



School Rules

Be Safe



Be Respectful



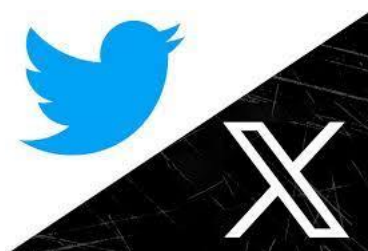
Be a Good Learner



Term 4 - Week 6 – Friday 17 November 2023

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday 8 November – Friday 24 November	Healthy Harold Van
Monday 20 November	Selective HS Applications close (Year 5)
Tuesday 28 November	High School Orientation Day
Monday 11 December	Year 6 Graduation & Farewell
Thursday 14 December	End of Year Picnic Day
Friday 15 December	Talent Quest



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Fairfield West Public School
Palmerston Rd, Fairfield West. 2165
Phone: 9604 5568
Email: fairfieldw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL WEBSITE
<https://fairfieldw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and carers

2024 Planning

The executive is currently looking at student enrolments for 2024 so class sizes can be organised. If you are going on a holiday before the end of the year or leaving during the break and not returning until after the school year begins, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the front office as soon as possible. You can also call the office on 96045568 and inform an office staff member. We need to know this information so we can keep your placement open.

WILL YOUR CHILD BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL AT THE END OF TERM 4?

The last day of school is Friday 15 December 2023. If you know your child will not be at school at the end of term but will return for the 2024 school year, please contact the office to state the date/s of absence and reason. An 'Application for Exemption from Attendance' (available from the office) **MUST** be submitted if your child is going to be absent.

Is your child leaving Fairfield West Public School?

In order to plan our classes for next year, it is vital we know the number of students who will be enrolled at our school in 2024. Please inform the office if your child is **not** returning to Fairfield West Public School next year or will be returning after Thursday 1 February 2024.

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NOTICE OF STUDENT LEAVING

(Please give to office)

My child _____ of class _____ **WILL NOT BE** returning to Fairfield West Public School next year. Their last day will be _____. The school they will attend next year is _____.

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NOTICE OF STUDENT RETURNING AFTER 1 February 2024

(Please give to office)

My child _____ of class _____ will be returning to Fairfield West Public School next year but will **return after Thursday 1 February** due to _____.

(reason)

(date)

Parent/carer signature _____

Selective High School Applications Now Open

Attention Year 5 parents and carers: The applications have now opened for Year 7 entry into a Selective High School in 2025. Most students in selective high schools enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests. To apply, complete the [online application](#). **Applications close on 20 November 2023.** Once the application has been submitted and processed, your child will be allocated to a test centre to sit the **Selective High School Placement Test on 9 May 2024**. For more information, see the newsletter below.

News from the Principal – Continued

COVID-19 - Stay home if unwell

COVID-19 is still active in the community. While COVID-19 remains an unpredictable virus, NSW Health advises that COVID-19 will continue to present a health risk to the community. Accordingly, schools will continue to implement baseline COVID-smart measures to help reduce the risk of transmission for students and staff members. These key COVID-smart measures include:

- staying home if unwell, and only attending school when symptom free
- consider doing a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) for symptomatic students and staff
- people exposed to COVID-19 should follow NSW Health guidance and should consider doing a RAT to identify infection early even if they are not experiencing any symptoms
- strongly encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations for students, staff and their families, including a booster shot (when eligible)
- good hygiene practices including regular hand washing
- maintaining natural ventilation, with consideration of local environmental circumstances
- recommending staff and visitors to wear a mask when working with or visiting Schools for Specific Purposes (SSPs), support units or schools with students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19 particularly indoors and when physical distancing is not possible
- assessing risk and applying appropriate safeguards across activities and events

If your child does test positive to COVID-19, please let the school know.

Please make sure you answer phone calls from the school in case we are contacting you about your child becoming ill at school. If your phone number has changed, please let the school office know on 9604 5568.

