

## STARTING SCHOOL

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## CONNECTION TO COUNTRY

Our school and community prides itself on our deep connection to country. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were the first people to live on this Country. They have been here for tens of thousands of years. Our school is built on Cadigal and Bulanamming land and we respect and honour the teaching and learning that has taken place on this land for thousands of years.



### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Gadigal peoples of the Eora nation. We appreciate the waterways, mountains, sky, plants and animals from this place.

We acknowledge our ancestors and elders, those before us, with us and those to come, thanking them for their teachings and knowledge.

We recognise our special connection to this land and dreaming through our dance, song, taste, touch and dreams.

We respect the spiritual systems of our people and walk gently together across this country.

Written by our First Nation students in consoltation with our community Elders, 2018

## **ABOUT US**



Marrickville Public School is committed to providing quality primary education that inspires and empowers young learners. With dedicated staff who are passionate about teaching and creating a supportive learning environment, students are encouraged to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. The school values the importance of our vibrant community and offers a range of extra-curricular activities to foster creativity, teamwork, and leadership skills. Students at Marrickville Public School receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for success in the future.

#### WHAT DO WE DO?

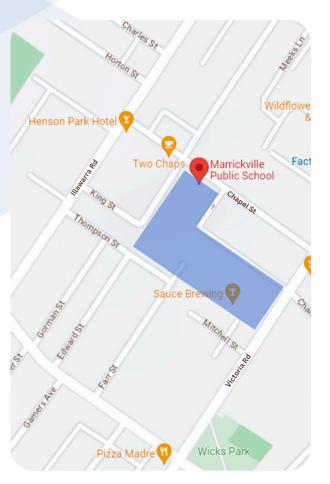
- We are a government primary school providing education for children in years K - 6.
- We are proud of our connection to the land, First Nations people and the vibrant community of the Inner West of Sydney.

#### 1864

**OVER 150 YEARS** 

Our school celebrated 150 years of Public Education in 2014. Much has changed over the years!

## **FIND US**



Located in the heart of the Inner West and surrounded by vibrant cafes, parks and amenities, Marrickville Public School is at the heart of our diverse local community. Main entry to the school is through Chapel St and Thompson St.



## **HOW TO ENROL**

Enrolment in a government school can now be completed online.

- Go to the school website
- Click on Enrolment to start the process

#### **Our of Area Enrolments**

Follow the same process and when prompted you will need to provided additional information about your reasons for applying to an out of area school.

#### **School Finder**

https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/ Enter your address and see your catchment area.





#### **Marrickville Public School**

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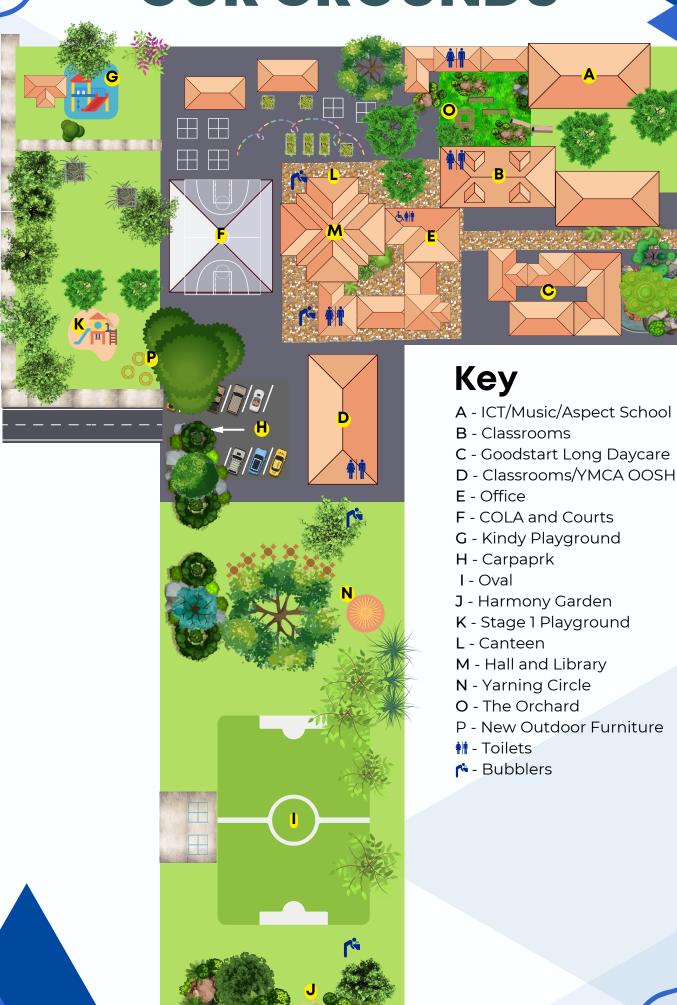
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### **OUR GROUNDS**

