



Warrawee

PUBLIC SCHOOL

"The place to be educated for the future"

WARRAWEEKLY

Term 1, Week 3: 11th February 2025

CALENDAR FOR TERM 1, 2025

Wed 19/02	Annual Swimming Carnival (details to be advised)
Wed 05/03	Zone Swimming Carnival (details to be advised)
Fri 21/03	Harmony Day
Sat 29/03	P&C Trivia Night : The Movie Edition (see Page 5)
Fri 11/04	End of Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to another exciting year at Warrawee and a very warm welcome to our new Kindergarten students and new families to Warrawee. I hope you had a restful break and are ready to start the year ahead. It has been lovely talking with students about their holiday and hearing all the great activities they have been involved with. I look forward to many more of these conversations over the next few weeks.

The transition to 2025 classes went smoothly, with all students in their class on the first day of school. Class arrangements for 2025 commenced in Term 3 of 2024 with much thought and planning to support student learning and wellbeing. I have visited many classrooms, and it is fantastic to see our students settled and ready to learn.

On Pages 2 and 3, you will find whole school class organisation and a school map of classroom locations for 2025. You will shortly receive information relating to 'Meet the Teacher Night' where you will have an opportunity to learn about classroom routines and other information specific to your child's class teacher.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

CHANGES TO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL AND OPPORTUNITY CLASS APPLICATIONS

The Department of Education is implementing changes to the application and placement process for both selective high schools (SHS) and opportunity classes (OC) to deliver benefits for schools, students, parents and carers.

Tests will mostly be hosted in external centres, reducing the burden on schools, and conducted on computers delivering a more engaging experience for students. We are also introducing a longer application period for parents and carers to apply. Outcomes will be released earlier.

This means that the application period for both OC and SHS is now the same and will run from 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025. Due to the longer application period, late applications won't be accepted.

With the new application period, parents and carers can now apply for OC placement when their child is at the end of Year 3 or at the start of Year 4, and for SHS placement at the end of Year 5 or at the start of Year 6. Applications will be open from 7 November through the following application link: [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#)

The 2025 test dates are from 2 to 4 May 2025. Students will need to attend one test date only. Students can visit [Selective high schools and opportunity classes – information for students](#) to access resources and to gain an understanding of the placement process, including practice tests. Read more about the [changes to the application process for 2026 entry](#).

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY CHANGES AND TERM DATE CHANGES 2025

Recently the Department of Education announced an increase in staff development days that has resulted in some changes to term dates. Please find details of these changes below.

Term dates 2025

Term 1 – Thursday 6 February to Friday 11 April
Term 2 – Wednesday 30 April to Friday 4 July
Term 3 – Tuesday 22 July to Friday 26 September
Term 4 – Tuesday 14 October to Friday 19 December

School holiday dates 2025

Term 1 Autumn school holidays – Monday 14 April to Thursday 24 April
Term 2 Winter school holidays – Monday 7 July to Friday 18 July
Term 3 Spring school holidays – Monday 29 September to Friday 10 October
Term 4 Summer school holidays – Monday 22 December 2025 to Monday 2 February 2026

