



Rand Public School



Parent Information



2025 Edition



Welcome!

Rand Public School, which was established in 1926, is a community-oriented school in the township of Rand. The school actively advocates for every student to feel empowered and responsible for their learning growth and achievement.

We are pleased to welcome your child/ren to our school where we hope they will learn well, make friends and be happy.

At Rand Public School we.....

- deliver the current NSW Department of Education curriculum in all subjects through explicit teaching and allow students opportunities to apply and demonstrate their knowledge and skills individually or in collaborative learning experiences.
- promote social and leadership skills within the school and the wider community.
- encourage a love of learning and pride in achievement.

Our school values are.....

~ KINDNESS ~ RESPECT ~ BEST EFFORT ~

Our school vision is.....

The caring and supportive mindset at Rand Public School empowers students to confidently achieve their personal best and grow as engaged, respectful members of the wider community.



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We welcome and encourage all parents and families to be partners in our student's learning journeys and look forward to seeing them being active participants in school activities both in, and outside, the classrooms.

Our School



SCHOOL MOTTO

“Learn To Live”

SCHOOL COLOURS

Blue and Gold



SCHOOL VALUES AND EXPECTATIONS

Kindness

- Kind words, kind actions
- Include others
- Lend a hand

Respect

- Listen to the person who is speaking
- Follow instructions
- Care for belongings, equipment and the environment
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself

Best Effort

- Be an active participant
- Right place, right time
- Persevere and keep trying



SCHOOL PLEDGE

In our hands
Lies the future of this great land
If we all work together
Doing our best for the common good
There is no limit to what we can achieve

SCHOOL PRAYER

This is our school.
Let peace dwell here.
Let the room be full of contentment.
Let love abide here,
Love for ourselves,
Love for one another,
And love for life itself.
Let us remember,
That many hands make light work,
So many hearts make a school.

We would like to welcome you to what was, and always will be, the traditional homelands of the Wiradjuri nation. We respect and honour the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders of the past, those who walk with us today and the leaders of culture who will be holders of knowledge in the future.

We acknowledge their ancestors and their rich cultural history. We recognise their personal strength and resilience as well as their connection to, and continuous care, of the Country and lands we all call home. We thank them for their care of the land, water and animals and extend our ongoing respect to all First Nations people.

Our Staff

The staff at Rand Public School are a dedicated and cohesive team who promote and value a learning culture that supports every individual to achieve the very best that they can in all areas: academic, emotional, social, physical and cultural. We appreciate that every student who joins our school community is unique and has their own experiences, personality, interests and skills to share and build upon. We pride ourselves in offering a nurturing and stimulating environment for each and every student to learn and grow within.



ANGELA STANTON
Principal



AMY DEAN
Classroom Teacher



HAYLEY BAIN
Classroom Teacher



SARAH PACKER
Classroom Teacher



NARELLE LAWRENCE
Casual Classroom Teacher



SARA MULLER
School Learning
Support Officer



RUTH STACEY
School Learning
Support Officer



MARIE MORRIS
School Learning
Support Officer



CAROLE MOREY
School Administration
Manager



MEG LIESCHKE
School Administration
Officer



CAROLYN HARLOFF
virtual Assistant Principal
Curriculum & Instruction



DAVID HEWSON
General Assistant



WILLIAM WINTER
School Counsellor

Our Learning Day

SCHOOL HOURS

The School Day:

- 9.00am to 3.00 pm each day

Morning

- Play time – 8:30 – 9:00 am in the front or back playground (weather dependent)

Lunch

- Eating Time - 11.00am to 11.10am under COLA or shelter.
- Play time – 11:10 – 11:45 am

Recess

- Eating Time - 1:15 – 1:25pm under COLA or shelter.
- Play time – 1:25 – 1:45 pm
- If the weather is hot, windy and/or rainy students are supervised in classrooms or under the front COLA before school, at lunch time or during recess.



OFFICE HOURS

8.45am to 3.30pm.

- Mrs Morey is in our office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Mrs Lieschke is in the office on Thursday and Friday.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

- We ask that **children do not arrive at school before 8.30am** as staff **are not on duty** prior to this time.

ARRIVING LATE OR LEAVING EARLY SCHOOL

- All students who arrive late or leave early must be signed in or out by a parent or carer.