Chapel St



Thompson St



## SCHOOL BELL TIMES



7:00 YMCA OOSH opens for Before School Care

**8:30** Ensembles rehearsals and sports training.

9:10 Morning Bell for all students

11:05 Lunch - eating time for all students

**11:15** Lunch - playtime

11:55 Middle learning session

1:55 Recess

2:15 Afternoon learning session

3:15 End of school day for all students

**6:00** YMCA After School Care runs from 3:15 - 6:00

**School Operating Hours** 

## WELLBEING

At our core, we value 'Be Safe', 'Be Respectful' and 'Be a Learner' as the foundation of wellbeing. By prioritising safety, respect, and learning, we create an environment that fosters resilience and a growth mindset. We believe that by being safe, we can create a sense of security that allows us to take risks and grow. By being respectful, we create a culture of support and kindness, which nurtures our sense of belonging. And by being a learner, we are open to new ideas and perspectives, which allows us to adapt and thrive in any situation. Together, these values help us build resilience and a growth mindset, empowering us to overcome challenges and achieve our goals.



Life Skills GO, designed in collaboration with educators, is an easy-to-use emotion and wellbeing data collection tool that measures student readiness to learn, supported with a comprehensive library of evidence-based and curriculum aligned resources

### **Grow Your Mind**



All students are supported in their mental health and emotional wellbeing through the Grow Your Mind program at MPS. Grow Your Mind builds resilience and supports respectful relationships and consent education. Grow Your Mind is available as a quality-assured program in the NSW Department of Education's Student Wellbeing external programs catalogue.

## **OUR VALUES**

# Be Safe Be Respectful Be a Learner



Meet Waddles the penguin! He promotes positive behaviours and collaboration. Students earn positive reinforcement tokens that build towards personal and whole class rewards.



Student leadership is promoted through our Year 6 Buddy Program, Leadership Camp, School Captains, Sports Captains, and Student Representative Council.

## **CURRICULUM**

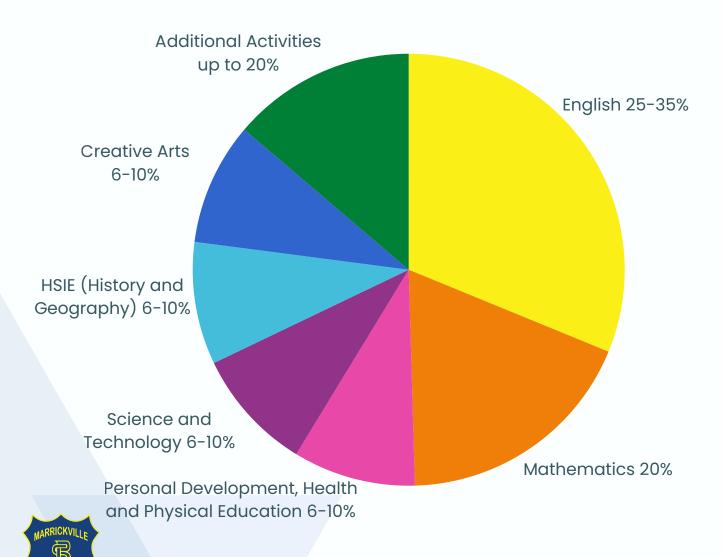
#### Kindergarten to Year 6 includes four Stages of learning:

- Early Stage 1 Kindergarten
- Stage 1 Year 1 and Year 2
- Stage 2 Year 3 and Year 4
- Stage 3 Year 5 and Year 6

#### Time allocation guide for key learning areas

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) provides the following as a guide for K-6 time allocations.

The allocation for 'additional activities' provides flexibility for schools to incorporate activities reflective of their context and ethos. We use this time to incorporate assemblies, scripture, school sport and special whole school events.



6–10% is approximately 1.5 to 2.5 hours in a typical teaching week.

## SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

The NSW Department of Education has a number of resources to support learning at home from early on in a child's development. Access these resources to view a wide range of activities that can become part of your family routines and promote learning as fun, engaging and part of everyday life. (Links will take you to the NSW Department of Education website)

















#### PICKLES.SCHOOLWEAR SINCE 1976

### Marrickville Public School CATALOGUE

Please check online for current price lists.







1. Summer Check Dress 2. Girls Skort 3. Boys Shorts 6. Girls Winter Pants 7. Unisex Fleece Trackpants 8. Unisex Zip Fleece Jacket 9. Unisex Fleece Sweatshirt 12. Girls Royal Netball Skirt 13. Unisex Royal Sport Short 14. Backpack 15. Library Bag 16. School Cap 17. Bucket Hat 18. Slouch Hat 19. 3 Pack White Socks 20. Girls Navy Tights 21. Hair Accessories







SUMMER UNIFORM	SIZES	PRICE	ACCESSORIES	SIZES	PRICE	
GIRLS SUMMER CHECK DRESS	4, 6, 8, 10	\$58.50	BACKPACK + EMBLEM	ONE SIZE	\$58.50	
	12, 14, 16	\$59.50	LIBRARY BAG + EMBLEM	ONE SIZE	\$15.00	
UNISEX GOLD SHORT SLEEVE POLO + EMBLEM	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20	\$5.00	ROYAL BUCKET HAT + EMBLEM	XS/S, S/M, M/L	\$19.50	
			ROYAL CAP + EMBLEM	ONE SIZE	\$18.50	
BOYS ROYAL RUGBY KNIT SHORTS WITH ZIP POCKET	4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22	\$27.50	WHITE SOCKS - 3 PACK	5-8, 9-12, 13-3, 2-8	\$15.00	
			NAVY COTTON TIGHTS - 2 PACK	3-5, 6-9, 10-12, M, L, XL, XXL	\$22.50	
GIRLS ROYAL SKORT WITH ADJUSTABLE WAIST	4, 6, 8, 10	\$36.50				
	12, 14, 16, 18, 20	\$37.50	NAVY OPAQUE TIGHTS - 2 PACK	6-9, 10-12, MIDS	\$17.50	
WINTER UNIFORM	SIZES	PRICE	SATIN BOWS: GOLD, ROYAL, WHITE	ONE SIZE	\$6.50	
UNISEX GOLD LONG SLEEVE POLO + EMBLEM	4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20	\$10.00	ALICE HEADBANDS	NARROW	\$10.00	
				WIDE	\$10.00	
UNISEX ROYAL STRAIGHT LEG TRACK PANTS	4, 5, 6, 8, 10	\$32.50	SCRUNCHIES: SUMMER CHECK, SATIN (ROYAL, GOLD)  ONE SIZE			
	12, 14, 16	\$35.00		ONE SIZE	\$6.00	
GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD PANTS	4, 6, 8, 10	\$35.00	SHOP LOCATION  Uniforms are available exclusively through the Pickles Marrickville Retail			
	12, 14, 16, 18	\$37.50				
UNISEX ROYAL & GOLD BOMBER JACKET	4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18,	\$40.50	Outlet at the corner of Fitzroy St &, Saywell St, Marrickville or online			
+ EMBLEM	20, 22	\$49.50	<b>OPENING HOURS</b> For up to date opening hours please go to	the Pickles website and s	elect	
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UNISEX ROYAL SWEATSHIRT + EMBLEM	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$37.50	DELIVERY AND SHIPPING INFORMATION			
SPORTS UNIFORM	SIZES	PRICE	Please allow up to 7 working days for order processing. Delays may occur during peak periods or due to temporary stock shortages.  Online orders may be:  • Delivered free to school during term time  • Delivered to a nominated address for \$12.50  •Collect from our Pickles Marrickville Retail Outlet  Prices valid from 1 Oct 2024 to 30 Sept 2025			
UNISEX MPS SPORTS POLO + EMBLEM	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20	\$37.50				
GIRLS ROYAL NETBALL SPORT SKIRT	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$30.00				
UNISEX ROYAL MICROFIBRE SPORTS SHORTS	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22	\$27.50				
GIRLS BIKE SHORTS	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$13.50				



