



# Tomaree Public School

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Dear Parents, Carers and the Port Stephens Community,

Tomaree Public School is a coastal school located at Salamander Bay in the picturesque area of Port Stephens. Tomaree Public School has strong connections with the Port Stephens network of schools and is in the unique position of sharing a site with Tomaree High School, being part of the Tomaree Education Centre. This position brings many additional transition opportunities for our students, making them well-equipped to navigate High School life. We are a proud member of the Tomaree Learning Community (TLC) consisting of Tomaree High School and partner primary schools, Soldiers Point, Anna Bay, Shoal Bay and Bobs Farm. Principals from each school meet regularly each term and a strong, effective partnership has been developed to ensure students feel well-supported in their learning and wellbeing. The mantra of 'Working Stronger Together' underpins the purpose of all that we strive to collectively do.

Tomaree Public School has a strong student leadership team consisting of 10 Student Executive members, a Junior AECG and 25 Class Representatives that attend regular Student Parliament sittings. An active student voice exists within these groups. These leaders will work closely with our dedicated P & C and school focus teams to ensure that student initiatives are not only valued but also effectively implemented. Our Year 6 students lead the way within our ToPS leadership program. This program allows them to guide their peers in lunch and recess games and activities, showcasing their leadership skills and embodying our school PBL values.

Our focus on HPGE ensures we provide opportunities in all the domains of High Potential and Gifted Education, to enable students to continue to develop and build upon their skills, whilst also expanding opportunities within each domain for newly identified students.

Dedicated and passionate staff ensure our students enjoy a wealth of cultural, sporting, creative and educational opportunities within and beyond Tomaree Public School. The school provides numerous opportunities for students to participate in a range of extracurricular activities, PSSA trials, carnivals and gala days for various mainstream and inclusive sports. Our Garden Club, Chess Club and Cultural room spaces provide Tomaree Public School students with valuable opportunities for collaboration and help foster a positive school culture, encouraging teamwork, creativity, and strategic thinking in a supportive environment.

Tomaree Public School emphasises the importance of the creative arts through programs, including dance groups, a drama club, a choir and a school 'Rock Band'. Additionally, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 engage in public speaking, debating and the The Premiers Reading Challenge and Spelling Bee.

Tomaree Public School has a current student enrolment of 312 students. We have 12 mainstream classes and 3 supported classes.

Tomaree Public School proudly sits on Worimi land and we enjoy the support and guidance of the Youyoong AECG. In 2025, 50 of Tomaree students identify as either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Our school values the rich and diverse multicultural heritage of our staff and students. We continue to support students whose families have English as an Additional Dialect (EALD). In 2025 Tomaree has 15 EALD students.

The school benefits from the support of a Defence School Mentor, dedicated to assisting students and staff from Defence Force families. As of 2025, our school is proud to have 17 students enrolled from Defence Force families.

Strong connections with the University of Newcastle ensure we continue to support teaching practicum students, whilst also utilising the expertise of University and Departmental personnel for school and network initiatives. In 2025, this includes our CAPA project in conjunction with the University Arts Unit and the Port Stephens Public Schools Network's 'Film by the Water'.

Teaching and learning at Tomaree Public School continues to be informed by the Explicit Teaching research base valued by the Department of Education's curriculum reform. Planning, programming, assessment, feedback and using data for teaching and learning are areas that continue to be a focus for our school. The monitoring of student performance data will determine areas of need at an individual and whole-school level to ensure that there is ongoing student and school-wide improvement. Tomaree Public School is working explicitly on improving the skills and understanding of all students in literacy and numeracy.

Staff are committed to quality teaching and learning that nurtures and inspires students to achieve their individual potential. As a school we are committed to working collaboratively to plan and prepare high quality evidence-based learning experiences for all students that promote a joy of learning.

Technology is used effectively at Tomaree Public School to enhance student learning and engagement. STEM lessons that incorporate coding, robotics, virtual reality and 360-degree cameras, further develop students' understanding and application of digital technologies.

In 2025, Tomaree Public School continues to enjoy the support of a Digital Contact Officer, to further enhance our school-wide digital capabilities and enhance our communication and engagement with the community.

Our school community is committed to working collaboratively to effectively plan, lead and evaluate the implementation of Tomaree Public School's strategic directions.

Following a thorough situational analysis, we have identified the following focus areas to inform the initiatives within our School Excellence Plan; 'Student Growth and Attainment' and 'High Expectations Collaborative Culture of Excellence'.

Our school is committed to the NSW Department of Education's 'Our Plan for NSW Public Education's' vision of 'transforming lives through learning' and their commitment that 'every student learns, grows and belongs in an equitable and outstanding education system.'

Kind Regards,

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**Principal**  
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