

Term: 4 Week 6

DATE: 27 November 2025

## >>> NEWSLETTER <<<



# BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Integrity & Excellence

## CALENDAR

### Term 4

**Friday 28 November**

Kindergarten Transition Visit 4  
Quiz Works

**Tuesday 2 December**

Year 7 Orientation Day at GHS

**Thursday 4 December**

2026 Captain Speeches

**Friday 5 December**

Kindergarten Visit 5

**Thursday 11 December**

Presentation Night

**Monday 15 December**

Xmas craft day - Xmas mufti day

**Tuesday 16 December**

Sports Challenge - come dressed in  
favourite sports colours/ gear

**Wednesday 17 December**

Wet and Wild Day

**Thursday 18 December**

Class parties  
Year 6 Farewell Dinner

**Friday 19 December**

Last day of Term 4 2025

**Happy  
Holidays**

## FUN FOOD HELPERS

**Tuesday 2 December**

Erin and Hannah

**Tuesday 9 December**

Ray and Hannah

## YEAR 3-6 SLEEPOVER EXCURSION



At Barrington Public School, we acknowledge and pay respect to the Worimi and Biripi elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal people we live and work with, for they hold the hopes and dreams for the future of our country.



# NEWS & INFORMATION

## Parent Satisfaction Survey

We value your feedback and invite you to participate in our Parent Satisfaction Survey. Your insights help us understand what we're doing well and where we can improve to better support your child's learning and wellbeing. The survey is quick and easy to complete, and your responses are confidential. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and help us make our school an even better place for students and families.

## BPS Parent Satisfaction Survey Term 4 2025



## Remembrance Day 2025

Barrington Public School participated in the town service to commemorate Remembrance Day with a touching ceremony, honoring those who served and sacrificed for our freedom. At 11am, we held a minute of silence to show our respect.

This day serves as a reminder of the significance of peace, reflection, and community.

Lest we forget.





# NEWS & INFORMATION

## LANGUAGE LESSONS

For the past 7 weeks K-6 have been learning Gathang. Gathang is the traditional language spoken by the Worimi throughout their Nation. We have been fortunate to have Kayla come in each week and teach words, songs and phrases in language. We would like to thank Kayla for her time and enthusiasm during these lessons.



## COMPASS MUSIC FESTIVAL AND MID NORTH COAST MUSICAL

Students who are interested in participating in either the Compass Musical Festival (Choir) or the Musical need to return their expression of interest as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Sansom.

## RESPONSIBLE PETS

Students from Kindergarten to Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic visit from Lisa and her beautiful Border Collie, Mack, as part of the Responsible Pet Program. The session helped our students understand how to build safe, positive relationships with dogs in the community. The program teaches children how to interact with animals in ways that are both rewarding and safe. Students participated in an interactive session using storytelling, song and role play.

Our K-3 students loved meeting Mack and learning how to be safe, confident and responsible around animals!







# NEWS & INFORMATION

## SMOOTHIE BIKE FUNDRAISER

In week 4, Year 6 students got peddling and made some awesome smoothies to sell to raise money for their End of Year Gift to the School. We had loads of smoothie drinkers and raised \$148.00! Well done Year 6!



## HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

"I went to the high school for the transition afternoon on Wednesday last week. My subjects were Drama and Science. In Drama, Mr Davis had us play a game called 'All those people who'. This game was like musical chairs. In Science, Mrs Wray-Davis had lots of experiments set up for us to conduct and at the end we got to see the 'Elephant Toothpaste' experiment."

Ivy G



"On Wednesday last week, Year 6 went to the High School for a transition afternoon. My group had Woodwork and Music. In Woodwork, Mr Duggan had us build a box with a sliding lid. In Music, Mr Swaddling had set us the task of making a song with a guitar, keyboard, drums, piano and more! I can't wait to go to the High School again!"