Kindergarten enrolments – BEING TAKEN NOW

If you have a child who needs to start Kindergarten in 2024 please complete an online enrolment as soon as possible or you can also come to the school for a paper enrolment form. It is never too early to enrol and enrolling early will assist the school to prepare transition programs.

For enrolment you will need to bring:

- *Child's original birth certificate or passport.*
- *Proof of address e.g., original of council rates notice, residential lease or electricity account.*
- *Parents born overseas please bring original passport or citizenship papers.*
- *Current Immunisation History Statement*

Staff Learning

Not only do the students spend their days learning, but so do all the staff at FWPS. Over the past two weeks staff members have participated in the following professional learning opportunities:

- Two hours High Potential and Gifted Education - Seven Assistant Principals and 26 teachers.
- One day Disability Reference Group – Principal.

All staff professional learning ensures that the highest quality of education is provided to all students at FWPS.

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

I respect and acknowledge Aboriginal People as the traditional owners of the land on which I work, live and visit.

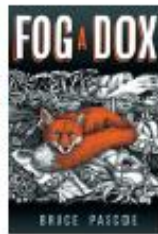


Class Report ~ 5S

Term 4 in 5S



5S have been participating in the Kids Committee program, building their leadership skills focused on presentations, responsibility, organisation and teamwork.



Students in 5S have been reading a variety of complex texts to build their comprehension skills during reading groups. Students in 5S have also been enhancing their mathematical thinking by practising problem solving strategies.



Students in 5S have been working on a new attendance project. With the help of Ms Isaac, students in 5S are working on raising awareness about the importance of attendance.

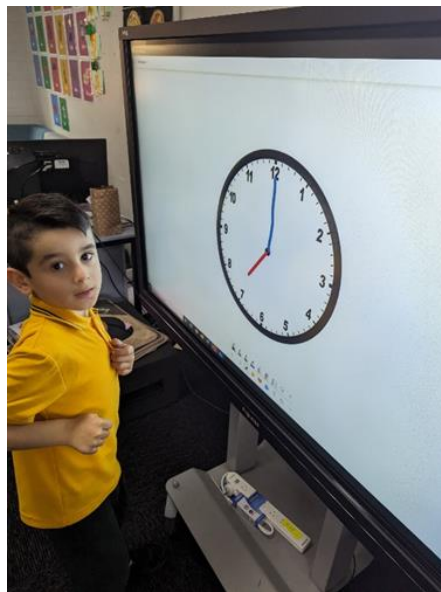


Class Report - K/6B

K/6B has been having so much fun during 2023! Earlier this semester we had science fun day. Check out our slime and how amazing it looks!

K/6B also had the opportunity to go on an excursion to the powerhouse museum to watch "Possum Magic". It was HILARIOUS and we had such a great time.

In class we are continuing to learn some amazing new things. We love our maths lessons where we have been skip counting and have also learnt how to tell the time! We have also been creative during art lessons...recently we made Forky!



Sport News

Horsley Zone Winter PSSA

Fairfield West Upcoming Fixtures

*** Summer PSSA competition games are played between 9.00am and 11.00am ***

SUMMER PSSA Round 12 17 November	SUMMER PSSA Round 13 24 November
Cricket v Smithfield Boys T-Ball v Smithfield Newcombe ball v King Park AFL v GPK Touch v William Stimson	Cricket v Cabra West Boys T-Ball v Smithfield West Newcombe ball v Cecil Hills AFL v Harrington St Touch v Prairevale

Fairfield West PSSA Results

Round 10 3 November	Round 11 10 November No Games Played
Jnr Newcombe ball v SJP A Lost 1-15 1-15 1-15 Snr Newcombe ball v SJP A Lost 0-15 0-15 3-15	
Jnr Cricket v GPK Lost 66-89 Snr Cricket v GPK WON 102-60	
Jnr Girls AFL v BP WON 26-1 Snr Girls AFL v BP WON 45-8	
Jnr Boys T-Ball v GPK WON 23-18	
Snr Boys Touch v King Park DREW 1-1 Snr Girls Touch v King Park DREW 1-1	

Representative Sport News



Selective High School Applications Now Open

Selective high school Year 7 entry in 2025—applications open 9 October to 20 November 2023.

