



Principal's message

Welcome to the 2024 school year at Summer Hill Public School! I am proud of the way our students have returned, ready to learn, ready to share what they have learned over the holidays, ready to meet new teachers and ready to meet new friends.

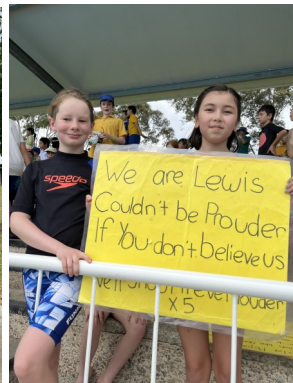
We have many new faces joining us this year at Summer Hill Public School, namely our Kindergarten students, Year 5 students in our Opportunity Class, Year 3 students from Yeo Park Infants School, new families, and new teachers! Welcome Ms Cranston 3 Cricket, Ms Stathis 4/5 Snowboard, Ms Wylie 5 Paris and Ms White 6 Weightlifting. Mrs Butler has also returned and is leading our Kindergarten team. We have also welcomed back Mrs Donato and Mrs Loukis as drama teachers and Mrs Kapoor working alongside Ms McLennan in the library. We are all looking forward to a productive year of learning for our students, families and staff.

We have had a number of events and activities already this term. Kindergarten students completed their Best Start assessments and started school on Wednesday last week. Before we know it, they'll be celebrating 100 days of Kindy! Year 5 students went to camp from Monday to Wednesday last week. Ms Barber-Hancock tells me she'll never go on the giant swing again... Students in Years 2 to Year 6 participated in our annual swimming carnival on 14 February.

As always, we have many up and coming events, activities and celebrations. We also look forward to working closely with the P&C events planning team for some combined P&C events in 2024; we hope you can join us for all or some of them. To start things off, we are looking forward to warmly welcoming our new families at the P&C welcome breakfast on Friday 1 March. Of course, our P&C are always looking for new and existing parents and carers to volunteer in numerous ways during the year. If you would like to volunteer some time to support our school and of course meet some other parents and carers, contact our friendly administration team or the P&C directly.

Meet the Teacher sessions will be held next week, Wednesday 21 February. We hope you can join us to meet your child's teacher and find out about the enriching and engaging learning experiences we have planned this year!

Finally, I was recently a guest at Canterbury Boys High School ceremony to open their fantastic new school hall. I joined special guests including principal colleagues, Murat Dizdar Secretary of the NSW Department of Education and Prue Carr our Minister for Education. We were all proud to be celebrating NSW Public Education.



Thank you for taking the time to read about what's happening at Summer Hill Public School, we are excited to report what our students have been doing. If you enjoy reading our newsletter and would like to see what's happening around the school more regularly visit the website at <https://summerhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>. For day to day updates and reminders download our audiri app for your device.

Natalie Armstrong

February

Thu 15 Year 6 Canterbury Boys talks 2pm

Fri 16 PSSA trials

Back at school sport

Tue 20 60C Fort St High School visit

Wed 21 Meet the teacher

Thu 22 Badging ceremony in hall at 2pm

Fri 23 PSSA begins

Back at school sport

Tue 27 60C Fort St High School visit

March

Fri 1 Welcome breakfast 8am

Kindy first day photos

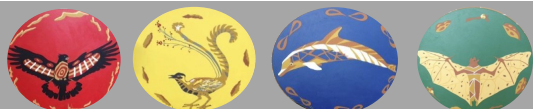
PSSA

Back at school sport

Mon 4 National Young Leaders Day

Tue 5 IWPSSA Swimming Carnival

Find more on EVENTS on the school webpage



Meet the teacher - Wednesday 21 February 2024

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) - 3:30pm in the hall

Stage 1 Year 1-2) - 4:00pm in the hall

Stage 2 (Year 3-4) - 4:30pm in the hall

4/5 Snowboard - 4:30pm in 4/5 Snowboard classroom

Stage 3 (Year 5-6) - 5:00pm location to be advised

Camp Quality - help raise money for kids with cancer

My name is Mya D and I am riding my bike to raise money for kids with cancer can you help?

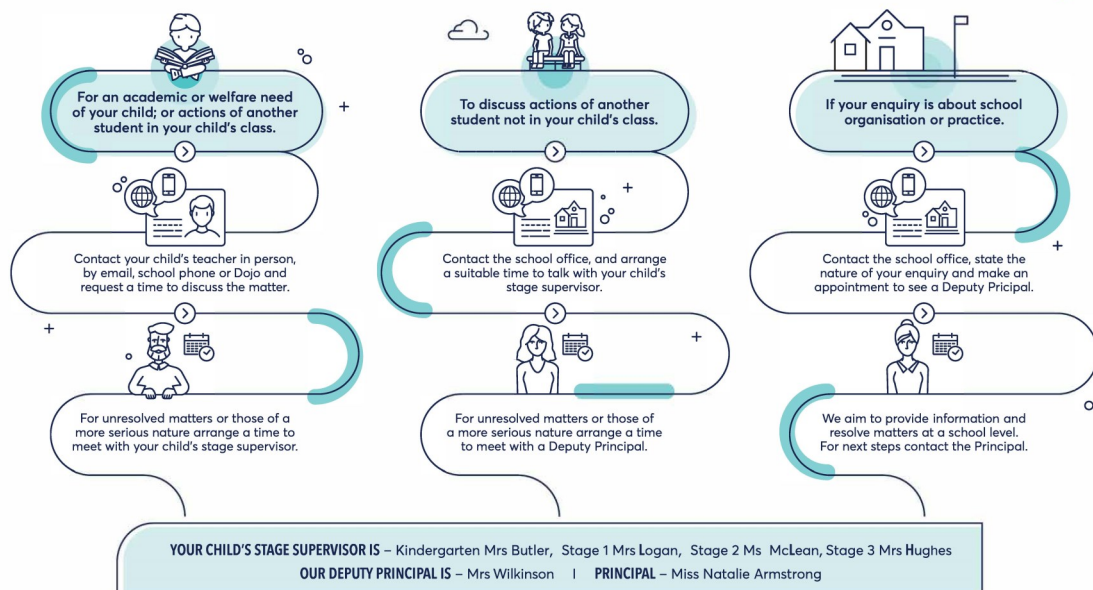
I am trying to raise some money to help children and their families have some fun through this difficult time. Help make a wish come true.