## BEST START KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT



Best Start Kindergarten Assessment identifies student's literacy and numeracy skills on entry to Kindergarten. It has been conducted in all NSW public schools since 2010. The assessment is mapped to the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions.

The assessment is conducted in line with existing school practices and builds upon teaching and learning programs that support students in the transition to school.

In 2023 there were changes to items in both the literacy and numeracy components of the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment and the online recording tool. These changes are to ensure the assessment aligns to Version 3 of the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions and new English and Mathematics K-2 syllabuses.

The Best Start Assessment will be administered by classroom teachers during the first five weeks of Kindergarten.

The "What is the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment?" video provides parents and carers with an overview of the assessment.

#### **FIND OUT MORE**



The NSW Department of Education's guide for parents



## OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE



The Y Marrickville OSHC is part of the Y NSW's extensive network of Outside School Hours Care services. YMCA OSHC provide safe and enjoyable experiences for the children they care for.

Families can apply to Centrelink for the Child Care Subsidy which can be applied to all fees for Out of Hours Care.

#### **Before School Care**

Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 9:15 am

#### **After School Care**

Monday – Friday 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

#### **Vacation Care**

Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

#### FIND OUT MORE



Enquire and enrol at YMCA Marrickville Public School OSHC



## **EATING AT** SCHOOL



#### LUNCH

11:05 - 11:55

11:05 - 11:15 is supervised eating time for all students. We love nude food where possible and encourage students to be independent ABLE WATER BOTT with their food.



#### **RECESS**

1:55 - 2:15

Recess is a shorter break and a quick, hand-held snack is often best.



#### **CRUNCH AND SIP**

A mid-learning break

A quick, healthy fruit and veggie snack along with some water to provide our brains with a boost to keep on learning.







#### **Digital Design and Problem Solving**

STEM in schools refers to the integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics into the curriculum. It aims to develop students' critical thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills through hands-on, project-based learning. STEM education is becoming increasingly important due to the growing demand for jobs in these fields and the need to prepare students for a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

#### **STEM at School**

All students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 access the STEM Lab every week through our rich, hands-on curriculum.

#### **STEM in the Classroom**



#### Collaboration

Students work collaboratively using the design process to develop solution prototypes.



#### **Digital Skills and Coding**

Students develop their ICT skills through coding challenges to create games, videos and more.



#### **Real-World Problem Solving**

Students become engineers as they work to solve real problems at school and across the world.



#### **Applied Skills**

Students apply their mathematical understanding to solve problems.