END OF DAY ROUTINE

- All students line up under the COLA.
- Students travelling on the bus are walked out and boarded by a teacher.
- Students being collected by a parent/carer are then walked to the gate
- Students walking home are then escorted across the road by the school staff.
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Key Learning Areas

In NSW primary schools there are six Key Learning Areas that students are given explicit instruction in, and given opportunities to apply, their skills and knowledge.

ENGLISH

All students must complete a **minimum of 8 hours** a week of learning in English. Students learn to understand and create fiction and non-fiction texts by developing knowledge and skills in:

- ~ oral language and communication, vocabulary, phonics, reading fluency, reading comprehension, creating written texts, spelling and handwriting.

MATHEMATICS

All students must complete a **minimum of 4 hours** a week of learning in Maths.

All learning includes opportunities to apply their learning in problem solving tasks. Students learn about:

- ~ Number & Algebra: representing numbers, operations fraction & decimals
- ~ Measurement & Space: 2D shapes, 3D objects, position, time, mass & length
- ~ Statistics & Probability: data and chance.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

All students will learn about..

- ~ **The Living World** by investigating living things, their needs and adaptations. They also learn about how people use food and fibres in everyday life.
- ~ **The Material World** by exploring the properties and uses of substances.
- ~ **The Physical World** by exploring lights, sound, forces and electricity.
- ~ **Earth & Space** by investigating the seasons, the Earth and the Solar System.

GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY

All students will learn about..

- ~ **Geography:** the connection of people to places, people and groups. They will also investigate local, national and international society.
- ~ **History:** the past lives of people and society by using stories, images, objects and historical sites. They will develop their own perspective of the past.

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

All students will learn about..

- ~ **Music** by performing, listening and composing
- ~ **Drama** by making, performing and appreciating dramatic performances.
- ~ **Dance** by composing, performing and appreciating dance performances
- ~ **Visual Arts** by Making, appreciating and exhibiting art works.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All students will learn about..

- ~ movement skills and the benefits of physical activity.
- ~ respectful relationships and safe behaviours
- ~ personal identify and how to maintain their own health and wellbeing
- ~ self-management and interpersonal skills.



At Our School....

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club is available throughout the year and purchasing is optional. Our friendly office staff distribute brochures and co-ordinate the orders. Ordering can be done online, via School Loop or students can place their order form and correct money into a marked envelope and return it to the office. The school receives free library books as commission for purchases by students.

COMMUNICATION

The school uses School Bytes for attendance, permission notes and payments. All parents will have access to the Parent Portal and our friendly office ladies are always there to help if difficulties arise.

The school has regular posts on the Rand Public School Facebook page to keep parents up to date with school events. Our newsletter is published on Sway once a fortnight and a link is emailed to all parents.

EXPERIENCES

The school offers a range of external sports coaching, excursions, visiting performances and activities with other local schools. These offer student the opportunity to learn and grow within the school and across the community. All information on events or activities, including any permissions or payments that are needed, are shared with parents of School Bytes.

LUNCH ORDERS

Students can order a hot lunch from Tena's Tasty Treats on Fridays. Orders must be in by 3pm Wednesday – by sending an envelope with the order and money to the school or directly with the Tena. Menus and prices are sent home to families each year.

REGIONAL LIBRARY

The Riverina Regional Library comes to the school once a fortnight throughout the school year. Students can borrow books and DVDs. Membership forms can be collected from the librarian on the truck or from the school office.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Students in Year 6 can develop their leadership skills by leading assemblies (School, ANZAC, Book Week, Remembrance, Presentation etc). They are also responsible for the sports shed and co-ordinate arrange of fund-raising activities throughout the year. This includes cooking lunch for students to order once a fortnight.

Year 5 students are responsible for raising and lowering the flags each day and delivering the Acknowledgement of Country at school activities.

SUN SAFETY POLICY

As part of our Sun Safety policy, during Terms 1 and 4, all students must wear a broad brimmed hat when playing outside, doing sport or participating in outdoor lessons. Students without a sun-safe hat play/learn under cover.



Uniform

School uniforms can be purchased from Brunella Schoolwear in Corowa (160 Sanger Street, phone 6033 0233) or ask school staff if there is anything available in the secondhand box.

School jumpers need to be ordered from Brunella's to enable the school logo to be embroidered. For new students your initial jumper will be paid for by the P&C. A letter will be provided to enable you to pick up your child's new jumper from Brunella Schoolwear. Additional jumpers are purchased at your own expense.

Your child's initial school hat will be supplied by the P&C when they start at the school.