Search Mya/annie at camp quality <http://fundraise.campquality.org.au/fundraisers/annedecrescenzo>



Contacting our school

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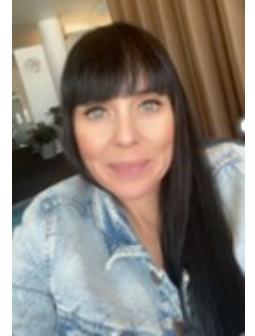
For confidential family matters including court orders and financial assistance contact the office, state the nature of your enquiry and make an appointment to see the Principal.

Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

What do you love about teaching Kindergarten?

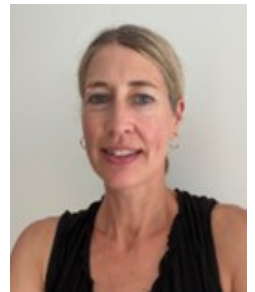
K Karate with Mrs Butler

I love teaching kindergarten because it's amazing to see how much children learn and grow within a year both academically and socially. There's also nothing better than being a part of inspiring the next generation. The little words and sentences that Kindy students say and write each day make me smile. You could write a book with all their little sayings.



K Diving with Mrs Donnelly

Teaching Kindergarten is such a rewarding experience, with no two days ever the same. I love providing opportunities that allow my students to explore and navigate the world around them, helping them to learn new skills and develop friendships. It is a privilege and honour to teach this age group



K Judo with Mrs Johnson

Guiding the journey into the first year of school is no easy feat, but the rewards are endless. We have a front row seat watching their independence and personalities grow, we see them taking risks, challenging themselves, making new friends and soaking up information like sponges. Kindergarten is a joyful year full of fun, adventures, new discoveries and excitement



K Lacrosse with Ms Lekkas

Kindergarten is such a special time in a child's life. It fills my heart to see the growth and progress of each child from the beginning of the year to the end, both academically and socially. Kindergarten is the year of countless lightbulb moments and quite often you see that lightbulb go off in their head when they learn something new. It's so wonderful to see. My favourite part of the year is when a student reads a sentence for the very first time. They beam with pride and happiness. Each child's sense of humour and the silly things they say and do make me smile. I enjoy helping Kindergarten navigate through their daily school life and experiencing the joy that comes with their infectious laughs and smiles.



K Ping Pong with Miss Prax

Kindergarten is a whirlwind of excitement, growth and fun. It is truly a special year being able to watch the students grow, learn and also get to know who they are. A highlight for me is listening to them read and seeing all their determination and hard work pay off. It's a big year, but it's very exciting!



Stage 1

Welcome to Stage 1!

2024 is shaping up to be a wonderful year of excitement and learning for our new Stage 1 students! Our days are already full of engaging learning experiences across all curriculum areas and classes have established their classroom expectations, structures and routines.

1 Dressage with Miss Duggan

You can find 1 Dressage at the end of the infants block, near the front gates of the school, next to 1 Martial Arts. Our class is named after the Paris Olympic Sport Dressage. This is a disciplined sport that requires hard work and consistent practice, much like classwork. I have taught at Summer Hill Public School since the beginning of last year. I am excited to get to know all of my students, and watch them all grow academically, socially and emotionally.



1 Martial Arts with Miss Ma

Hello! 1 Martial Arts is located in the middle of the balcony that faces the office. Our class is named after the Paris Olympic sport - "Martial Arts. This is a sport that encompasses skill, resilience and discipline. I have been teaching at Summer Hill Public School for 17 years now and have taught from years K to 6. I believe that a wonderful classroom is built with kindness, happiness and super learning. I look forward to an awesome year with 1 Martial Arts!



1 Trampoline with Ms Taylor

Hello from 1 Trampoline's cozy spot, overlooking the infants courtyard. Did you know that trampolining made its Olympic debut in Sydney back in 2000? It's a sport that embodies the spirit of resilience and fun - qualities we aim to instill in our students every day. As we embark on another exciting year, our motto, 'Jump higher, bounce back, and land carefully,' guides us in fostering not just academic growth, but also resilience, respect and responsibility - the essential 3Rs. This marks my second year at Summer Hill Public School teaching Year 1, and I couldn't be more thrilled about the adventures that lie ahead!



1 Canoe with Miss Chan

1 Canoe is located at the end of the infants block, closest to the library stairs and above the Tech Space. Our class is named after the Paris Olympic sport; the canoe sprint, as the sport requires you to be disciplined and motivated. The sport involves single races and team races, similar to how students work towards individual goals but also team learning goals. I have been at Summer Hill Public School since April last year and I have taught at an infants school previously. I look forward to a wonderful year ahead and bringing out the best in all of the students.



Stage 1 Continued

1/2 Fencing with Miss Flusk

1/2 Fencing is located on the ground floor of the primary block next to the uniform shop. Our class is named after the Paris Olympic Sport of fencing. A fun fact about fencing is that it teaches people how to analyse situations, make complex decisions quickly, to think on their feet and all without anyone getting hurt. I am excited to be working with our Stage 1 students and families again and am looking forward to all the new adventures.



2 Swimming with Miss Stafford

2 Swimming is one of the corner classrooms upstairs in the Infants Courtyard, close to the K-2 bathrooms and Infants playground. Our class is named after the Paris Olympic Sport of swimming. Did you know, swimming has been part of the Olympic schedule since the very first modern Olympic Games in 1896? Just like our own learning journeys, swimming is an individual and team sport that requires determination, perseverance and resilience. In 2 Swimming, our class motto is 'just keep swimming' to encourage us to never give up! This is my 4th year at Summer Hill Public School and I am excited to get to know our wonderful community of Year 2 parents and students this year at Summer Hill Public School.



2 Luge with Ms Logan

Welcome to 2 Luge! We are in the other corner classroom, upstairs next to 1 Martial Arts and 2 Swimming. So far we have been sliding (pun intended) into our learning and enjoying getting to know each other. Our class is called 2 Luge after the Winter Olympic sport. The sport of luge requires an athlete to balance mental and physical fitness; a philosophy that can always be applied to learning! There are many ways to learn and no one way approach will work for all. I am a big believer in a hands-on (physical) approach that will support students' understanding. This is my second year at Summer Hill Public School as Assistant Principal. I have worked in three other schools over the past 12 years. I am looking forward to sliding feet first into the year ahead.



2 Hockey with Mrs Humphreys

2 Hockey is located on the ground floor of the primary block near the uniform shop. Did you know Hockey is one of the oldest team sports in the world, dating back nearly 3000 years? This will be my 15th year at Summer Hill Public School. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the students in 2 Hockey and supporting them academically, emotionally and socially throughout the year.