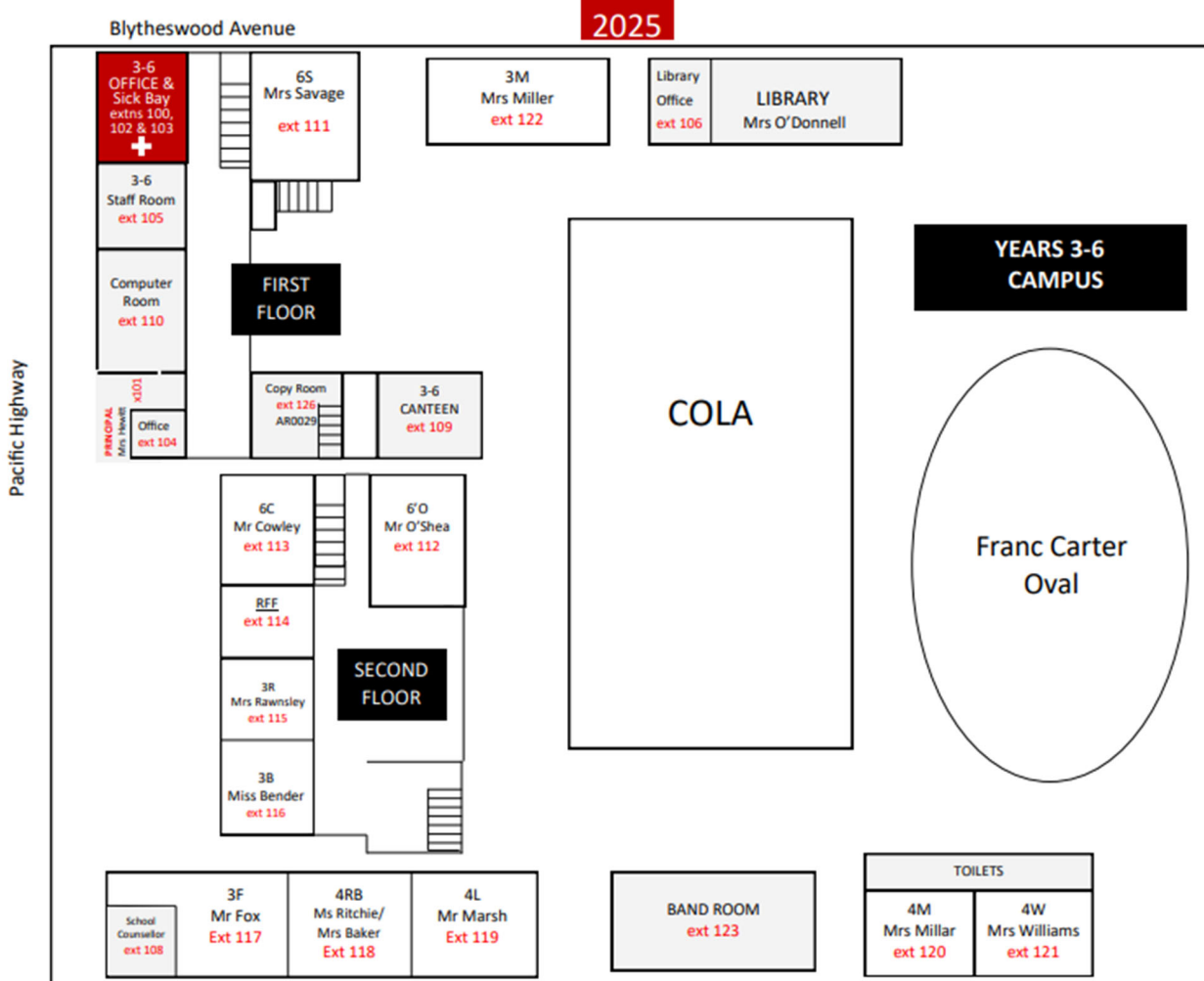
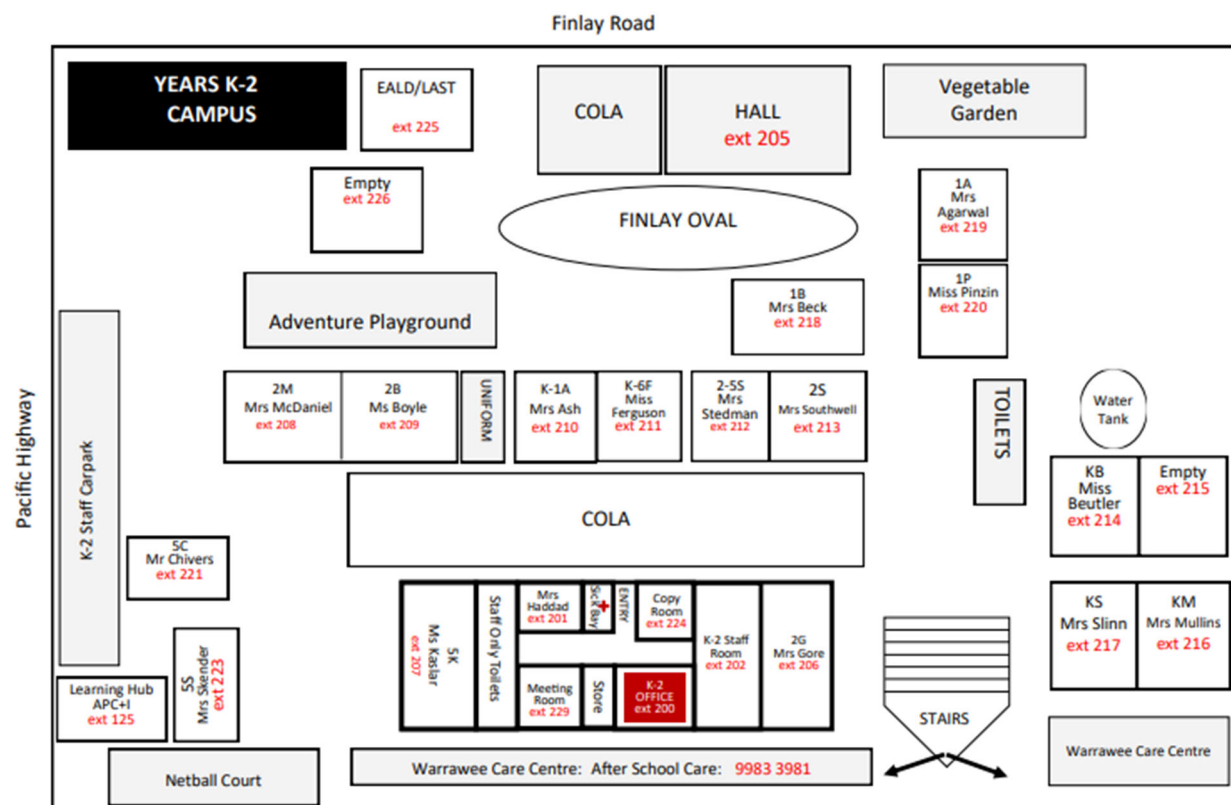
School development days 2025 (students do not attend)

