



Ramsgate Public School

Information Booklet

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A message from our Principal



Education has the power to transform lives. It is with great pride that I introduce myself as the leader of Ramsgate Public School, as part of an outstanding public education system. At Ramsgate Public School, we hold high expectations for every student, and strive to ensure that every child is nurtured on their unique learning journey in a safe and inclusive learning environment. Our dedicated and expert teachers aim to provide an outstanding education for every learner, with quality curriculum delivery and strong wellbeing at the heart of everything we do. We aim to engage students through providing a myriad of enriching opportunities and experiences. We empower every child to discover their passions, build confidence, and achieve to their fullest potential. Together, we celebrate growth and success, and prepare our students to be resilient, informed critical thinkers to thrive both now and into the future. Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better, to be better. I believe that it takes a community to raise a child, there is so much we can achieve by working together in a positive partnership striving for and inspiring excellence.

Sonia James
Principal



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Assembly

K-2 assemblies

K-2 assemblies are held every 3 weeks (Week 3, 6, 9) from 2:00pm - 3:00pm each term. Each time, a class is responsible for hosting the assembly and demonstrating work they have done in class. Class awards are presented to students who have been working well in the classroom along with Principal Awards.



3-6 assemblies

3-6 assemblies are held fortnightly on Friday afternoons 12:45 - 1:35pm. This is convened by our student leadership team or SRC students. Students receive awards for classroom achievement and Principal Awards, along with having an opportunity to share their sporting achievements.

Parents are welcome to attend both assemblies.



Attendance

Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships.

Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver, you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school punctually every day, including sports days unless your child:

- *has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)*
- *is required to attend a recognised religious holiday*
- *is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)*
- *is sick, or has an infectious illness*

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to the school principal or the school counsellor.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, you will need to fill in a digital form on the **School Bytes** parent portal within 7 days of the absence. Students arriving late are to go straight to the school office in the morning for a late slip and parents wishing to take students early from school need to notify the office and ensure that this takes place before 2:30pm.



*Should your child/children be absent for **10 or more** school days, you will need to fill an Extended Leave form on the School Bytes app.*

EVERY
DAY
COUNTS





Bell Times

8:30am	Teacher supervision commences on the playground
8:55am	Bell rings – students line up
9:00am	Class commences
11:00am	Eating time in class
11:10am	Lunch play time
11:55am	Bell to return to class – end of lunch
1:35pm	Recess
1:55pm	Bell to return to class – end of recess
3:00pm	End of the school day – home bell.

There is no formal supervision after 3:00pm. The OSHC is available for after school care.

NOTE: Students should NOT be at school before 8:30am as there is no supervision for them.



Bikes and Riding to School

Students in Years 3 - 6 may ride bikes to school, only after submitting the *Permission to Ride* form. Students must wear a helmet when riding and must lock their bikes to the bike racks during the day. Students must dismount before entering the school grounds through Gate 6 where the bike racks are located.





Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning.



Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 bring their own device to school in order to access the internet and school network through Wi-Fi. Students who are unable to bring their own device will have access to share school supplied chromebooks.

Internet usage is governed by the Department of Education's User Agreement and students must sign a code of conduct as part of the BYOD program. There are also restrictions on sites allowed to be accessed when connecting to the DET Wi-Fi to prevent students accessing content they shouldn't be.

Please note: Smartphones are not approved devices for BYOD.





Canteen

The canteen is run by the P&C to support a wide range of school needs. The menu offers a diverse range of healthy food items. It is dependent upon the voluntary support of parents for its survival. Many parents enjoy visiting the school and working at the canteen with other parents. Profit from the canteen helps to equip our school.

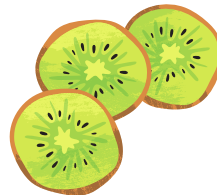
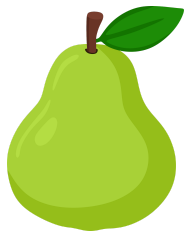
If you would like to help, please let us know at the school office by phone or email. A canteen committee member will then contact you. Our canteen also uses the online ordering system of Munch Monitor. The canteen is open lunch and recess.

