

Welcome to Class Samba!

Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Miss Emma Szmytka and I will be your child's classroom teacher for 2026! I am so excited to work with them this year in Class Samba and provide them with new skills and knowledge that they can take with them further in their lives. A lot of your children may already know me as I have taught at Cambridge Gardens Public School over the past 2 years in the role of a casual teacher.

This is my very first year as a full-time classroom teacher, although I have been teaching for just under 3 years. I completed my Bachelor of Primary Education at Australian Catholic University last year and have been a part of the Cambridge Gardens school community since 2023. I also did my first university placement with Mrs Alexis Hiser-Smith back in 2020! Outside of school, I am a competitive dancer and a dance teacher, which I absolutely love. Staying active is a very important part of my life, and I am extremely passionate about sporting opportunities at school. I live in the Blue Mountains and have a big passion for animals (I have 3 dogs and 1 cat at home!). These are large parts of my life that I will be bringing into the classroom this year.

Within the classroom, I strive to make learning opportunities engaging and exciting for all diverse students; fostering inquiry-based learning where students feel safe to ask questions and explore different ideas. I am a huge believer that making mistakes help us learn, and this idea will be embedded within Class Samba. At Cambridge Gardens, we strive to be safe, respectful and proud learners, to the absolute best of our ability. Students will see themselves as part of a team, where they work together to try their best, as well as facing challenges that will help them become more resilient.

In order for us to achieve this in Class Samba, I endeavour to make meaningful and lasting relationships with the students, to give them a safe, joyful and engaging classroom learning environment. Maintaining routines and highlighting classroom expectations regularly will provide students with the tools they need to be successful.

As you know, our school prides itself on our positive, dynamic and personal relationships with our parents and carers. With this in mind, please feel free to contact me about any concerns for your child, or anything you think is important for me to know as their teacher in 2026. I am available to chat face-to-face or via a phone call after school or by appointment before school. I look forward to working with your child in 2026 and am excited for the year ahead!

Kind Regards,
Miss Emma Szmytka