Ella

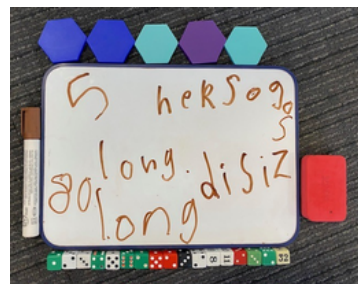
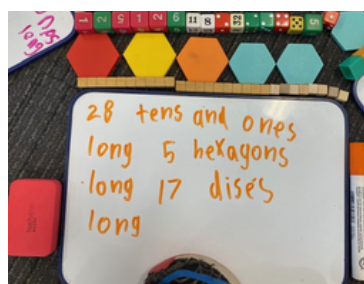
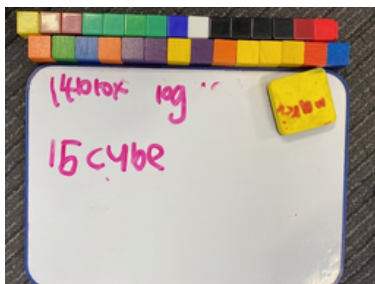
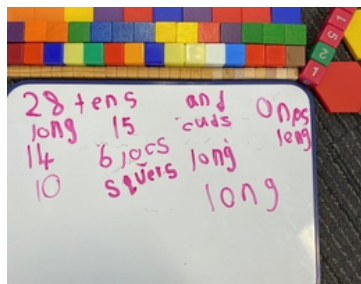




## CLASSROOM CAPERS

### KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students have been learning about length by measuring objects using different concrete materials, such as MAB blocks, 2D shapes, pegs and cubes. They explored how the same object can measure differently depending on the material they use, helping them understand that length can be compared and described in different ways. The students practiced identifying which objects are longer, shorter, or the same length and enjoyed arranging items in order from shortest to longest. While engaging in these hands-on measurement activities, students are also practising their literacy skills by sounding out words related to the objects they are measuring. Well done kindergarten!



### 1/2/3

Our students have been thoroughly enjoying their drama lessons this term, learning all about roles, emotions and character traits. This week, they had the exciting opportunity to bring these skills together through the creative art of puppetry.

Students used movement, voice and expression to bring their puppets to life, retelling stories and exploring characters in new and imaginative ways. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they experimented, collaborated and let their creativity shine!



### 4/5/6



In 4/5/6 this term, our literacy unit has had us exploring the concepts of imagery, symbol and connotation. In literacy this week, we have been reading *Leila and the Blue Fox* and exploring the incredible journey of Miso, the fox who travels across wild and unforgiving landscapes. Inspired by her resilience and the powerful imagery in the story, we have been working towards writing our own poems. We've looked closely at the settings, emotions, and adventures within the book, using them to spark descriptive language and vivid ideas for our poetry.







# NEWS & INFORMATION

**Selective high school and opportunity class applications are open from 6 November 2025 to 20 February 2026**

**Selective high school Year 7 entry in 2027:**

Apply when your child is at the end of Year 5 or the beginning of Year 6.

**Opportunity class Year 5 entry in 2027:** Apply when your child is at the end of Year 3 or the beginning of Year 4.

[Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#) are some of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students.

NSW Department of Education



## Selective high school or opportunity class entry in 2027

Apply now if your child is currently in:

- **Year 3 – for opportunity class** entry in Year 5
- **Year 5 – for selective high school** entry in Year 7.

Applications close 20 February 2026.



## Uniform Shop

Uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 10th December from 3-4pm for any uniform needs for presentation night, alternately all uniform orders will be filled on Wednesday 10th December and sent home with students on Wednesday 10th December – Uniform shop will not be open on Thursday 11th December. Please feel free to contact Erin on 0447 908 661 if you have any questions or uniform needs.