[Selective high schools](#) provide a learning environment designed for academically gifted and high potential students. They help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn at a quicker pace and in more detail
- supporting their unique wellbeing needs.

Most students in selective high schools enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Research shows that students benefit both academically and socially from the learning environment in selective high schools. Selective high schools are unzoned so you can apply no matter where you live.

Where are they located?

There are 47 selective high schools for Year 7 entry in NSW with:

- 17 selective high schools
- 25 partially selective high schools
- 4 agricultural selective high schools (3 that offer boarding)
- Aurora College, for rural and remote students available in 182 authorised host schools.

Check the [selective high school map](#) to find one near you. Or look up the [selective high schools list](#).

Is a selective high school the right fit for my child?

If your child learns quickly, asks complex questions, has a good memory or is intensely focused in their area of interest, then a selective high school might be a great fit. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on [Selective high schools – Year 7](#) and in the new [student resource hub](#).

Fair and equitable access

The [Equity Placement Model](#) helps make access fairer for more high potential students in our community.

We know that some students may be missing out because they experience educational disadvantage.

Selective High School Applications Now Open

Under the Model, up to 20% of student places at each selective high school are held for:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability.

These students can be offered a place if their test performance is within 10% of the lowest general applicant first-round offer for the school.

Learn more at [Equity Placement Model](#).

The application process

Complete the [online application](#).

Applications close on 20 November 2023.

Once the application has been submitted and processed your child will be allocated to a test centre to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on 9 May 2024. Selective high school places are offered based on students' test performance (academic merit). Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#).

Ready to apply?

Apply online at shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au

Further information

Visit [Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes Year 7](#).

Contact the Selective Education Unit

Placement of students in selective high schools in Year 7 is administered by the Selective Education Unit.

The SHS and OC schools' site has a messaging feature that you can use to send and receive messages from the Unit at any time: <https://shsoc-schools.education.nsw.gov.au/> (Designated principal's DoE login is required).

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Telephone: 1300 880 367.

The preferred way for parents to contact the Selective Education Unit is by sending messages through their application dashboard.

Website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Community Hub



Please come and join in the activities in the Community Cottage. A range of activities are available so please contact Rania 0492 842 572 if you are interested.



Tuesdays 9.00am-11.00am

COFFEE



CHAT



Thursdays 2pm



Thursday 9.00am-11.00am



Self-Care Workshop

Wednesday 29 November

The workshop will support wellbeing for the entire family and provides practical strategies for parents to establish good self-care habits for both themselves and their children.



Wednesdays in October and November: 9.30am-11.30am
First session: 18 October

If you are interested in a Citizenship test preparation group – call Rania 0492 842 572

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WHEN

Tuesday 29th of
November
9:30am-12:30pm

WHERE

Fairfield West Public School,
1 Palmerston Rd, Fairfield
West NSW 2165

TO REGISTER

Contact Dima on
0420-703-725

Or register via the website:
<https://strongsafefamilies.online/program/>



Communities for Children
Fairfield



Learn today, change tomorrow.

Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Initiative Fairfield is funded by the Australian Government and facilitated by The Smith Family.

Cyberbullying

**FREE MORNING
TEA &
CHILDMINDING**

About the program

The workshop will look at preventing bullying and cyber bullying, how to support a child who is being bullied, working with your child's school/centre, what to do if your child is a bully and other important information.