To set up an account visit: www.munchmonitor.com

Enter SCHOOL ID: *ramsgateps*

Enter PASSWORD: *munch2217*

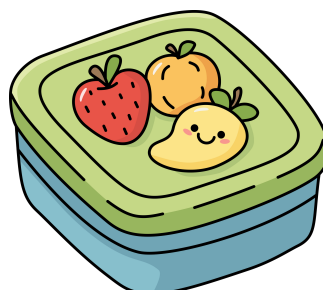
The most recent canteen menu can be found on the school website.



Crunch and Sip



At approximately 10:00am, during the morning session, students have a short break (10 minutes) that includes a piece of fruit or vegetable and some water. Fruit should be cut up in small, easy to eat pieces and in a labelled container. Students have access to fresh fruit each day if they are unable to bring their own..





Drop off and Pick Up Procedures

Students are to be dropped at the gate in the morning where they will be met by one of our friendly staff members. 3 gates are open at **8.30am** for entry:

- **Gate 7 (back gate on Hawthorne St)**
- **Gate 6 (side gate on Florence St between the OSHC building & the library)**
- **Gate 3 (halfway down Chuter Ave) *** A reminder that this is a Kiss & Ride area *****

It is important for all students to be on school grounds by **8:55am**. The gates must close right on the 9am bell as staff are required in classrooms.

Parents/Carers may only enter school grounds in the morning if an appointment to see a staff member is made. If you do have an appointment, please ring the bell at the main front gate (Gate 1) then come through to the office to sign in.

The exception to this is **Walk to School Wednesday** where we invite you to walk your child to school on Wednesdays and, if you wish, you can come onto the playground and spend some time with your child and other parents.

Picking up in the afternoon:

- K-2 students are collected from the classroom teacher at the blue court. The above gates will be open just before 3pm
- 3-6 students should be collected outside of the school either at a designated gate or a pre-arranged spot (e.g. the park across the road)

*If your child needs to leave early, please submit an early leave absence via the **School Bytes parent portal** as soon as these plans are arranged. When you arrive, ring the bell at the main front gate and your child will be sent out to meet you. Please remember that the cut off time for early leavers is 2.30pm.*





English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)

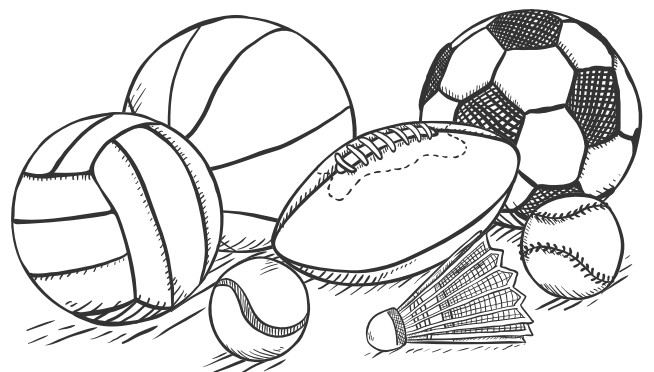
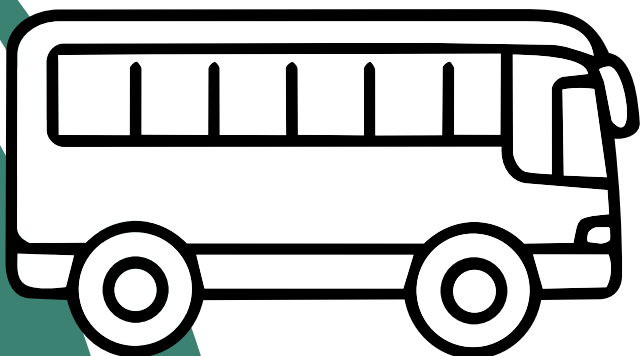
The school has learning and support teachers who are able to provide additional assistance to students who have a non - English speaking background to become competent in the use of the English language. These teachers work within in the classroom and collaboratively plan with the classroom teacher.

Excursions and Incursions



Educational excursions and incursions, including special sporting and cultural events are designed to widen a students' experience and are an important part of the educational program. Students are expected to attend. Excursions may vary from short walks around the local area, full and half day trips, competitions with another school and for Stage 3 classes, camps involving overnight accommodation. Incursions may range from one-off days to planned programs that span a number of weeks and are always related to the curriculum.

Parents are always given prior notice ahead of a planned excursion or incursion with details of costs, requirements and permission through the **School Bytes app**.





If your child is unwell, they should refrain from attending school to ensure the health and safety of other students.