Year 6 wear student designed and embroidered shirts and jumpers.

GIRLS

BOYS

	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>
SUMMER	<p>Dress: blue and white check OR</p> <p>Shirt: navy and gold school polo with school logo</p> <p>Shorts (navy unisex): Skorts, Knit Shorts or Tailored Shorts</p> <p>Jumper - navy school jumper with school logo</p> <p>Footwear - black shoes with short white socks or brown sandals.</p> <p>Hat: navy school hat embroidered with school logo</p> <p>Hair Ties/Ribbons: navy blue only</p> <p>Jewellery: sleepers or plain studs</p>	<p>Shirt: navy and gold school polo with school logo</p> <p>Shorts - grey</p> <p>Jumper - navy school jumper with school logo</p> <p>Footwear - black shoes with short white socks or brown sandals.</p> <p>Hat: navy school hat embroidered with school logo</p>
WINTER	<p>Pants: navy heavy brush/ twill elastic wasted, stretch</p> <p>Shirt: navy and gold school polo with school logo</p> <p>Jumper - navy school jumper with school logo</p> <p>Footwear: black shoes with white socks</p> <p>Beanie: navy school hat embroidered with school logo</p>	<p>Pants – grey school pants</p> <p>Shirt: navy and gold school polo with school logo</p> <p>Jumper - navy school jumper with school logo</p> <p>Footwear: black shoes with grey socks</p> <p>Beanie: navy school hat embroidered with school logo</p>
SPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirt: navy and gold school polo • Shorts: navy blue stretch • Socks: short white socks • Footwear: runners • Pants: blue tracksuit pants • Jumper: navy jumper with school logo 	

Documents

To keep our information current and to meet NSW Department of Education requirements, we ask that parents/carers complete and return, when relevant, the following documents (all available from the school office) to school:

- **Enrolment documents**
 - Enrolment form (paper copy or online)
 - Original Birth certificate
 - Immunisation certificate
 - 100 points of identification for enrolling parent.
 - Current health care plans (if relevant)
 - Any court orders (if relevant)
- **Medical & Emergency Information**
 - Parent / carer contact information
 - Emergency contacts
 - Doctor and medical contacts
 - Known allergies or medications
- **Asthma and/or Health plans**
 - MUST be complete by a doctor and in colour
 - Includes triggers and management plan.
 - **MUST be updated annually and a copy given to the school.**
- **General Consent – walking**
 - Permission to walk in the rand township for school related activities.
 - Destinations include the sportsground and the Rand School of Arts Hall
 - In the need of an evacuation from the school, students will walk to the sportsground or the Rand Hotel.
- **Parent Drivers on Excursions**
 - This allows parents to transport students to sporting and cultural activities off the school grounds.
 - Volunteer drivers will need to present their vehicle registration papers, photo license and Working with Children Check Declaration.
- **Parent Driver Declaration**
 - This document details the driver's class of license, vehicle insurance status, the number of seatbelts fitted and the authorized number of passengers.
- **Media Consent**
 - Permission for the school to publish photos on the Department of Education website, local newspapers and television stations, promotional material, the school website and newsletter and the Rand Public School Facebook page.
- **Internet, Network and Social Media Usage Policy & Agreement**
 - All students have access to laptop computers for learning. The policy document outlines to parent/caregivers the school's expectations on the safe and responsible use of devices and when they are online using the Internet.
 - Students and parents are asked to sign and return a statement committing to safe and responsible use of computers and the internet when at school



Attendance

It is a requirement of the NSW Department of Education that students are to attend school every day that it is open and that they are well.

Absences that are justified are for sickness, medical appointments and family emergencies.

The NSW Department of Education considers that absences for travel or holidays to be unjustified.

All absences, full or partial days, must be explained by a parent or caregiver within three days of the first day of absence. Absences can be explained via the Parent portal in School Bytes, in a written letter to the school, email or by a phone call.

The school is legally obligated to mark a student's absence as unjustified if a parent has not made contact to explain an absence within seven days.

Our P & C

The Parents and Citizens Association is a generous and enthusiastic group of parents who willingly work to raise money for additional resources, and offer their time to support learning.

The P & C meet twice a term in the school staffroom – these meetings are advertised in the school newsletter and on the P & C Facebook page. New and interested members are **always** welcome!

There are regular fundraisers (including the annual football-netball carnival) and events throughout the year that parents, family and friends are most welcome to attend.