WHEN

Monday 4 December
9:30am-11:30am

WHERE

Fairfield West Public School,
1 Palmerston Rd, Fairfield
West NSW 2165

TO REGISTER

Contact Dima on
0420-703-725

Or register via the website:

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PROGRAMS



**LOWER
PRIMARY**
(5-7 years)









**UPPER
PRIMARY**
(8-11 years)



SECONDARY
(High school
students)

Sessions include:

-  Fun interactive activities that teach about animal care.
-  Behind-the-scenes tour of our shelter.
-  Help our Animal Carers with their daily responsibilities.
-  Meeting a variety of shelter animals.
-  Learn how to be an animal advocate in your community.
-  Learn about animal career pathways



Sydney Adoption and Education Centre
201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

SCAN ME



RSPCA NSW Education Team

☎ 02 9782 4478 ✉ education@rspcansw.org.au
🌐 <https://events.humanitix.com/host/rspca-nsw>

RSPCA 
New South Wales

Community News

Summer School Holiday Activities

COST: \$45 per day
Wednesdays \$55
AGES: 5-12 years
TIME: 8:00am - 3:30pm

WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, lunch, enclosed shoes.
ADDITIONAL NOTES: 3 day discount for \$110
Additional \$10 for all Wednesdays

BOOK NOW



Thurs 21st	Christmas card making, Santa Obstacle Course, Volleyball, Gymnastics	Mon 22nd	Salt Painting, Spikeball, Ultimate Frisbee, Bullrush
Fri 22nd	Ornament making, Soccer, Giant Jenga, Fort building	Tues 23rd	Stress Balls, Mini Gymnastics, Tower Building, Tae Kwon Do
Tues 2nd	Oil Pastel Fireworks, Basketball, Ring toss competition, Boxing Beasts	Wed 24th	Laser Tag, Bunnings Incursion, Volleyball, Giant Board Games
Wed 3rd	Laser Tag, Chalk Mural, Spikeball, Badminton	Thurs 25th	Finger Painting, Ring Toss, Tunnel Ball, Ninja Training
Thurs 4th	Clay Tiles, Mini Musicians, Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer	Fri 26th	CLOSED
Fri 5th	Ooblek Science Experiment, Pickleball, Giant Jenga, Tae Kwon Do	Mon 29th	Nature Art Stamps, Giant Lego, Obstacle Course, Basketball
Mon 8th	Water Colour Painting, Ninja Training, Volleyball, Gymnastics	Tues 30th	Dodgeball, Splatter Art, Fort Building, Mini Olympics
Tues 9th	Statue Painting, Hula Hooping Skills, Singing Practice, Badminton	Wed 31st	Laser Tag, Mural Competition, Soccer, Mini Musicians
Wed 10th	Laser Tag, Hopscotch, Soccer, Pickleball		ADDITIONAL NOTES
Thurs 11th	Messy Paint, Parkour Obstacle Course, Meet the Squad Day, Giant Board Games		ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HOLD A VALID CLUB MEMBERSHIP
Fri 12th	Mask Painting, Tower Building, Wacky Tennis, Musical Statues		LUNCH PACKS AVAILABLE FOR \$5 PURCHASE
Mon 15th	Healthy Heart Day, Yoga, Kindness Clouds, Boxing Beasts		INCLUDED WITH LUNCH PACK: PARTY PIES, SAUSAGE ROLLS, CHICKEN CHIPS, FRUIT AND JUICE BOX
Tues 16th	Rock Painting, Fort Building, Tae Kwon Do, Floor is Lava		HALAL AND GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
Wed 17th	Laser Tag, Poster Competition, Tunnel Ball, Ninja Training		
Thurs 18th	Origami, Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee, Dancing		
Fri 19th	Fluffy Paint, Wacky Tennis, Basketball, Giant Jenga		

CONTACT US: Phone number: 9727 8908 Email: fairfieldcabramatta@pcycnsw.org.au





Carers Lunch

We would like to invite carers of children with additional needs to attend a free carers lunch. We will be celebrating carers as well as consulting with you about wellness activities for 2024.