Medications

If your child is well enough to attend but requires prescribed medication, parents must inform the Office and complete the Indemnity Form to allow staff to administer the medication. Medicine must be in its original packaging with instructions from a doctor. No child should be administering or carrying any form of medication with them. Over the counter medication cannot be given to students (e.g. Panadol, creams).

Immunisations

Upon enrolment, the Immunisation History Statement of your child must be supplied. Immunisation is a safeguard to health and we recommend that you contact your doctor concerning protection against measles, diphtheria, whooping cough, meningococcal poliomyelitis and tetanus if your child is not protected against these. Students who are not immunised are still able to attend school. However, in case of an outbreak of an infectious disease, these students will be required to stay at home during the outbreak.

High Potential Gifted Education



Students may show high potential or giftedness in one or more of four domains: intellectual, creative, social-emotional and physical. Ramsgate PS strives to support every student to achieve their educational potential, through talent development opportunities and differentiated teaching and learning practices to ensure that their specific learning and wellbeing needs are met.

Specialist groups to support talent development in writing, mathematics, music, visual arts, sports, public speaking, leadership and more are created to support students' potential.



Homework

Students are encouraged to read every day at home - whether it be their home readers, quality books borrowed from the school or local library, their own texts or texts around them.



Students may also have online homework tasks set by their class teacher along with topic talks/speeches/research tasks which are prepared at home. Please see the Term Overview that is sent out to families via the School Bytes portal at the beginning of each term. This document will specify what tasks are set for each year group.

Learning and Support



The school also has specially trained teachers to assist students with learning difficulties. When difficulties are identified, the specialist teacher or Student Learning and Support Officers will support students and work with them individually or in small groups within or withdrawn from the classroom, or through team teaching of whole class lessons.

There are also support programs designed to cater for the diverse needs of students. The focus of these groups align with the School's Excellence Plan and therefore vary from year to year. Programs target a particular need as teachers deem necessary from the assessment data collected.

School Counsellor

School counsellors are experienced teachers who have a degree in psychology and postgraduate qualifications in school counselling. They work with students and their families regarding issues of student welfare including students with special needs, emotional and social needs and learning. Referrals can be requested by the teacher or parent/carer and this process is overseen and reviewed by the school's Learning and Support team.



Library

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 attend the library each week for an organised lesson. Students are encouraged to borrow books from the library each week.

To protect the library books, each student should have a material library bag (approx. 40cm x 35cm). Library Bags can be purchased via **School Bytes** or through the canteen.



Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)



Ramsgate OSHC operates within the school grounds and provides before and after school care Monday to Friday as well as vacation care during the school holidays. Students can also be registered with OSHC, allowing parents the flexibility of their child attending before and/or after school if unforeseen circumstances occur during the year without them needing to attend regularly.



Ramsgate
OSHC

Opening Hours:

Before School: 7:00am - 8:30am

After School: 3:00pm - 6:30pm

Contact details:

Phone: (02) 9529 6950

Email: manager@ramsgateoshc.com.au

Web: www.ramsgateoshc.com.au



Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

All parents/carers and citizens are invited to join this Association which meets monthly throughout the year. Please refer to the school calendar for times and details of upcoming meetings. At these meetings you will get to know matters relating to the school, your child's education and other parents. School policy is outlined and reports on school activities are given. We invite your support for all P&C activities. All funds raised by the P&C are used to add to the educational facilities of the school.



Parent Teacher Interviews



During the year special days are set aside for the arrangement of an informal "Meet the Teacher" night. Towards the end of Term 1, formal Parent/Teacher interview sessions are usually organised to discuss student progress. If you need to speak with your child's teacher outside of these times, you may email the school to make an appointment to meet your child's teacher.



Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Program

At Ramsgate PS, we have a specialist PE teacher that works with each of the classes throughout the week. Students work on the fundamental movement skills, participate in gymnastics, athletics and dance activities. They also participate in lessons on health and safety, personal development, positive relationships and wellbeing.



Performing Arts



Band

Students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to join the School Band which meets every Tuesday for rehearsals and tutorials either before school, during the day or after school.

Dance

Ramsgate offers additional Dance programs to students in Years 1-6. Students who participate will receive lessons once a week from an external provider and have the opportunity to perform in different locations and events throughout the year. Auditions for the dance groups occur at the beginning of each school year.



