID19 vaccines, something we thought impossible only a few months ago. Slowly, the world will reduce the rate of contagion. Hang in there folks!

We now have Teacher Squads at BPS, which will cost approximately \$1 million. This is a unique program and as far as I am aware currently not at any other school in NSW. Put simply, we now have the equivalent of eight full time teachers who will go into the hubs to join with the two hub teachers to make a four-teacher squad. The students will be allocated a group depending on our assessment data. Each hub will have squads at different times, but a total of one day per week.

It is hoped that this intensive, individualised instruction will have a dramatically positive effect on our students' academic progress. Being able to provide such instruction (at the student's level of need) is a fantastic development at BPS. A warning though, this is so expensive we will probably only be able to afford this for two, perhaps three, years.

Regards, Brett Moseley. Principal.

Dear Parents and Carers,

First, let me congratulate all the parents and carers who were so fantastic this morning in helping to make the arrival of the students smooth and reasonably safe. When we work together we can reduce the ever present danger of COVID-19 and ensure the children's education comes first in everything we do. Thank you!

Unfortunately reports in the media have only confused matters about the way different schools are to manage COVID19 and parents/carers are to enter the school.

There are many rules not mentioned by the media. For example: *Gatherings are limited to 30 people indoors and 30 people outdoors for schools within Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong or 100 people outdoors for all other locations.*

The most important piece of information left out by the media is that different schools face different circumstances and therefore **the final responsibility and decision in managing COVID-19 at each school rests with the Principal.**

What needs to be appreciated is that BPS has two narrow entrances to the school. We can't use the entrance in Malaya Street yet. So in effect we could have 830 students, 78 staff (not including cleaners and Camp Australia) and approximately 800 parents and carers (about 1700 in total) squeezing into our two narrow entrances and congregating in the courtyard. A situation fraught with risk I am sure you will agree.

As far as parents entering the school goes I intend on always putting the safety of the community first and **parents remain barred from entering the school** except under special circumstances: going to the Admin Office, having important meetings with teachers, taking children to Best Start and the parents of students in our Support Unit taking their children to class.

One error that was in my communication with you yesterday I need to amend: masks are optional for parents at schools (but highly recommended); if you enter the school for one of the special circumstances mentioned above you **MUST** sign in using our visitor's book and you **MUST** sign in using a QR Code. These are Dept. of Health and Dept. of Education rules.

I have tried hard to think of a way to have the parents of our **Kindergarten** students more involved with that very important first day of school (next Wednesday) and comply with the COVID19 rules and keep everyone reasonably safe. I have a plan, but once again I am going to need your help.

1. Next Wednesday please bring your Kindergarten child/ren to school at 9.20am **not before**.
2. Wait on the footpath closest to the road near the COLA gates - at a good distance from other parents and carers. Wearing a mask is recommended.
3. At 9.30am you will be asked to enter the COLA a family at a time and asked to sit on the seats provided. Your child/ren can stand beside you.
4. A QR Code sign-in will be taken around to the seated parents and carers.
5. Your children will be escorted into the hall. Don't worry if your child refuses to leave you. We will sort that out - eventually.

6. The new classes (we call these hubs at Bardia) will be called out and you will be able to see your child/ren led away by their teachers and take some photos etc.

7. You will not be permitted to go with your child into the courtyard or to their class.

On Thursday 4th Feb and Friday 5th Feb ONLY you are asked to bring your child to school at 9.10am to the COLA gates. From Monday 8th February, Kindergarten will start school at 9.00am. The 2.50pm pick-up time for Kindergarten will remain in place until further notice.

For many of you Bardia Public School is new or your child commenced at BPS last year - not a normal year at all! You have hardly had time or the opportunity to get to know the staff or how the school functions.

Of course I am biased, but I am sure that in time 99% of you will come to agree that BPS is a fantastic school: great academic results, beautiful students, wonderful parents and carers and an exceptionally professional staff - the perfect school.

Trust takes time to build though, so I appreciate our new or newish parents not being quite there yet. Please take my assurance that I am not interested in blind bureaucracy. I always make decisions in the best interests of the students first, followed closely by the interests of the community. That is my duty of care.

Unfortunately I cannot always make decisions that satisfy every individual parent or carer. But I can promise you I will always do my best.