Stage 2 News

And just like that we are back at school and the new academic year has kicked off with great enthusiasm!

The Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms are abuzz with enthusiasm, as students settle into their new routines and embrace the joy of learning. With an exciting new literacy and numeracy curriculum ahead, teachers are eager to guide their Year 3 and Year 4 students through a range of captivating texts and hands-on activities. Together, they will explore new concepts, embark on exciting projects, and develop essential skills that will shape the students' educational journey and beyond.

To start, the students delved into the wonderful world of creativity by channelling their artistic talents and imagination. They had the opportunity to showcase their skills in drawing as they created their very own dragons using coloured charcoal. This tied in beautifully with our recent celebration of the Lunar New Year, marking the start of the Year of the Wood Dragon.

The Year of the Dragon is often seen as a time of prosperity and good fortune. Symbolising self-improvement, resilience, and confidence, the dragon is a symbol of strength and positivity. By incorporating this theme into our curriculum, our students not only gained insight into the rich cultural traditions associated with the Lunar New Year but also were inspired to embrace these qualities in their own lives.



This exciting project is just a glimpse into the innovative and engaging learning experiences that await our Stage 2 students throughout the year. We can't wait to see their creativity, passion, and growth unfold as they embark on this remarkable journey of education and self-discovery.

Regards
Amanda McLean

Stage 2

3 Curling with Ms Carroll

I am Ms Carroll, teaching 3 Curling. I am looking forward to a year packed full of fun and learning.



3 Cricket with Ms Cranston

Hello my name is Beth Cranston and it is a privilege to be teaching the amazing students in 3 Cricket this year. I know that we will have a wonderful year of learning, growth and fun together. Our class is named 3 Cricket as it is a team sport and everyone has individual strengths in our class that together make us the perfect, supportive team.



3 Marathon with Ms McLean

I am excited to continue my teaching journey at Summer Hill Public School this year as a Year 3 classroom teacher and Relieving Assistant of Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4). I chose marathon as my class name because academic careers are more of a marathon than a sprint. Each learner runs their own race personal to them but supported and surrounded by a community of people wanting them to succeed. I look forward to supporting the students in 3 Marathon to be their best selves and achieve their learning goals, while hopefully having fun along the way.



4 Handball with Ms Hughes

Hello, I'm Stephanie Hughes and I will be teaching 4 Handball this year. I'm looking forward to a fun-filled and hardworking year here at Summer Hill PS. In this Olympic year, our class of handballers will be shooting toward their goals. The new Olympic motto is 'Citius, Altius, Fortius - Communiter'. The last word, Communiter, meaning 'together', was added in 2021. In 4 Handball, we will work together to be the best we can be. Here's to a year of learning, growing and above all being happy.



4 Breaking with Ms Keparas

Hello! My name is Ms Kristina Keparas. I'm very excited to be teaching 4 Breaking this year. This is my ninth year at Summer Hill Public School. I have a background in early childhood teaching but have taught mostly Years 3 and 4 at SHPS. I aim to create a vibrant classroom learning community based on mutually respectful relationships, trust and a sense of belonging. I am looking forward to a positive and exciting year ahead!



4/5 Snowbarding with Ms Stathis

Hi, my name is Emily Stathis and I have the pleasure of teaching the amazing students in 4/5 Snowbarding this year. This is my first year at Summer Hill and I am looking forward to getting to know the school community. Our class is called Snowbarding after the Olympics games happening later this year. Snowbarding involves learning new skills, working collaboratively and taking on new challenges which are traits that I hope all of 4/5 Snowbarding will take on this year. I am looking forward to seeing this Year's 4 and 5's learn and grow.



Stage 3

Welcome to Stage 3!

2024 will be a wonderful year for our Stage 3 students. Classes will be involved in the use of exciting new curriculum as well as engaging learning experiences across each of the Key Learning Areas. There will be PSSA and back at school sport programs, opportunities in debating, public speaking and external competitions as well as performance in music and drama. Teachers and students will work together to build respectful, responsible and committed learners who model the Summer Hill Values. Please meet our team.

5 Paris with Ms Wylie

Hello! My name is Trish Wylie. I have been at Summer Hill Public for just over 5 years. I have taught three Year 5 classes during that time. I have been teaching for 45 years, including one year in the USA and 3 years in Tasmania. I look forward to getting to know 5 Paris students and working with them to achieve their very best.



PARIS 2024

5 Skateboarding with Mr Stamocostas

Greetings! My name is Con Stamocostas and I am teaching 5 Skateboarding this year. This is my fifth year working at Summer Hill Public School and that includes almost three years as an SLSO. Before I came to Summer Hill Public School I worked as a journalist for 15 years. I bring this valuable experience of being a published journalist to my teaching. I love showing that there is a pathway for students to being a magazine features writer, filmmaker and podcaster. This year I am really looking forward to bringing a sense of fun, enjoyable learning and seeing class friendships blossom in the classroom.



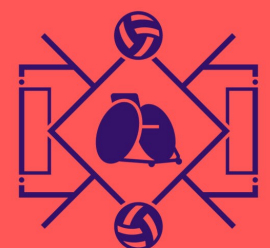
5 BMX with Ms Barber-Hancock

Hello! My name is Chloe Barber-Hancock and I will be teaching 5 BMX this year. This is my third year teaching at Summer Hill Public School and I am excited to be teaching our Year 5 Opportunity Class for 2024. Our classroom is located near the multicourt, next to 6 Golf, with whom we often work collaboratively. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and helping 5 BMX transition into our school community.



5/6 Wheelchair Rugby with Mr Williams

Hello! My name is Adam Williams and I will be teaching 5/6 Wheelchair Rugby this year. This is my 12th year at Summer Hill Public School in my 27 year teaching career. I have taught in a variety of settings in that time - including an international school in Singapore and London for two years each, in a Special School for Behaviour for four years and in the NSW Department of Education's Innovation Lab for one year. I am passionate about learning and exploring innovative education.



Stage 3 Continued

6 Weightlifting with Ms White

Hello Summer Hill PS family and friends! My name is Vanessa White and I will be teaching 6 Weightlifting this year. My classroom is located upstairs in the building on the end closest to the Junction Rd entry. I am new to Summer Hill PS this year. I have been teaching for 17 years and I am experienced teaching all grades from Kindergarten to Year 6. I am really excited to be part of the dynamic Stage 3 team and am looking forward to an amazing year of learning.