Playground Supervision

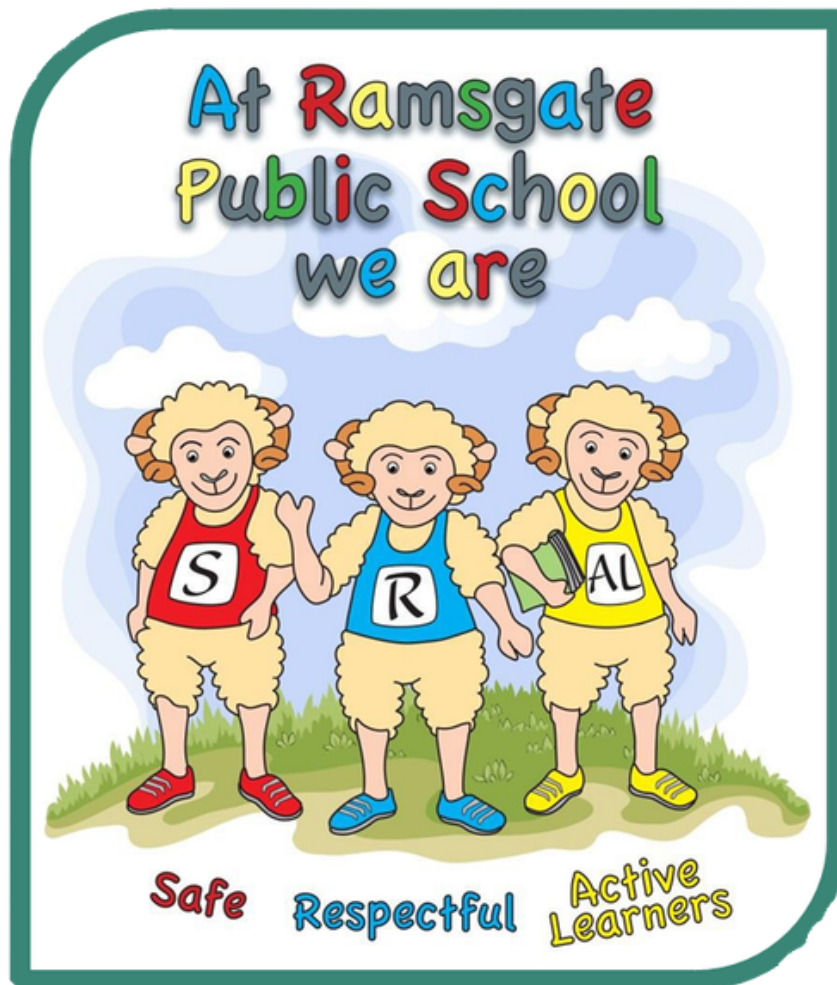
Teacher supervision on the playground commences at **8.30am**. Students should not arrive at school before this time and should move directly home after being dismissed. The only exception is when students are involved in teacher organised extra-curricular activities before or after school. There is no programmed supervision after school. OSHC is available for registered children when collecting parents are delayed - Please refer to the before and after school care section.





Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Ramsgate PS we follow the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) model which is a whole school systems approach to behaviour management. It establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community and allows students to respond positively as they have been taught what is expected of them. Our three school rules are; **being safe, respectful and active learners.**