It is my strongest advice that if you have a complaint about teaching, learning or student behaviour that you communicate this to one of our Assistant Principals first (we have six Assistant Principals). If you have a complex complaint, ask to speak to a Deputy Principal (we have two Deputy Principals and they are my proxies). If they can't resolve the complaint it will be passed to me.

I am very much in demand these days so if you need to speak to me personally you can try your luck and simply ring or pop in, but it is probably better if you ring and make an appointment.

It is my strongest advice that you do not voice your complaints on Facebook or other social media or take your complaint to the commercial media. Every time this happens you damage your child's school. What harms your child's school harms your child.

While I am on that matter; we do have a Facebook page which we are about to close. We no longer use this to communicate and it is not monitored regularly by a member of staff. Once this is closed if parents or carers want to commence a Facebook page that is their right to do so, but the school will have nothing to do with it.

We have a very exciting year of teaching and learning ahead. Throughout this term I will be telling you more about all of the wonderful things happening at our school and how we intend on giving your children a learning boost that will be just incredible! We call this approach Teacher Squads and we intend on spending almost \$1 million to ensure its complete success! More on this later.

Regards,
Mr B. Moseley
Principal



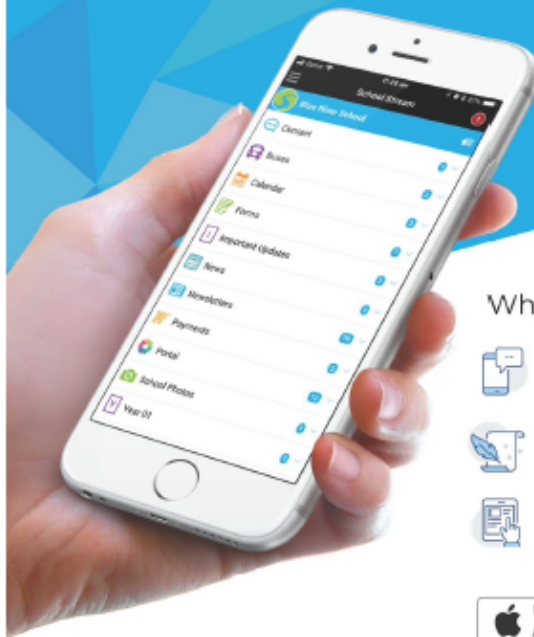
schoolstream

IS NOW AVAILABLE TO PARENTS

We will be sending out communications, forms, permission slips on both Buzzy and School Stream **for the rest of 2020.**
From 2021 we will only be using School Stream.

We will be continuing one-to-one teacher to parent / parent to teacher communications through Buzzy only for the rest of this year.

Download our school app for free!



Why download the app?



Receive instant notifications for important news.



Easily register absentees and excursions.



Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.

2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.

3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

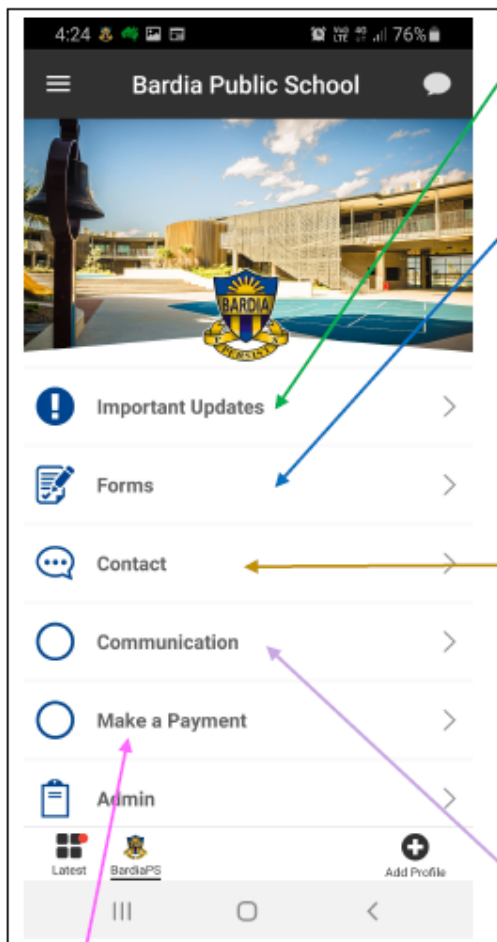


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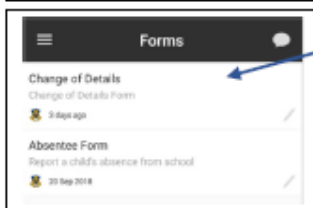
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Important Updates - here you will find the most recent updates.