6 Surfing with Miss Schumacher

Hi there! My name is Elena Schumacher and I will be teaching 6 Surfing this year. I am thrilled to be teaching Year 6 again at Summer Hill Public School. My classroom is located near the Junction Road gate, opposite the OC classroom spaces. I look forward to getting to know our wonderful community of Year 6 parents and students this year at Summer Hill Public School, for what will be a memorable final year of primary school.



6 Golf with Mrs Geha

Hello! My name is Lucy Geha. This is my second year at the wonderful Summer Hill Public School and I am very excited to be teaching 6 Golf, the Year 6 Opportunity Class. Our classroom is located next to the multicourt and adjoined to the lovely 5 BMX, who we often enjoy working collaboratively with. I am looking forward to a fantastic final year of primary school for our students, filled with lots of learning and fun memories.



AP C&I - Relieving Stage 3 Assistant Principal - Jess Hughes

This is my 3rd year at Summer Hill Public School as APC&I. This role allows me to work with teachers across the school from Kindergarten through to Year 6. I focus on literacy and numeracy, curriculum and assessment and on improving teaching practices across the school.

This Semester I have the privilege of working closely with the amazing Stage 3 Team. From camps to carnivals, excursions, projects and special performances, Stage 3 offers the best of leadership and learning opportunities and it will be wonderful to be a part of it.



Stage 3

Year 5 Camp Report

With bags packed and pillows under arms, Summer Hill Public's Year 5 students assembled on the multicourt, ready to have their names marked off and head to camp. With medications collected, rolls marked, and cabin buddies assigned, there was a mixture of excitement, wonder at what was to be expected, and a few nerves as the students boarded the coaches and headed up the freeway to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Lake Macquarie.

Once we arrived at the camp, students were given a welcome by our camp leaders, Ruby, Jackson, Niamh, and Matt as well as the camp coordinator Ben. Students were shown to their cabins, which would be their luxury hideout for the next three days. The campsite is situated on large open green spaces with a central campfire meeting area where children would assemble for meetings, announcements and their next activity. There were large bathrooms for boys, girls, and the occasional bogong moth that flew in. There was a dining hall, as well as a large open wooden deck that looked out over the grounds and archery ranges, where the children would eat their breakfast, lunch and dinner. It was a short walk down to Stockton Creek, where we would do all of our canoeing and raft building activities. The children took part in four activities each day, stopping for morning tea and afternoon tea as well as a delicious lunch. Each afternoon following their final activity, they enjoyed 'Hour of Shower' and downtime with ability to play on the open fields, sit and read, enjoy time in their dormitories or play card games with friends. It was a great opportunity to chat with the teachers, as well as get to know the fabulous new students joining Summer Hill P.S



Meals – The meals provided were always of interest, with options such as hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken with macaroni and cheese, spaghetti bolognese and sandwiches. Xander (5 Skateboard) was very interested to find out what the staff would be eating each day, but described the student meals as “pretty good”.

The activities really were the highlight of our camp, where Year 5 were mixed up amongst classes and encouraged to build teamwork strategies, improve communication skills, build resilience, and test their comfort levels in some adrenaline-based height activities. These activities included:

Power Fan – Power Fan was great because it is very tall, but it is very fun to jump off, but a bit scary when you first jump off. Grace 5BMX

Canoeing - Canoeing was fun because you had to have three people in a raft, and my raft only had two so it capsized. The water was surprisingly warm. Dimitri 5 Paris

Raft building - In raft building, we built boats and capsized our boats, because ours wasn't strong enough. Jio 5 Paris

Giant Swing - In giant swing we went as high as we wanted to go. Some people went to the top and some went halfway. You let go and then you would swing like a swing. But it was way bigger, like 1000 times bigger than a normal swing. Rosie 5/6 Wheelchair Rugby

High Ropes - In high ropes, you have a harness with two clips that are very hard to work with. Once you're in, you have to walk across a bunch of obstacles. It's really exciting but really high. Grace 5 Skateboarding

Agility Initiatives - I love agility initiative because it was low on the ground and if you fell, it didn't hurt. Boya 5 BMX

Archery - I like Archery because it's fun and you get to learn new things. I got 3 turns and I hit black. Patch 4/5 Snowboarding

Flying fox - In Flying Fox, I really liked going on the zip line because I loved seeing the views when I got up really high. Bella 4/5 Snowboarding



Stage 3

Year 5 Camp Report continued

The teachers were not exempt from the excitement, getting involved in as many activities as possible. There were screams from Ms Barber-Hancock as she was released on the giant swing. Ms Wylie soared through the sky as she leapt off the power fan. Mrs. Hughes had to be asked to get out of the river several times because she was having too much fun. Mr Stamocostas tested his fear of heights on the Flying Fox and Mr Williams was entrusted with saving a wayward canoe that had floated down stream towards Dora Creek, jumping in and single handedly paddling against the current to take it back to port.



This year's Year 5 camp was a wonderful opportunity for our students, and we hope that they met new people, tried new things, increased their confidence and tested their own comfort zones. It was wonderful to see so much peer support and encouragement of each other over these three days. Many had to navigate missing home, different food and the random lost sock that ended up in their luggage, but these rich experiences will only serve to build their character further.

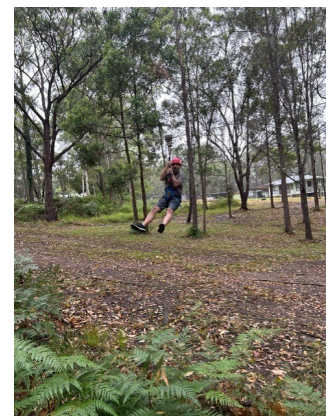
Camp does not take place without a great deal of organisation from the staff and the team in the school office. Planning for this large event takes months and we sincerely thank Mr. Adam Williams for the time, effort and coordination of this incredibly well-run event. Thanks also to the awesome Year 5 teachers for stepping away from their families for this two-night adventure.

We also acknowledge the outstanding support from our school administrative team in coordinating notes, payments, bus bookings, and correspondence to parents.

Year 5, the leadership, respect and perseverance that you all showed was wonderful and proves that this cohort of remarkable students are well on their way to becoming leaders of the school. 2024 will be a great year!

Regards

Jess Hughes



Music, Drama and Library

Music with Ms Biffin

The Music room is located on the right side of the school hall, close to the Drama room and the new sensory garden. In Music this term, Stage 1 are learning about music from around the world. We started the term learning to sing and play Gong Xi for Lunar New Year. Each week we sing, play and move to music, and will learn some graphic notation as well. This is my fifth year at Summer Hill, and my fourth year teaching music. I look forward to spending the year with all of our stage one students, and watching their musical abilities grow!