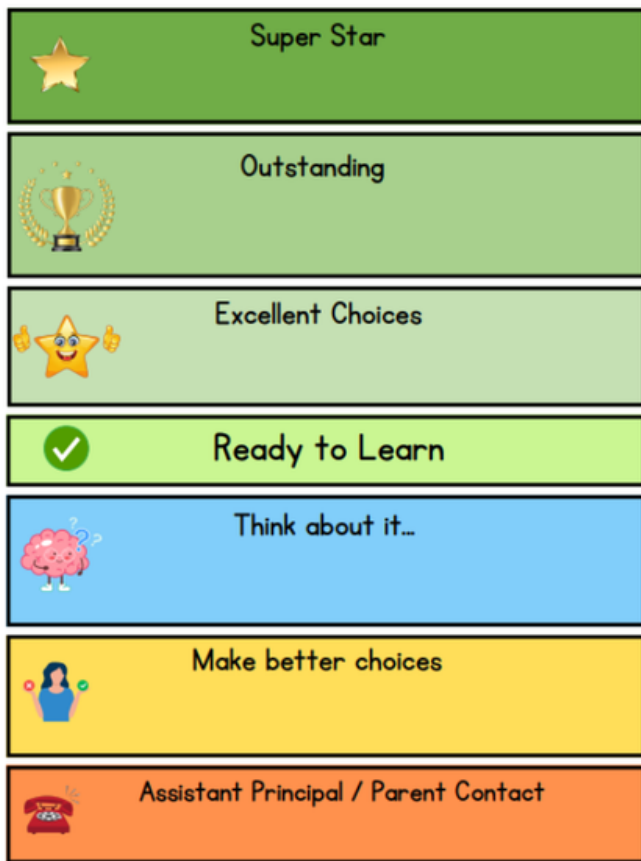


Positive Behaviour for Learning - Awards

All students commence the day at **Ready to Learn**, and positive behaviour is recognised by progressing upwards to Excellent Choices, Outstanding, and Superstar. Students achieving **Superstar** level at the end of the day receive a Superstar award. Five superstar awards are then rewarded by a special Congratulatory certificate.



Flexible FlowChart



RPS Super Star Award System





Special Religious Education

We host scripture classes (Catholic, Combined Christian, Greek Orthodox and Islamic) which are conducted by visiting clergy and teachers each

Tuesday. Ethics is offered if there are volunteers to teach this class.

3 - 6: 12:00pm – 12:30pm

K - 2: 12:40pm – 1:10pm

Upon enrolment, you will need to specify which SRE class you would like your child to attend. There is also a *Non-Scripture* option.



School Sport

All students belong to one of four houses for the purpose of our in-school sporting activities:

Hinkler - Blue

Hillary - Red

Scott - Yellow

Piccard - Green

K-2 students participate in a Sports Program on **Thursdays**. This program is devised to teach students basic skills needed for the team sports they will learn in the 3-6 sports program. Further development of the fundamental movement skills occur in Years 3-6.

All Years 3-6 students participate in **Friday** morning sport, either as a member of a school representative team or in house sport. There are also opportunities for students to participate in sports run by external organisations such as AFL and swimming at various times throughout the year.

The school representative teams play in competitions organised for schools in the **Botany Bay PSSA Zone**. Students and parents must sign the Code of Conduct as part of team membership.

Summer PSSA sport

Tennis / Cricket / Softball / AFL

Winter PSSA sport

League Tag / Netball / Soccer



Sport Carnivals

Every year students 8 years old and over are able to participate in the following school sport carnivals:

- Swimming
- Cross Country
- Athletics

These events are held annually. Successful, selected students then proceed to the Botany Bay Zone Schools' carnivals.



School Uniforms

School uniforms can be purchased at Lowes Online Shop and Claudines Online shop. The P&C also sell pre-loved items.

<https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/ramsgate-public-school>

<https://onlineshop.claudineschoolwear.com.au/ramsgate-public-school/uniform-store>



Boy Summer



Boy Winter



Sport



Girl Summer



Girl Summer



Jacket Options



Girl Summer



Girl Winter



Girl Winter



School Uniforms

Girl Uniform

Summer

- Green Dobie check tunic, A - line style with white Peter Pan collar, back zip and front button accent
- Black shoes with white socks
- White polo with gold school logo and green tailored shorts/skort

Winter

- Bottle green tunic or tailored bottle green pants
- White skivvy
- Black shoes with white socks

Sport

- Bottle green pleated netball skirt or shorts
- Gold polo shirt with bottle green logo
- Black or green scungies

Boy Uniform

Summer

- Grey shorts (standard school type)
- Bottle green short sleeve polo shirt with gold school logo
- Black shoes and grey socks

Winter

- Long grey trousers
- Bottle green polo shirt or bottle green long sleeve
- Black shoes with grey socks

Sport

- Bottle green shorts
- Gold polo shirt with bottle green logo
- Sports shoes and white socks



School Communication

Once you have enrolled your child, you can join **School Bytes** to keep up to date with all correspondence from our school.

For more information about School Bytes, go to the **Parent Portal** page.

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/register>



The staff here at Ramsgate Public School look forward to establishing a learning environment where your child will learn, develop, grow and make friends..

Call, email or visit us

Our office is open Monday to Friday 8:30am to 3:15pm during school terms.

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