The current executive are:

- President - Courtney Trethowan
- Vice President - Amanda McCall
- Secretary - Melanie McLellan
- Treasurer - Sarah Kreutzberger



Health

We love having our students at school however, if they are unwell, the best place for them to be is at home where they can rest and recover. We are guided by the NSW Department of Health in relation to student attendance at school when they have an infectious illness.

Illness	Students can return to school when...
Chicken Pox	~ all blisters have dried up. ~ this is usually at least 5 days after they first have a rash.
Covid-19	~ they have no longer have symptoms (sore throat, temperature, headache, muscle aches & pains, tiredness, cough)
Conjunctivitis	~ the discharge from their eyes has stopped.
Gastroenteritis ~ Vomiting ~ Diarrhoea	~ 48 hours has passed after their last loose bowel movement. ~ 48 hours has passed after their last incidence of vomiting.
Glandular Fever	~ they are feeling well enough to do so.
Hand, foot and mouth disease	~ all blisters have dried up.
Head lice	~ treatment has started.
Hepatitis A	~ at least 7 days have passed after symptoms start ~ a doctor has provided a medical certificate of recovery.
Impetigo	~ antibiotic treatment has started ~ all exposed sores are covered by a waterproof dressing.
Influenza	~ they have no longer have symptoms (sore throat, temperature, headache, muscle aches & pains, tiredness, cough)
Measles	~ at least 4 days have passed since the rash appeared.
Mumps	~ at least 9 days after swelling of the glands first appears
RSV	~ they have no longer have symptoms (sore throat, temperature, headache, muscle aches & pains, tiredness) ~ Students may return with a cough, as this can last for several weeks.
Ringworm	~ 24 hours have passed since anti-fungal treatment has started.
Whooping Cough	~ 21 days have passed since the start of symptoms ~ they have had antibiotic treatment for at least 5 days.

Behaviour/Wellbeing

All students have the right to connect, thrive and grow in an environment where they feel safe, known and cared for.

Rand Public School is an inclusive school where all students:

- Can learn new skills
- Learn how to behave in positive ways at different times, in different places and with different people
- Learn to connect positively with others.
- Have good, positive learning experiences
- Stay safe and healthy.
- Take part in the school and the community
- Speak up for themselves
- Engage in discussions about their learning
- Follow the Behaviour Code for Students.



Behaviour code for students NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

Expectations

In line with our school values of Kindness, Respect and Best Effort our students are supported to make positive behaviour choices with explicit teaching and posters of consistent behaviour that is expected across the school.

Classrooms			Playground		
<p>Kindness.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider other people Share equipment Kind words and actions 	<p>Respect.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen (check-in) Look after equipment Hands, feet and objects to yourself 	<p>Best Effort.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right place, right time Stay in the learning space Finish learning tasks 	<p>Kindness.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let others join in Share spaces fairly Kind words and actions 	<p>Respect.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep play areas tidy Look after equipment Hands, feet and objects to yourself 	<p>Best Effort.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right place, right time Self umpire Have fun!
Eating Areas			Sport Shed		
<p>Kindness.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider other people Wait patiently Kind words and actions 	<p>Respect.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the area tidy Eat politely Hands, feet and objects to yourself 	<p>Best Effort.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right place, right time Sit to eat 	<p>Kindness.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let others join in Play fairly and safely 	<p>Respect.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be polite Wait patiently behind the yellow line Food and drink free zone 	<p>Best Effort.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only use equipment from the trolley Use equipment the right way Return equipment at the end of play
Toilets					
<p>Kindness.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider other people Wait patiently 	<p>Respect.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flush, wash and leave Keep the area tidy Allow privacy 	<p>Best Effort.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play free zone Walk Food and drink free zone 			

The School Year

NSW Department of Education



Calendar 2025

Eastern division

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 - Term 1: 6 February to 11 April
 - Term 2: 30 April to 4 July
 - Term 3: 22 July to 26 September
 - Term 4: 14 October to 19 December
- **School development days:**
 - Term 1: 31 January to 5 February
- **School holidays:**
 - Summer 2024 -25: 22 December 2024 to 30 January 2025
 - Autumn: 14 April to 24 April
 - Winter: 7 July to 18 July
- **Public holidays**
 - Term 2: 28 April and 29 April
 - Term 3: 21 July
 - Term 4: 13 October
 - Spring: 29 September to 10 October
 - Summer 2025 -26: 22 December 2025 to 26 January 2026





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