# K-2 Billabong Zoo Excursion



Care, Choices, Responsibility, Respect



# YEAR 3-6 SLEEPOVER



Care, Choices, Responsibility, Respect





# CLASSROOM AWARDS TERM 4 - WEEK 3

## Kindergarten

**Casey** - excellent effort sounding out cvc words

**Emmett** - fantastic writing using alliteration

**Benjamin** - amazing working mathematically



## 1/2/3

**Addie** - beautiful use of noun groups to build description

**Charlotte** - an excellent understanding of all addition and subtraction strategies

**Isa-Meri** - an amazing new Twits chapter

**Jaxon** - always showing excellent perseverance



## 4/5/6

**Cruze** - helping out a class member when they need help

**Willow** - improving her understanding of mathematical concepts

**Zoe** - her ability to apply feedback effectively to her literacy tasks



## Kindness Award

Willow



## PBL Award Responsibility

Ben



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY





### Silver Award

Koby, Ashayah, Charlotte, Eloise, Electra, Myla, Oliver, Max, Hannah, Pearl, Addie and Katie



### Gold Award

Roy, Aurora, Ella Germon, Baxter and Ivy G



### ICAS Assessment Awards Jess and Eloise



# School community news from Council NEWSLETTER

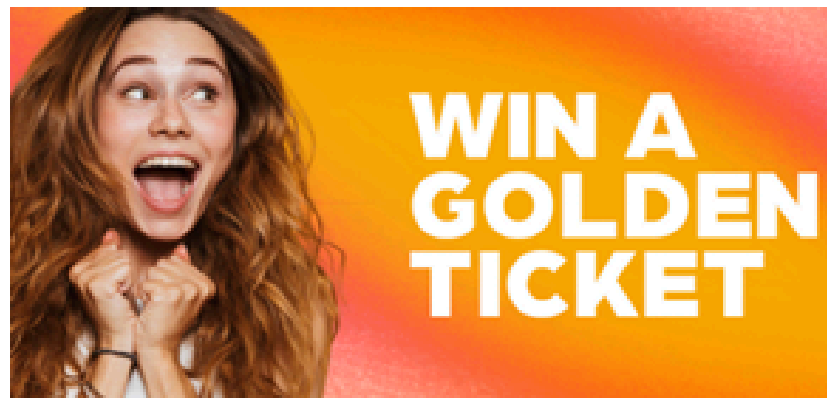
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## Free shows for a year

Did you know that the Manning Entertainment Centre is a Council facility? Take our short survey to help us design future entertainment programs that locals love. You'll have the chance to win the Golden Ticket - a whole year of free entry to Manning Entertainment Centre shows of your choice!

[mec.midcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://mec.midcoast.nsw.gov.au)



## Cadetship

We are looking for an Aboriginal Cadet Environmental Health Officer



Check out this great job opportunity. We're looking for an Aboriginal Cadet Environmental Health Officer. You'll assist our award-winning team with inspections of food businesses, public swimming pools and more. You'll help respond to community requests about air, water, and waste issues. Find out more at [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/careers)

## Join the colour run!



Join the free, family event for all-abilities and all ages! The colour run will be at Taree Rec Grounds on **Thursday 11 December** from 9:30am to 12noon to celebrate International Day of People with a Disability. The colour run will begin at 10am, followed by a free BBQ lunch at 11am provided by the Rotary Club of Taree. If you don't like colours, you can run through bubbles instead.

Find out more at [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

## Fun and learning - libraries

Did you know that Council Libraries have free holidays programs? Our schedule of holiday activities will be out soon. Meanwhile, check out our Nourish to Flourish program, including bug surveys; weeding and habitat creation; nature works; permaculture and more (age suitability varies)

Visit [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

## Pool safety

Ready for fun summer swimming? Make sure your pool is registered with the NSW Swimming Pool Register and make sure you have a CPR chart in the pool area. What if your pool is inflatable? Even though it may look temporary or more "harmless" than an in-ground pool, the same safety standard applies. Before getting your pool ready, check out the rules: [www.royallifesaving.com.au/about/news-and-updates/news/2021/dec/Does-my-inflatable-pool-really-need-a-fence](http://www.royallifesaving.com.au/about/news-and-updates/news/2021/dec/Does-my-inflatable-pool-really-need-a-fence)





**For more information**

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Web: [mssinc.org.au](http://mssinc.org.au)



## TUNING INTO TEENS

Tuning into teens is a 6-week program for parents with children 10 years and older. The program aims to teach parents about how they, as parents, can help their teenage children develop good emotional skills.