Friday 24th of November 2023

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Club Marconi

**121 - 133 Prairie Vale Rd,
Bossley Park NSW 2176**

TO REGISTER SCAN



<https://forms.office.com/r/N7QfZJCRGH>

For more information
info@parkscommunity.org.au
02 96097400

www.parkscommunity.org.au

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FairfieldCity
Celebrating diversity



COMMUNITY EVENT

*A walk to raise public awareness of
domestic and family violence*

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2023

9.30am – meet at Cabravale Park Cabramatta

10.00am – walk to Freedom Plaza

There will be:

**SPEECHES STUDENT PERFORMANCES INFORMATION STALLS
COMMUNITY BBQ – GOLD COIN DONATION**

Proudly funded by



St Johns Park
Bowling Club

This initiative is also supported by Cabramatta High School, Fairfield City Police Area Command, Canley Vale High School, Canley Vale Public School, Cabramatta Public School, Lansvale Public School, MTC Australia, Navitas Skilled Futures, CORE Community Services, Bonnie Support Service, Fairfield Community Corrections, Department of Family and Community Services South Western Sydney District, Fairfield Domestic Violence Committee, South West Sydney Family Referral Service, Liverpool/ Fairfield/ Canterbury /Bankstown/Burwood Staying Home Leaving Violence Service, South West Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service, Asian Women at Work, Cabra-Vale Diggers Club, Woolworths Cabramatta, Assyrian Resource Centre, TAFE NSW, NSW Council for Pacific Communities, Rotary Club of Wetherill Park, The Benevolent Society, Justice Support Centre and Cambodian-Australian Welfare Council of NSW.

Community News



MAGIC MANIA



Sunday 10th December 2023

Magic Mania would like to invite any special needs children and their families from your organisation to our **XMAS Magic Show** It will be held at:



Wentworthville Leagues Club,

50 Smith St, Wentworthville 2145 NSW



The show times are: **Show 1** - 11.00pm, **Show 2** - 1.00pm, **Show 3** - 3.00pm although we ask those needing assistance to arrive **at least 30 minutes prior**.

We are offering **FREE** tickets to this event to all special needs as well as care givers and family members who would like to attend. These tickets to you are completely **FREE OF CHARGE** and made possible by the generosity of your local business and professional people.

RSVP please, **no later than Monday 4th December 2023**, the earlier the better though as we can then have the tickets with you in good time. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to email Anastasia at info@magicmania.com.au

Anastasia Kefallinos

(Whilst our preference is to email all ticketing where possible, please advise separately if you require posted hard copies)

FOR YOUR FREE TICKETS PLEASE

Number of TICKETS: **Show 1**: **Show 2**: **Show 3**:

CONTACT NAME:

ORGANISATION:

Your Tel/Mobile :

POSTAL ADDRESS:

OR YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:

Community News

Low Cost & Free Meals Directory



Fairfield Area - Meals					
Organisation	Location & Phone Number	Services	Cost	Day / Time & Conditions of Use	Additional Support
Fairfield Food Services	11 Kenyon St, Fairfield (02) 9728 6939	Meal delivery	\$5 Meal \$2 Soup \$1.50 Dessert	Mon - Fri 8am-1pm <i>Call to register</i>	
Oakdene Kitchen	9/2 Dale St, Fairfield 8717 0999	Centre based meal	Free	Tues & Thurs 12pm - 2pm <i>Call to register</i>	MS
Power Care Link	1 Toohey Road, Wetherill Park 0417 420 078	Take away meal	Free, donations appreciated	Tues & Wed 9:30am - 4pm <i>Call to register</i>	
St Merkorious Charity: Fairfield Community Centre	Fairfield Community Centre, 43 Harris Street, Fairfield (02) 9799 9954	Home meal delivery	Free	<i>Call to register and for day and time</i>	