Newsletters – for published newsletters. Today's newsletter will pop up today.

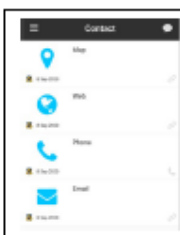
Forms



Current forms:

- * Change of Details
 - * Absentee (this is where you report your child's absence)
- Future permission slips for excursions/events will be located in Forms

Contact



Easy link to our school.

You can send an email to the office or your teacher. If you want to send an email to your teacher **MAKE SURE YOU SEND IT TO THEIR ATTENTION.** Next year you will be able to send your teacher a message through the app.

Communication – this is where you will see all the messages from your teacher to the entire class.

Make a payment



This is where you can make an online payment (POP).
* Press here

Make a Payment

Enter your payment details below. Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this digit number is on the statement issued by the school it will be to the right of the student's name

* Given Name

* Surname

* Enter both Class/Year & Ref Number, or Date of Birth:

Class or Year

Remember !

Only mandatory fields need to be completed (*).

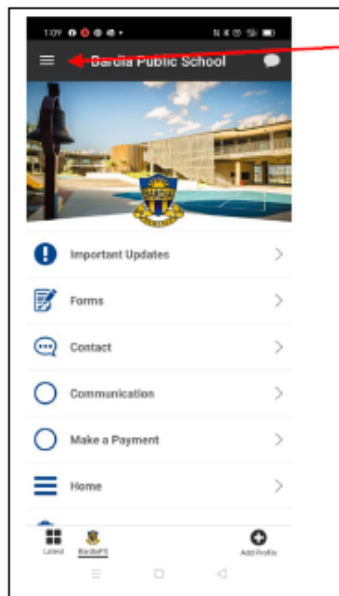
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
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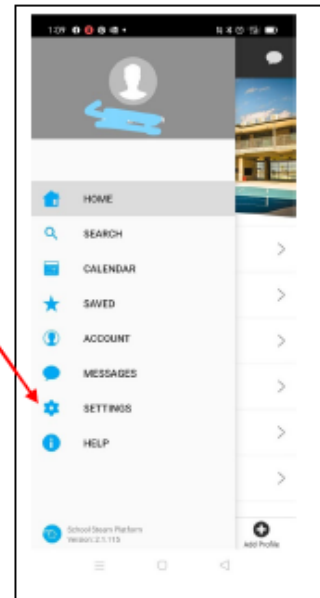
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See all communications, messages, forms etc. in your preferred language

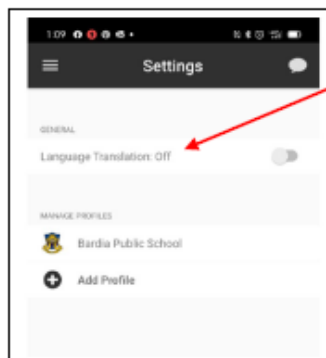


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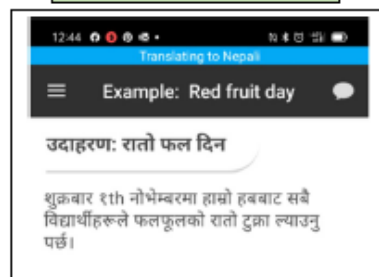


4) Select your preferred language



5) Press back

All forms, messages, communications etc. will now be in your preferred language



Library News

Welcome back to school and to those families new to Bardia we're so pleased you're here! We run many programs through the library so watch this space to get all the latest information.

At Bardia PS we aim through our library to make available the best possible resources, so the staff in collaboration with the teacher librarian, can provide learning experiences for the students to achieve their full potential in becoming capable and confident readers as well as independent, critical, efficient and successful users of information, who have developed a life-long love of reading and learning.