Drama with Mrs Donato

Drama is located on the left hand side of the school hall, next to the Infants Courtyard. Behind the drama room you will find the newly renovated sensory garden. In drama, students take on roles and create imagined situations, actively engage in drama forms and appreciate their own dramatic works and those of others. I have been teaching at Summer Hill Public School for 6 years. Four of those years as a classroom teacher and 2 years as a creative arts teacher. I look forward to working with our Year 1 - 6 students and meeting our littlest members of the school, our Kindergarten students.



Library with Mrs McLennan

Our school library is a bright learning hub of familiar, new and classic books. This term Stage 1 is learning to develop a good loaning routine. Students gain exposure to using the library's digital database and we begin the Premier's Reading Challenge.

As part of the library program students participate in an eSafety unit of work where they learn about the interpersonal and safety skills required to stay safe in digital environments. Check our newsletter for regular updates about eSafety webinars available for families.

I have worked at Summer Hill Public School for seven years, recently moving into an acting Teacher Librarian role. I am our school's technology coordinator and constantly seek new opportunities to support our students to be successful digital citizens.



Library News

Our school library has recently been refurbished and now is a bright learning hub of familiar, new and classic books. Every week students visit the library to read, learn and share their ideas. On your child's library day please ensure they bring their library book in their library bag to protect it from food and drink spillages. As your child's reading interests grow so does the quantity of books they can loan. Please see the table below as a loaning guide:

Kindergarten	Year 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
1 book	2 books	3 books	4 books

Our library is lucky enough to have fourteen fabulous library monitors that ensure books are returned correctly to the shelves and take on additional responsibilities that ensure everyone at our school can find their favourite book.

The 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge commences on the 26th of February. 'The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature'. Read more from the site at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>. Our recent library makeover includes two areas where children at Summer Hill Public School can browse the Premier's recommended reading list. Over the next few weeks students from year 1 through to 6 will be reviewing how to add books to their reading log and track their progress. Good luck to resilient readers moving into their Gold Certificate year!

Staying Safe Online

Cyber safety is a concern for everyone involved in student learning. At the beginning of every year students at Summer Hill Public School learn the importance of being safe digital citizens. This differentiated program discusses strategies to keep students safe when working and interacting online. As part of this unit, students in Years 2-6 sign a digital agreement that sets clear expectations when using any device for their learning at school.

A variety of parent webinars are currently available through the Department of Education's CyberMarvel website, <http://tinyurl.com/2s4j9t48>. The eSafety Commissioner is a great place to look for digital support. Use the link to find parent infographics, podcasts and webinars <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>.

Regards
Claire McLennan
Acting Librarian and ICT Coordinator



Welcome everyone to the first term of 2024. Whether your child is a returning student or a new starter, we look forward to seeing you at a meeting or an event very soon.

P&C AGM 2024

We can't promise that there will one day be a powerful ABC docuseries about the goings on at the Summer Hill Public School P&C, but for those of you who enjoy an election, the P&C AGM will take place on Tuesday, February 20th.

If we have a theme for this year, it is renewal. We would love some new executive members, especially those with kids in Kindy or Year 1, who will therefore be around the school for a good number of years. If you would like to find out more about what's involved, simply email the P&C at summerhill-publicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or just turn up to the meeting and give it a go.

Of course, you don't have to stand for election, you can simply attend the meeting and have your say on the running of the P&C and just generally find out how you might get involved.

What: The P&C AGM

When: Tuesday, February 20th at 7:15pm

Where: The technology room at the school (enter via Moonbie St gate). A zoom link will also be available. Please email us to be added to the distribution list.

If you have never been to the P&C AGM before this is what happens:

At this meeting all executive positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Officer) will become vacant and will then be filled by nomination, and where necessary by a ballot of members. You must be a member to be nominated so either bring a gold coin to the meeting (we're not pirates, that's the membership fee) or pay online at the P&C website.

The outgoing executive will also present the audited financial statements for 2023.

The AGM then ends, and the first regular meeting of the year takes place.

I will see you there.

Regards,
Conor Woods
P&C President

Second Hand Uniform Shop News

Welcome to all the new and returning families for the new school year. For those who might not know, the Second Hand Uniform Shop is run by a team of parent & carer volunteers as part of the P&C. All sale proceeds go towards raising funds for the P&C, to support our school.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is currently available for online orders through the school P&C website. Don't forget to write your child's name and class in the checkout notes. Online orders are typically filled on Monday mornings and delivered to your child's classroom.

<https://www.summerhillpandc.org/>

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will also be open for in person purchases occasionally throughout the year. Open dates will be announced through Audiri.

There are a few ways that you can help. We are always looking for volunteers to help at the shop, this requires being available some Monday mornings for 1-2 hours, as well as helping at shop open days. It's a great way to meet other parents & carers and build your school community.

If you have any old school uniforms you would like to donate, please leave them with staff at the school office. Please ensure donations are in good re-sellable condition - free from stains, rips, and damage.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please send us an email at shpcunishop@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support and a big shout out to all the wonderful volunteers!

Thank you,
Second Hand Uniform Shop Committee

Music News

2024 promises to be a very musical year. All of our choirs, recorders, ukulele, bands and orchestras are starting their regular rehearsal times and will be entertaining us all very soon at future school events.

Students can join a choir from Year 1, the recorder from Year 2 and the band, orchestra and ukulele from Year 3. If your child has been thinking about learning an instrument or joining a choir then email the school for details on how to enrol as it's never too late to make music a part of your life.

A schedule of when and where rehearsals take place is below and will also be available on the P & C noticeboard for your reference. If you would like to join the parent music committee and help support our music program please email:

shpsmusiccommittee@gmail.com

Rehearsal Schedule

Monday 8:15am

Senior Choir (music room) commences 19 February

Intermediate Choir (Kindy Karate) commences 26 February

Monday recess

Junior Choir (music room) commences 19 February

Tuesday 8am

Advanced Recorder (music room) commences 20 February

Tuesday 3pm

Stage band (music room)

Wednesday 8am

Symphony Orchestra (hall)

Wednesday 8:15am

Ukulele (3 Curling) commences 21 February

Wednesday 3pm

Concert Band (hall)

Thursday 8am

Wind Ensemble

Friday 8am

Training Band (hall) commences 1 March at 3-5:30pm for the first session then at 8am every week after that.