Fairfield Area – Community Pantry					
Organisation	Location & Phone Number	Services	Cost	Day / Time & Conditions of Use	Additional Support
Anglicare: Anglicare Op Shop	9 Christina Road, Villawood (02) 8774 7467	Mobile community pantry	\$12 bag of pantry items	Mon - Fri 9.30am – 3.30pm Sat 9am -1pm <i>Call to register</i>	WS MS FS
Cabramatta Anglican Church	40-42 Cumberland St, Cabramatta (02) 8774 7467	Mobile community pantry	\$12 bag of pantry items	Every second Wed 6.30pm – 7.30pm <i>Call to register</i>	WS MS FS
Power Care Link	1 Toohey Road, Wetherill Park 0417 420 078	Community pantry	Free, donations appreciated	Tues & Wed 9.30am - 4pm <i>Call to register</i>	
Salvation Army Fairfield	473 Hamilton Road, Fairfield West 0419 765 799	Mobile pantry	Free	Mon - Thu 9.30am-2pm <i>Call to register</i>	FS
St Barnabas Anglican Church	10 Frederick St, Fairfield (02) 9724 1628	Mobile pantry	\$3 bag of fresh food items	Every second Thu 1.30pm – 2.30pm <i>Call to register</i>	WS MS FS
St Johns Anglican Church	73 Edensor Road, St Johns Park 0400 774 238	Mobile pantry	\$12 bag pantry items	Every second Mon 1.30pm – 2.30pm <i>Call to register</i>	WS MS FS



Wellbeing Support
E.g. Counselling, Social Worker



Material Support
E.g. Clothing, Blankets



Financial Support
E.g. EAPA, Nils, Bills

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Low Cost & Free Meals Directory



Fairfield Area - Hampers

Organisation	Location & Phone Number	Services	Cost	Day / Time & Conditions of Use	Additional Support
Community First Step	25 Barbara St, Fairfield 9727 4333	Food parcel	Free	Call Mon & Wed 9am - 12pm to register Parcel services provided in the afternoon	
CORE Community Services	32 Harris street Fairfield (02) 8707 0600	Food voucher	Free	Tue <i>Call to register</i>	WS FS
CORE Community Services	476 Cabramatta Rd, West Mt Pritchard (02) 8582 4170	Food parcel	\$20 hamper - includes 3 bags of pantry items	<i>Call to register and confirm date and time</i> <i>Fairfield and Liverpool residents only</i>	FS
CORE Community Services, supported by SecondBite	476 Cabramatta Rd, West Mt Pritchard (02) 8582 4170	Food parcel	Free	<i>Call to register and confirm date and time</i> <i>Fairfield and Liverpool residents only</i>	FS
Food Angels	32 Box Rd, Wakeley 0415 700 730	Food parcel	\$30	Every second Sat 10am – 12pm <i>Phone or Facebook orders by Thursday</i>	
St Vincent's De Paul Society Support Centre	248 Humpries Road, Bonnyrigg (02) 9823 1222	Food parcel, food voucher	Free	Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm <i>Call to register</i>	MS FS
I & T Dance & Community Support Team	Contact via Facebook page for location details	Food parcel	Free	Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm, Sunday on request <i>Book via facebook page. Must be able to pick up.</i>	MS
St Merkorious Charity: Fairfield Community Centre	Fairfield Community Centre, 43 Harris Street, Fairfield (02) 9799 9954	Food parcel, delivery	Free	<i>Call to register and for day and time</i>	



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Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Attendance

NSW Department of Education

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

School Uniforms



Fairfield West Public School Uniform Order Form

All uniform orders must be pre-ordered through the front office or via email fairfieldw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Garment	Price	Quantity	Size	Total
Dress	\$35			
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	\$26			
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	\$28			
Jumper	\$31			
Jacket	\$43			
Culottes	\$27			
Boys' Shorts	\$23			
Track Pants	\$29			
Sports Shirt	\$21			
Legionnaire Cap	\$8			
Baseball Cap	\$8			
Bucket Hat	\$10			
Beanie	\$8			
Scarf	\$8			
Library Bag	\$8.50			
	Total			

Child's Name:	Class:	Date:
Parent Name:	Mobile No:	

Office use only

Date order received:	Payment Method: Cash Eftpos <input type="button" value="MAKE A PAYMENT"/> Parent Online Payment	Amount Paid:
Staff member Initial:	Items collected Yes NO	
Date Collected:	Parent/Carer Collected	Sent home with Student

Please ensure you clearly label all your child's personal belongings with their name and class.



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