Borrowing

Each hub has a weekly, 1-hour, library session. During this session the children are allowed to borrow 2 books for one week. Children are only allowed to borrow for home if they have a library bag. We do this because the bag protects the books and isolates the books from your books at home or books from the local library. Over the first few weeks the students will discuss how to create habits around remembering their library bag and books. If a child does not have their library bag then we allow them to borrow the book for the classroom. The library is also open second half of lunch, each day, and children are welcome to borrow books at this time as well. Borrowing for home will begin next week.

Hub library days are:

Monday- Waratah, Casuarina, Desert Flame & Banksia
Tuesday- Lilly Pilly, Wattle, Wallabies, Goannas & Dingoes
Wednesday- Grevillea, Bilbies, Possums, Koalas & Wombats
Thursday- Echidnas, Kookaburras, Kangaroos
Friday- Potoroos, Cockatoos, Emus



Library Bags

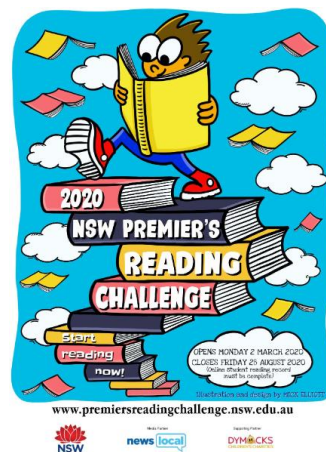
As mentioned the children need library bags to borrow books to take home. This bag does not have to be fancy as long as it is labeled with their name. It can even be an old pillow case. The best bags are waterproof as this means any leaks from water bottles will not damage our library books.

Premiers' Readers Challenge

At Bardia PS we encourage all students to participate in the Reading Challenge. The challenge begins in March and finishes in and requires the children at different age groups to read a certain books from the list provided. All children will be participating and class time. The children in the K-2 classes will have the books by their class teachers and recorded as a whole group. The 3-6 keep their own records during library time. The students will be challenge before the end of the term.

For more information about the challenge please see:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/index



Premier's late August number of during library read to them children will starting their

Happy Reading
Mrs Kathy Wyber
Teacher Librarian

Safer Internet Day – Family and friends

Did you know? Only 46% of Australian parents feel confident about dealing with the online risks their children face and 95% want more information about online safety.

eSafety resources can help you **start the chat** about being safer online, then keep building your family's digital skills throughout the year.

Launching on Safer Internet Day 2021:

- eSafety's new research report **Digital Lives of Aussie Teens**.
- Our new webinar for parents and carers **Cyberbullying and online drama**. Limited spaces. **Sign up now!**
- Two new resources for 2 to 8 year-olds, the **Swoosh, Glide and Rule Number 5** picture book and **My Family Rules** song by Lah-Lah.



FROM THE OFFICE



LOST PROPERTY

We have a quite a number of uniform items in lost property with no names. If your child has lost clothing that does not have their name on it but you feel you would recognise it, please go through the lost property (located in front of the office)

**Our Eftpos service is
available between
8:30am – 12:00pm**



UNIFORM INFORMATION



Don't forget to bring your child's hat and jacket purchases to the office for embroidery with their unique initials. We retain a register of all records so we can return any lost items to the students.

**Embroidery service is on FRIDAY MORNINGS
only**

Brooke's CANTEEN



Keep an eye out on the
Brooke's Canteen Facebook
page for photographs of
just some of the healthy
counter items that are
made daily!



Tummy Warmers

3 Chicken Nuggets H	\$2.00	Lasagne H	\$4.00
6 Chicken Nuggets H	\$4.00	Chicken Penne Napolitana H HM	\$4.00
Spaghetti Bolognese HM	\$4.00	Butter Chicken & Rice H HM	\$5.00
Penne Napolitana H V HM	\$4.00	Hash Brown V	\$1.00
Beef Burrito HM	\$5.00	Sausage Roll H	\$3.50
Beef Pie H	\$4.00	Macaroni & Cheese H V	\$4.00
Beef Burger HM	\$4.00	Beef or Chicken Noodles H	\$3.50
Crumbed Chicken Burger H HM	\$4.00	Bruschetta Roll V HM	\$4.50
Beef Cheeseburger HM	\$4.00	Vegetarian Curry Rice V HM	\$4.00
Beef Nachos HM	\$5.00	Ham & Cheese Toastie HM	\$4.00