Training orchestra (library) commences 1 March at 7:30-9am for the first session then at 8am every week after that.



After school programmes

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TERM 1/2024

After-school art classes

BOOK A SPOT TODAY!



After-school art classes
AT SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

GREAT FOR:

- ✓ CONCENTRATION
- ✓ CREATIVITY
- ✓ RELAXATION
- ✓ BUILDING RESILIENCE
- ✓ FINE MOTOR SKILLS
- ✓ AND MORE!

TIME: TUESDAY 15.15 - 16.15
STARTING: TERM 1/2024
VENUE: SCHOOL CLASSROOM
FEES: \$225 (9 WEEKS)
**WE ACCEPT CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS.*

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ART ON CANVAS FOR KIDS
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TERM 1

AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES

MULTI-SPORTS

*AFL *SOCCER *NETBALL *RUGBY LEAGUE *BASKETBALL *CRICKET
 *ATHLETICS *ULTIMATE FRISBEE *BASEBALL *VOLLEYBALL

Starting 6th February

Suitable for ages 5-12 years old



TUESDAYS
DULWICH HILL
3:30PM



WEDNESDAYS
SUMMER HILL
3:15PM




FRIDAYS
TEMPE (INDOORS)
4:15PM


***FREE TRIAL CLASS**
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ROBOKIDS Robotics Workshops ARE BACK!

TERM 1, 2024

Don't miss out!

Term 1 - 2024 - 8 week program

*for Summer Hill PS students only

*Robotic Workshops for students in Years 1-6

Fun with engineering, coding, programming, robotic challenges and more! Build Robots with Lego, and learn to code!

Aligned with all NSW STEM requirements.

Wednesday Afternoons- Beginning Term 1 -2024

TIME: 3.00pm to 4.30pm

COST: \$240 for an 8 week program inc. GST

CREATIVE KIDS voucher may be used to save \$50

DAY: Wednesday afternoons - 14/2/24 - 3/4/24

ROOMS: TBA


*We have a Covid Safe Plan and will follow all Summer Hill PS Cleaning and Health Protocols

BOOK NOW- Don't Miss Out!

*** Years 3-6- Lego Spike and EV3 Robots-**
 Booking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CNQDO>


*** Years 1-2- WEDO 2.0 Lego Robots and Spike Essentials-**
 Booking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CNQQD>

Check us out at- <https://robokids.com.au/>



time for Greek School

Greek Afternoon Classes 2024
Summer Hill Public School
Every Thursday
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Supervision from 3pm



Minister's Awards

Community Languages


- Educational & Engaging Program
- Rhymes, Songs & Games
- Fun Reading & Writing Curriculum
- Professionally Trained Teachers
- K12 Year Certificate Students
- Afternoon & Saturday Classes

• Please use the following link to complete the enrolment and payment: <https://gocnswschools.weebly.com/>

• We will continue to accept Creative Kids Vouchers this year. You can apply for Creative kids voucher through: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/>

• Announcements to be made via our new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/gocnsweducation> and our website: <https://gocnswschools.weebly.com/>

Please call for information >>>



Education Department
02 9740 6022
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Before and after school programs

Chinese Community Language School

Enroll Now for the 2024 Academic Year!

Join us at Sydney YUCAI CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL and embark on a journey of academic excellence and personal growth! Our doors are open, and we warmly welcome you to be part of our vibrant learning community.

2024 Enrollment Now Open! Are you ready for a transformative educational experience? Secure your spot for the upcoming 2024 academic year at Sydney China Talent School.

First Semester Commences: February 3, 2024

Morning Session: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM Start your day with engaging lessons and dynamic activities that fuel your curiosity and passion for learning.

Afternoon Session: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

New Chinese Enrichment Class at Summer Hill Public School Exciting news! We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Chinese Enrichment Class at Summer Hill Public School. This specialized class focuses on Chinese language enrichment and will be a fantastic addition to our diverse program offerings.

Visit Our Website for More Information

Contact 0416682288

Sydney China Talent School: Where Excellence Meets Opportunity!

Before and after school activities 2024

The programs listed below are run by external providers, not the school. To register for any of the programs please contact the provider directly. Registration is required prior to attending.

Art on Canvas starts Tuesday 13 February at 3:10pm. To register contact 0424 093 991

Chess Club starts Tuesday 13 February at 7:45am, Wednesday 14 February 7:45am and Thursday 15 February 7:45am to register contact sydneyacademy@gmail.com

Chinese Language Community School starts Saturday 10 February 9am. To register contact sydney.yuca@gmail.com or 0416 682 288

Gecko Sports started Wednesday 7 February at 3:10pm. To register contact natascha@geckosports.com.au

Greek Orthodox Community Language School started Thursday 8 February at 3:10pm. To register contact education@goc.com.au

Robokids started Wednesday 14 February at 3:10pm. To register contact melissaclark@robokids.com.au

Soccer Skills starts Friday 23 February at 7:45am innerwestsoccer@gmail.com

Tennis Club started Monday 13 February at 7:45am. To register contact leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com



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CANTEEN MENU



YBK Breakfast

- Café Style Raisin toast \$ 2.00
- Honey, jam or vegemite toast \$ 1.50
- Pikelets with jam or honey \$ 1.00
- School size banana bread 80g \$ 3.50
- Variety of homemade muffins \$ 3.00
- Cheese Jaffle \$ 1.50
- Fresh fruit salad small \$ 3.00 Lrg \$ 5.00
- Fruit salad and Greek yoghurt \$ 5.50



Drinks

- Water \$ 2.50
- Sparkling Mineral water \$ 3.00
- Glee \$ 3.00
- Plain Milk popper \$ 2.50
- OAK Flavoured milk 300ml \$ 3.70
- Soy milk \$ 3.50
- Up&Go \$ 3.70
- OCCASIONAL**
- Juice poppers 99% fruit juice 250ml \$ 3.00



YBK Snacks

Everyday

- Seasonal fresh fruit \$ 1.50
- Fruit Skewer \$ 1.50
- Apple slinky \$ 1.50
- Fresh fruit salad Sm \$ 3.00 Lrg \$ 5.00
- Fruit salad and Greek yoghurt \$ 5.50
- Carrot Stick (4x) \$ 0.50
- Health pack (carrot, celery, cucumber, ham, cheese and crackers) \$ 4.00
- Cucumber, celery and carrot cups with Hummus \$ 3.00
- Variety of homemade muffins \$ 3.00
- Pizza Bread \$ 2.00
- Garlic Bread \$ 1.00
- Cheesy garlic Scroll \$ 1.50
- Greek Yoghurt cups \$ 1.50
- Greek Yoghurt cups with berries \$ 2.00
- Pauls Vanilla Custard \$ 1.50