**In "Tuning into Teens" you will learn how to:**

- Gain an understanding of your teenager's development and how this may impact behaviour
- Communicate more effectively with your teen
- Help your teen manage and regulate their own emotional reactions
- Strengthen you and your teen's skills problem solving and learning to cope with boundaries and limitations

**A pre-group intake interview is held to ensure the group is right for participants.**

**When:** Every Tuesday from 3rd February – 10th March

**Time:** 10am - 12pm

**Location:** First Steps Count Child and Community Centre,  
4 Myall Avenue, Taree.

Light refreshments will be provided, however please contact us if you have any allergies



# Student access to NSWEduChat

## Information for parents and carers

NSWEduChat is a generative artificial intelligence tool owned and designed by the NSW Department of Education. It is designed to be safe, educational, secure and private.

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### Student access to NSWEduChat

Students in Year 5 to Year 12 will gain access to NSWEduChat in Term 4, 2025.

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### Safety of students using NSWEduChat

NSWEduChat data is secured. All data stays within the department. This means that students can input their work and personal identifying information safely into NSWEduChat.

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### Educational design of NSWEduChat

NSWEduChat does not simply provide the full answers to questions. It responds to students by asking open-ended questions. This encourages students to explore and share their thoughts and reasoning.

NSWEduChat only uses text. This means it cannot produce media such as pictures, video or music.

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### Using NSWEduChat for help with homework and assessment tasks

If schools advise that NSWEduChat can be used for homework or assessments, students should notify their teachers if they have used NSWEduChat in completing tasks. This includes using NSWEduChat for tasks such as, but not limited to, summarising study notes, definition of key terms or structuring text. Schools should communicate the ways in which students can reasonably notify their teachers.

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### Access to NSWEduChat at home

Students can access NSWEduChat at home through:

- the student portal at <https://portal.education.nsw.gov.au/>
- directly via [chat.education.nsw.gov.au](https://chat.education.nsw.gov.au)

Students will need to log in using their NSW Department of Education login. Only the student who logged in should use NSWEduChat.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this tool, please contact the principal.



For more information and access to the NSWEduChat parental privacy notice, visit: [Student use of NSWEduChat](#)



# New Year's Eve Gloucester – Community Update



## HELP KEEP NYE GLOUCESTER ALIVE!

The New Year's Eve Gloucester Committee would like to share an important update with our school community.

This year's New Year's Eve Gloucester event is at risk of not going ahead. Sponsorship has been extremely difficult to secure. MidCoast Coast do not support our event. Without additional help from local businesses and families, this much-loved community celebration may not be possible.

For the past four years, this free event has brought families together for a night of live music, food, kids' entertainment, and fireworks. The event is funded entirely through sponsorships, donations, and raffle ticket sales — every dollar raised keeps it safe, family-friendly, and free for everyone.

We are asking the Gloucester community to help us keep this tradition alive. ❤️

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## How Local Businesses Can Help

- Become an event sponsor — packages start at \$500
- Larger sponsorships over \$2,500 receive major recognition at the event
- Purchase raffle tickets in bulk for staff Christmas Presents, customers, or end-of-year gifts

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## How Families Can Help

- Buy a raffle ticket (or a few! – bundles are available)
- Encourage friends and family to get behind the event
- **If every person in the Gloucester community bought 6 tickets for \$50, the event would be secured for this year *and* next year.**
  - 🔪 **Tickets: \$10 each or 6 for \$50**
  - 🚗 *You could win a brand-new Kia!*

Your support now will determine whether Gloucester celebrates under the stars this New Year's Eve. Let's work together to keep this special event going for our community. ✨

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## 📍 Tickets & Sponsorship Information

Visit: [www.newyearevegloucester.com.au](http://www.newyearevegloucester.com.au)

Email: [newyearevegloucester@gmail.com](mailto:newyearevegloucester@gmail.com)

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GLOUCESTER



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# YEAR 7 2026 ORIENTATION

Join us for our Year 6 into Year 7 transition events designed to help kickstart the journey into high school.

## • Orientation Day Tuesday 2 December

Year 6 Orientation Day at GHS - whole day.  
Parent information session 9 - 10am and uniform purchase.