Sandwiches And Wraps

Vegemite, Jam or Honey HM	\$1.50
Cheese Sandwich V HM	\$2.00
Cheese & Tomato Sandwich V HM	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese Sandwich HM	\$3.50
Tuna Sandwich HM	\$3.50
Salad Sandwich V HM	\$3.50
Ham & Salad Roll HM	\$4.00
Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap HM	\$5.00
Chicken & Salad Wrap HM	\$5.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap HM	\$5.00
Salad Wrap V HM	\$5.00

Salad Boxes & Cold Food

Garden Salad Box GF V H HM	\$3.50
Fruit Salad Box GF V H HM	\$4.00
Vermicelli Noodle Salad Box V H HM	\$5.00
Greek Salad V HM	\$4.50
Teriyaki Chicken Rice Paper Rolls HM	\$5.00
Vegetarian Noodle Rice Paper Rolls HM	\$5.00
Teriyaki Chicken Salad HM	\$5.00
Ham or Tuna Salad Box HM	\$5.00
Moroccan Chicken Salad Box HM	\$5.00
Chicken Caesar Salad Bowl HM	\$5.00
Yoghurt Fruit & Muesli Bowl V HM	\$5.00

Pizzas & Quesadillas

Garlic Bread H V HM	\$2.00
Cheese Pizza Roll H V HM	\$2.50
Cheese & Diced Ham Roll HM	\$2.50
Vegetarian Pizza Roll H V HM	\$3.50
Hawaiian Pizza Roll HM	\$3.50
BBQ Chicken Pizza Roll HM	\$3.50
Cheese & Tomato Quesadilla V HM	\$4.00
Spinach & Feta Quesadilla H V HM	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese Quesadilla HM	\$4.50
BBQ Chicken Quesadilla H HM	\$4.50
Vegetarian Quesadilla H V HM	\$4.50
BBQ Chicken Pizza H	\$5.00
Cheese Pizza H V	\$5.00
Meat Pizza H	\$5.00



Snack Food



Frozen Pineapple Ring GF V H HM	50c	Milo Cereal Cup V	\$1.00
Piece of Fruit GF V	\$1.00	Nutrigrain Cereal Cup V	\$1.00
Carrot or Cucumber Sticks GF V HM	\$1.00	2 x Vegemite Saos V HM	\$1.00
Yoghurt Tub V	\$2.00	2 x Cheese & Tomato Saos V HM	\$2.50
Frozen Grapes GF V H	\$2.00	Popcorn GF V H HM	\$1.00
Corn Cobette GF V H HM	\$1.50	Koala Popcorn – BBQ, Chicken + Sweet Chilli	\$2.00
Custard Cup V	\$2.00	Grain Waves Sour Cream & Chives 28g	\$2.00
Watermelon Cup GF V HM	\$2.00	Red Rock Deli Crisps Sea Salt 28g	\$2.00
Honey & Yoghurt Cup V	\$2.50	Mamee Noodle Snacks	\$2.00
Orange Wedges GF V H	\$2.00	Mamee Rice Sticks GF	\$2.00
Fruit Kebab GF H V HM	\$2.50		



Thirst Quenchers

Water 600ml	\$2.00
Fruit Infused Water	\$2.50
Oak Milk Lite	\$2.50
Juice Bomb Cans	\$2.50
Juice Poppers	\$1.50

Frozen Treats

Ice Mony Triangle	\$1.00
Juicies Ice Treat	\$1.00
Quelch Stick	\$1.00
Frozen Juice Cup	\$1.00
Moosies	\$2.00
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50

To order online please go to www.myschoolconnect.com.au. All online orders must be placed by 8am. If you miss this cut off time orders can be placed at the canteen by 9:00am. We accept cash & EFTPOS payments also. Sauces + Salad dressings are available for 50c each. Sandwiches can be toasted for an extra 50c and can also be changed to a wrap or bread roll for \$1. You can add cheese and other extras for 50c each. Extra spoons and forks are 10c each. All ice blocks, watermelon cups, yoghurt cups, noodle cups and custard cups need to be collected from the canteen by the student as these will not be sent to their classroom to avoid any spillage. Healthy over the counter items are available daily and range from 50c to \$2.50, these will be displayed on the counter at lunch and recess.