OCCASIONAL

- Oven baked hash browns \$ 1.50
- Popcorn Plain \$ 2.50

Everyday

- Frozen pineapple ring \$ 0.80
- Quelch Stick \$ 1.00
- Juicies \$ 2.00
- Frozen juice cup \$ 1.50
- Juicie Tubes \$ 2.50

Frozen

OCCASIONAL

- Paddlepop \$ 2.50
- Moosies, frozen milk \$ 2.50
- Twisted Yoghurt cups \$ 3.50

Special Diets

GLUTEN FREE

- Muffins \$ 3.00
- Banana bread \$ 5.00
- Pirhana Veggie chips \$ 2.50
- Pasta Bolognese \$ 6.80
- Homemade fried rice with gluten free soy sauce \$ 5.30 (250g)
- Health pack with gluten free crackers and gluten free Hummus \$ 4.00
- Gluten free burgers \$ 7.50
- Gluten free pie \$ 6.00

DAIRY FREE

- yoghurt \$ 3.50
- Soy milk \$ 3.50
- muffins \$ 3.00

dairy free breads and spreads available

HALAL

- Homemade Pasta Bolognese \$ 5.80 (250g)
- Homemade Butter chicken with rice \$ 6.80
- Halal Pies \$ 5.00
- Halal Sausage rolls \$ 4.50
- Halal Beef burger (beef Patty, tomato and lettuce) \$ 7.00
- Falafel wrap (Falafel, hummus, lettuce, tomato, cucumber) \$ 7.50
- Chicken burger (chicken, lettuce and mayo) \$ 7.00
- Char grilled chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, cucumber and mayo \$ 7.50
- Chicken kebab stick \$ 3.50
- Chicken kebab in a wrap \$ 5.00
- Chicken kebab in a wrap with lettuce and mayo \$ 6.00
- Homemade Chicken schnitzel, avocado, lettuce and mayo \$ 8.00



Cold Food

SANDWICHES

white, wholemeal, multigrain and gluten free bread available

- Vegemite or honey \$ 2.50
- Vegemite and light tasty cheese \$ 4.50
- Light Tasty Cheese \$ 4.00
- Chicken, lettuce and mayo \$ 5.50
- Chicken and salad \$ 6.00
- Egg and Lettuce \$ 5.00
- Salad \$ 5.00
- Tuna and mayo \$ 5.00
- Tuna and salad \$ 6.00
- Light Tasty Cheese and tomato \$ 4.50
- Ham \$ 4.50
- Ham and tasty cheese \$ 5.50
- Ham and salad \$ 6.00
- Cheese and salad \$ 6.00
- Ham, tasty Cheese and Tomato \$ 6.00 (extra fillings \$ 0.50, toasted \$ 1.00, Turkish bread \$1.00, GF \$1.00)

WRAPS / ROLLS

- Char grilled chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, cucumber and mayo \$ 7.50
- Ham, cheese and Pineapple \$ 7.00
- Tuna, lettuce, tomato and mayo \$ 7.50
- Egg wrap (egg, tomato, lettuce, avocado and mayo) \$ 6.50
- Falafel with mixed salad, carrots, cucumbers, hummus and Tzatziki \$ 7.50
- Salad wrap with mixed salad, tomatoes, carrots, cucumber, beetroot and avocado \$ 6.50
- Homemade Chicken schnitzel, avocado, lettuce and mayo \$ 8.00



Hot Food

- Homemade Pasta Bolognese \$ 5.80 (250g)
- Homemade Pasta with napoletano sauce \$ 5.20 (250g)
- Fried rice with vegetables \$ 5.20
- Wonton Soup chicken \$ 5.00
- Chicken noodle soup \$ 4.00
- Chicken kebab stick \$ 3.50
- Chicken Kebab in a wrap \$ 5.00
- Chicken Kebab on wrap with lettuce and mayo \$ 6.00

OCCASIONAL

- Ricotta and Spinach Rolls \$ 4.50
- Timbertown Junior pies \$ 3.50

Fresh Salads

- Garden Salad and dressing \$ 6.70
- Grilled chicken and salad \$ 7.20
- Tuna and salad \$ 7.20
- Greek salad \$ 7.20
- all small salads \$ 5.70
- OCCASIONAL**
- Caesar salad (lettuce, bacon, parmesan and croutons) \$ 7.50 (chicken \$1.00 extra)

YBK Weekly Meals

MONDAY - Burgalicious \$ 7.00

- Chicken Burger with chargrilled chicken breast, lettuce, mayo
- Beef burger with beef patty, lettuce, tomato and sauce
- Vegetarian Burger - potato patty, lettuce, tomato and mayo

TUESDAY

- Homemade Butter chicken with rice \$ 6.80

WEDNESDAY - Pizza

- Pizza Margherita \$ 5.00
- Pizza Vegetarian \$ 6.00
- Pizza Ham and Pineapple \$ 6.50
- Pizza Meatlovers \$ 7.50

THURSDAY

(Occasional item offered every Thursday)

- Vegetarian Nachos \$ 6.00
- Beef Nachos \$ 6.50

Every second week only (Occasional)

- Timbertown beef pie \$ 5.00
- Timbertown sausage roll \$ 4.50
- Timbertown beef potato pie \$ 5.50

SAUCE SATCHELS 50cents

FRIDAY

- Pasta with Meatballs in Napoletano sauce \$ 6.80
- Sushi Roll Tuna/Teriyaki Chicken/Vegetarian \$ 4.50
- Sushi Baby Box Tuna, avo or cucumber \$ 4.80
- Edamame beans \$ 3.50

*Daily specials may change according to season, weather/school events.



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- 2 Type in your email and submit to create an account.
- 3 Go to your inbox and click the link to verify your email (remember to check your junk).
- 4 Follow the registration process, creating a password and adding your personal details.
- 5 Add your student under "Profile" and start ordering online!



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High School open days

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OPEN NIGHT 2024

We invite you to join us on our Open Night to experience all that Ashfield Boys High School has to offer your son. We extend a special welcome to parents and children in Years 5 and 6.