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Survey link: <http://tiny.cc/bpse-parent>

HELP SHAPE  
WISER SCREEN HABITS

Calling all **NSW** parents/carers to complete an anonymous survey **with their child** to help us shape educational screen use in NSW and beyond.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

For GDNA 12yrs and  
17yrs Representative  
Netball in 2026.

Register your interest on  
Gloucester Netball  
Facebook page.



## DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER

### AN INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

TUESDAY  
2<sup>nd</sup> DEC 2025  
9:30-11AM

At First steps  
Count- 4 Myall  
Av, Taree

- What's the difference between a language delay, difficulty and disorder?
- How and when to refer on if my child has language difficulties.
- What can I do to support my child?

Scan the code to  
Register



Please email [laura@patternsspeech.com.au](mailto:laura@patternsspeech.com.au) if you have any questions

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Communities  
for Children



## Free Bike Safety Program For Aboriginal Children

Where: Gloucester Public School  
When: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2025  
Time: 3pm to 4.45pm

### Program teaches:

- Practical bike skills
- Increase bike handling skills
- Understand NSW Road Rules
- Visibility whilst riding
- Understand safe riding in the community

### Participants receive:

- Aboriginal designed helmet
- Bike Service
- Snacks and refreshments
- Bikes available to use on the day if required

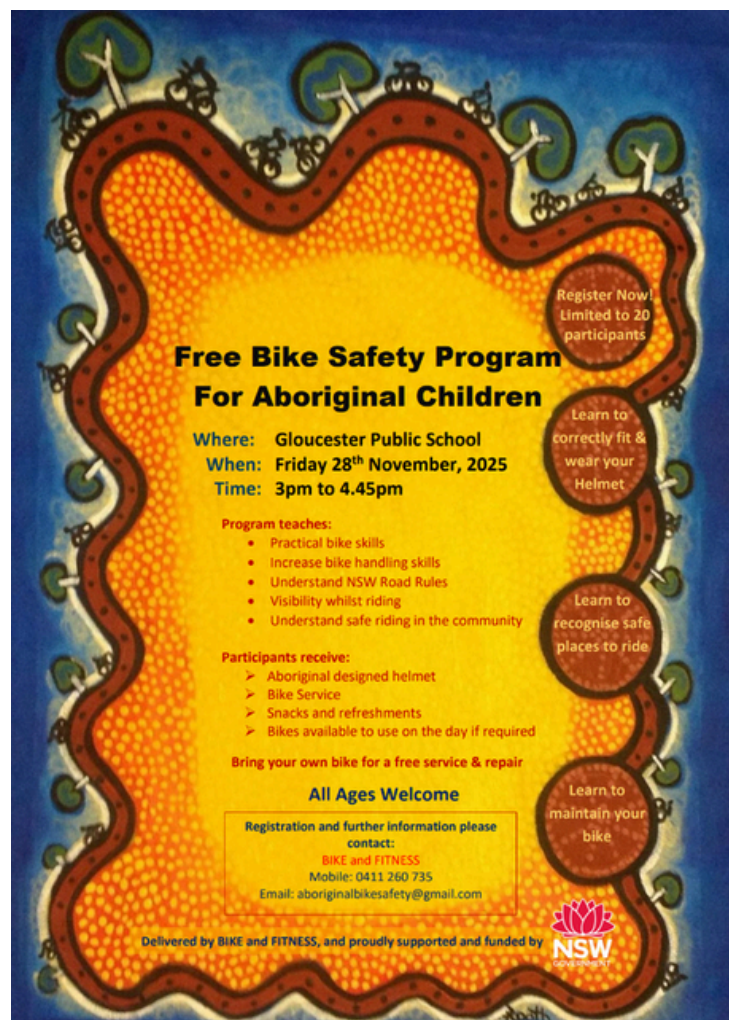
Bring your own bike for a free service & repair