If making a halal or gluten free order or if student has any allergies please write dietary requirements clearly on the lunch bag.

H = Halal, **GF** = Gluten Free, **V** = Vegetarian, **HM** = Homemade

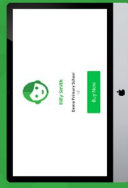


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STEP 4

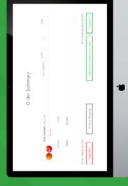
To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week, it's that simple!



STEP 4a



STEP 4b



STEP 4c

STEP 5

Once you have completed your order, view your order summary in the "cart" and proceed to "checkout". Select your preferred form of payment and submit, all orders are confirmed via email.



STEP 5a



STEP 5b

Note: only paid orders will be sent to your canteen, not those still sitting in your cart.
To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!

www.myschoolconnect.com.au/bardiaps



My School Connect has a 7 day a week Support Line, contact (03) 8669 1869



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STEP 1

Register your account on any device, simply login to www.myschoolconnect.com.au/bardiaps and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.



STEP 1

STEP 2

Add your Child as a "Student", and make sure that you select your school and classroom details.



STEP 2a



STEP 2b

STEP 3

Select "Top Up" to add money to your account via Credit Card or Paypal, you can choose Direct Deposit but allow 3-5 working days to process prior to ordering. You can also pay as you go, simply skip the pop up screen for adding funds and start ordering.



STEP 3a



STEP 3b

(Please note Merchant Fees applies to Credit Card or Paypal Transactions)

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GIRLS UNIFORM	SIZES	PRICE
Dress	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14	\$62.00
Polo Shirt with Logo	5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and M	\$31.00
Jazz Pants	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16	\$27.00
Skort	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16	\$25.00
Navy Tights	4 to 6, 6 to 8, 8 to 10, 10 to 12, Ladies 2 to 8	\$11.00
BOYS UNIFORM		
Polo Shirt with Logo	5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and M	\$31.00
Microfibre Shorts	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and M	\$22.00
UNISEX UNIFORM		
Polar Fleecy Jumper with Logo	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, M and L	\$36.00
Bomber Jacket with Logo	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and M	\$46.00
Fleecy T/Pants with Cuffs	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16	\$24.00
Bucket Hat with Logo	XS (53cm), S (55cm), M (57cm), L (59cm)	\$15.00
Sport Socks	S (9 to 2), M (2 to 7), L (7 to 12)	\$11.00
White Socks	9 to 12, 13 to 3, 2 to 8	\$4.00
PAYMENT BY CASH, EFTPOS, CREDIT CARD (VISA / MASTERCARD) AND INTERNET (EFT) AVAILABLE.		
Account name : Skool Uniforms	BSB : 012318 Account number : 498172378	
Reference is BPS plus childs name and surname.		V5

Shop opening hours : Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 2pm.

In the January peak period our opening hours will be extended to Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6pm and Saturday and Sunday 9am to 5pm from 5/1/2021 till the end of February, 2021.

Dear Parents - given the new normal with Covid 19 and the required social distancing we can only accommodate 3 customers in the shop at any time. We recommend for the 2021 back to school period that you plan your purchases earlier in January to avoid the likely long queues in late January, 2021 and throughout February 2021.

Newsletter

A warm welcome from Camp Australia

A very warm welcome to everyone, and a special welcome to families new to the school and to Camp Australia. For those who know us, Camp Australia may look a little different than you remember, but we are still here to provide a supportive **outside of school hours space** for children to play, connect, learn and grow through engaging experiences.



Your OSHC.

Introducing *Your OSHC* by Camp Australia, our tailored Before School, After School and Pupil Free Day experiences.

At *Your OSHC*, we aim to inspire your child to grow into who they want to be. They can enjoy intentional experiences guided by our engaged educators, so all children can learn, grow and have fun.



Welcome

Write a welcome note to your families here.

Welcome back everyone to another exciting term at your OSHC Camp Australia

Activities we're running over the next 2 weeks:

Write some highlight activities you'll be running over the next two weeks.

Group games

Variety of Spots and physical activities

Learning about safety through art & craft



It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



What's on this term

- Rocketeers Launch
- Virtual Parent Information Sessions
- Handball Championships
- Plus more to come!