Date: Thursday 22nd February 2024
Location: Guests will be welcomed in the Hall

TOUR BOOKINGS: Bookings are online at
<https://www.trybooking.com/CPDYR>

Ashfield Boys High School



117 LIVERPOOL ROAD ASHFIELD

For further Enquiries: **PHONE** 9798 6620

Email: ashfieldbo-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



CANTERBURY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT FRIDAY 1 MARCH 4.00PM - 7.00PM



Visit our school to see our wonderful facilities

- Meet our dedicated staff and student leaders
- Hear a brief welcome from our School Principal
- Be introduced to the staff who will support Year 7 in 2025
- Enjoy a tour of the school
- Engage in some classroom activities

We hope you will be able to join us.
No RSVP is required



Principal Address	Mr Ross Dummet	5.00 pm	John Howard Hall
Enrichment Program	Mr Glenn Smith	5.30 pm	John Howard Hall

Canterbury Boys High School Tours to specialist rooms and activities will leave from the main quad from:
4.00pm – 5.00pm and 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

Address: Holden Street, Ashbury
Phone: 9798 8444

canterburb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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Open Night Tours

Tuesday 27 February 2024

4:00pm – 6:00pm

No booking required

School-in-Action Tours

Tuesdays 5 & 12 March 2024

Tours at 9:30 & 10:00 & 10:30am

No booking required



Church Street Canterbury NSW 2193

Phone 02 9718 1805 Fax 02 9718 3501

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MARRICKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT

Monday 26 February 2024

5.00 - 7.00pm



Principal Steven Holz, will address families at **5.00pm** in the **school hall**.

LEARN MORE ABOUT MARRICKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

- Tour the facilities
- Meet our teachers
- Chat to students
- Enjoy a BBQ dinner



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Contact

2 Centennial Street
Marrickville
9569 2444

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School Bytes finance, attendance and consent form system!

What is the School Bytes portal?

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for parents and carers to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including pay for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time, day or night.

Through the portal you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we still accept payment via cash and cheque.

Further information and [parent/carers user guides](#) can be found on the school website. Register for the Parent Portal via the QR code or visit the [School Bytes Parent Portal log in page](#).

If you still have questions please contact SHPS school administration:

summerhill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



School Bytes

Parent App

Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.

Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

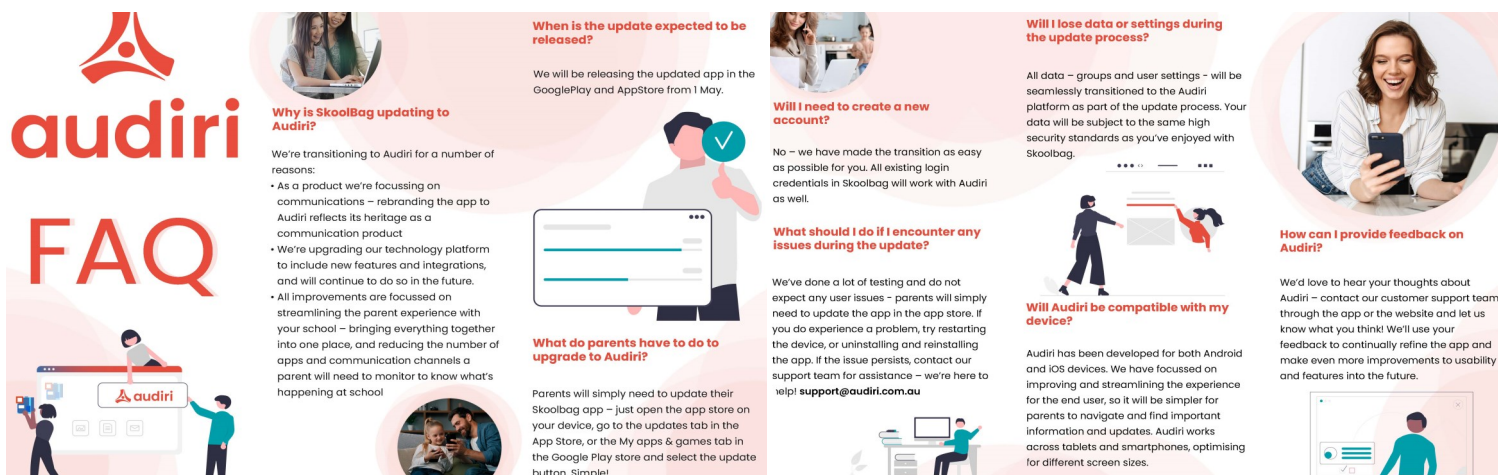
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GET IT ON Google Play

Skoobag transition to Audiri

Dear parents and carers,

Please update your Skoobag app on your device following the instructions below.



audiri

FAQ

Why is Skoobag updating to Audiri?

We're transitioning to Audiri for a number of reasons:

- As a product we're focussing on communications – rebranding the app to Audiri reflects its heritage as a communication product
- We're upgrading our technology platform to include new features and integrations, and will continue to do so in the future.
- All improvements are focussed on streamlining the parent experience with your school – bringing everything together into one place, and reducing the number of apps and communication channels a parent will need to monitor to know what's happening at school

When is the update expected to be released?

We will be releasing the updated app in the GooglePlay and AppStore from 1 May.

Will I need to create a new account?

No – we have made the transition as easy as possible for you. All existing login credentials in Skoobag will work with Audiri as well.

What should I do if I encounter any issues during the update?

We've done a lot of testing and do not expect any user issues – parents will simply need to update the app in the app store. If you do experience a problem, try restarting the device, or uninstalling and reinstalling the app. If the issue persists, contact our support team for assistance – we're here to help! support@audiri.com.au

What do parents have to do to upgrade to Audiri?

Parents will simply need to update their Skoobag app – just open the app store on your device, go to the updates tab in the App Store, or the My apps & games tab in the Google Play store and select the update button. Simple!

Will I lose data or settings during the update process?

All data – groups and user settings – will be seamlessly transitioned to the Audiri platform as part of the update process. Your data will be subject to the same high security standards as you've enjoyed with Skoobag.

Will Audiri be compatible with my device?

Audiri has been developed for both Android and iOS devices. We have focussed on improving and streamlining the experience for the end user, so it will be simpler for parents to navigate and find important information and updates. Audiri works across tablets and smartphones, optimising for different screen sizes.

How can I provide feedback on Audiri?

We'd love to hear your thoughts about Audiri – contact our customer support team through the app or the website and let us know what you think! We'll use your feedback to continually refine the app and make even more improvements to usability and features into the future.