All Ages Welcome

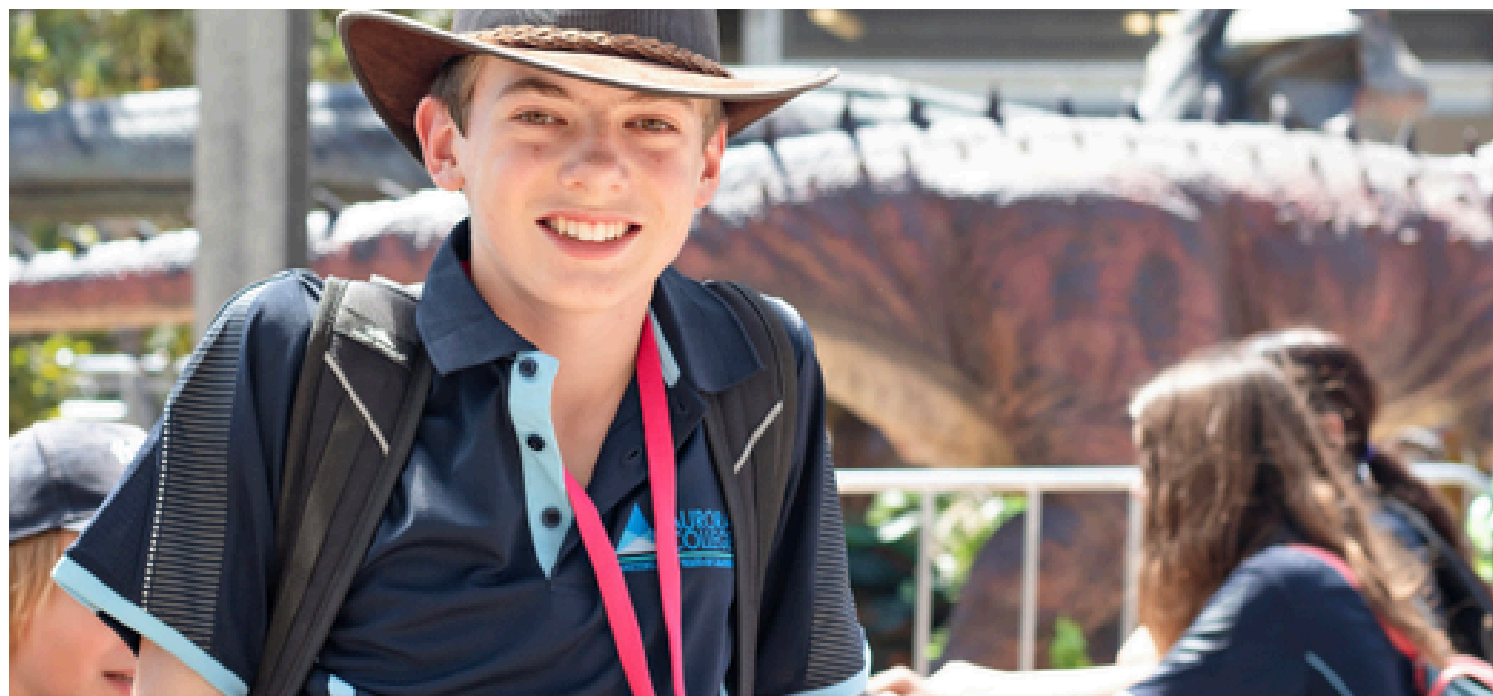
Registration and further information please contact:

BIKE and FITNESS  
Mobile: 0411 260 735  
Email: [aboriginalbikesafety@gmail.com](mailto:aboriginalbikesafety@gmail.com)

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NSW Department of Education

## Aurora College — applications now open

Online selective high school and opportunity classes for students in rural and remote locations

### Aurora College

The department's [Aurora College](#) provides online selective high school and opportunity classes for rural and remote students.

Students attend their local 'host' NSW public high school or primary school and join Aurora College's online classes for maths and science. In high school, this also includes their English classes.

Learn more and apply at:

[Selective high schools](#)  
[Opportunity classes](#)

Apply now if your child is in:

- **Year 3** for entry into online **opportunity classes in 2027**

Or

- **Year 5** for entry into online **selective high school classes in 2027.**

Visit: [education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc)

Hurry, applications close on  
**20 February 2026.**