## MUSIC AT MPS



#### **Musical Maestros**

There are a wide range of musical options for students at Marrickville Public School that can be accessed in class, in school hours and outside of school hours.

Our music tutors are passionate and highly accomplished in their fields of expertise.

#### Why Choose Us?

From budding flautists to accomplished violinists, there is something for everyone in our Music Education Programs and Extra Curriculuar Activities.

#### **Inclusive and Accessible Music Education**



#### Concert Band Senuelongmusic

Our enthusiastic concert band is lead by Bennelong Music offering tuition in a wide range of instruments.

https://www.bennelongmusic.com.au/



#### **Recorder Ensembles**

From Rookie Recorders to established practitioners, students can access and learn this beloved woodwind instrument for all abilities.



#### **String Ensembles**

New and continuing students in violin, viola and cello. Tuition is also available on site.



#### **Choral Ensembles**

Our students rehearse and perform in both the Cantabile Music Festivals and the Primary Proms every year.



## **EXTRA** CURRICULAR **ACTIVITIES**

#### **Clubs and Activities**



Our school offers a range of additional clubs and groups based on students interest. These include opportunities such as our Rock Band, Ukelele group, Gardening Programs and Dungeons and Dragons. These activities are based on teacher availability and popularity amongst students.

#### Chess



Chess can help students improve their concentration, problem-solving, decision-making, and sense of responsibility. Studies show that chessplaying students demonstrate increased aptitude for concentration, patience, perseverance, and analytical and logical skills. Additionally, chess teaches children resilience through friendly gameplay. Beginners to experts welcome.

## ACTIVITIES TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Give your child a head start by practising the skills they will use in Kindergarten with them.

#### **TO TRY**





Check out the local library and let your child choose books to borrow.



Organise a picnic with a packed lunch and encourage your child to open it and eat the food by themselves.



Take a ball to a park to throw, catch and kick together.

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#### **TO PRACTISE**



Putting on their school shoes and walking in them.









Using a public toilet with a door lock. And for boys, using a urinal.







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A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Library bag



Backpack





Water bottle



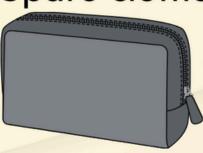




Crunch and Sip



Spare clothes





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Water bottle

A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES















Crunch Recess and Sip







## RECESS AND LUNCH IDEAS

- Cut fruit into pieces and put them in a small container.
   Squeeze some lemon juice on apples or pears to stop them going brown.
- Cut up vegetables such as carrots, celery and cucumber. Put dips or yoghurt in a separate container.
- Make wholemeal muffins and freeze them.
- Try different breads, such as rolls, roti, pita, wholegrain or tortilla wraps.
- If using tomato in a sandwich, slice it thinly and place the slices between other fillings to stop the sandwich from going soggy.
- Cook a little extra dinner and save some for lunch the next day.
- use a sturdy refillable water bottle for drinks at school.
- order lunch from Wil's Canteen using the Spriggy Schools app.



## KELLY'S CANTEEN

Our school Canteen has provided delicious, well-priced food and snacks for purchase online or in person. Our Canteen prides itself on a healthy and varied menu. Food can be ordered online through the Spriggy Schools app where you can pick the day, customise your options and add any allergy advice.

Spriggy Schools



## CONNECT WITH OUR SCHOOL

Our wonderful and vibrant Parents and Citizens Association is the formal organisation for parents and members of the community to support our school. The P&C helps us source equipment for the school, organise fundraisers, help with public events (such as fetes and concerts) and encourage parents and citizens to work closely with teachers. As the principal attends P&C meetings, there is an opportunity for families and community members to be involved in school education matters.

Joining the P&C is a great way to actively help the school and be involved in the community.



## **THANK YOU**

We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant school community. Starting kindergarten is an exciting time full of new challenges and opportunities for growth. As children navigate this new experience, we will support them to develop important social and emotional skills such as resilience, independence, and perseverance.





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