Term 2 – Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April
Term 3 – Monday 21 July
Term 4 – Monday 13 October

Sharon Hewitt, Principal

Further Upcoming Events can be viewed by clicking on this link to the "Events" page of our school website:
<https://warrawee-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>

2025 SCHOOL MAP



K-2 CLASSES

3-6 CLASSES

Please find below the K-2 teachers and their classes for 2025:

Class	Teacher
K-1A	Kathy Ash
K-6F	Kelly Ferguson
KB	Leisha Beutler
KM	Michelle Mullins
KS	Alison Slinn
1A	Neha Agarwal
1B	Anne Beck
1P	Raffa Pinzin
2B	Kate Boyle
2G	Catriona Gore
2M	Nicole McDaniel
2S	Cathy Southwell
2-5S	Roxanne Stedman

Please find below the 3-6 teachers and their classes for 2025:

Class	Teacher
3B	Georgia Bender
3F	Ian Fox
3M	Sophie Miller
3R	Cathy Rawnsley
4L	Lachlan Marsh
4M	Jo Millar
4RB	Ailsa Ritchie & Hayley Baker
4W	Kylie Williams
5C	Riley Chivers
5K	Corinne Kaslar
5S	Jen Skender
6C	Hayden Cowley
6O	Michael O'Shea
6S	Fiona Savage

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



= 3 days



30 mins
per day



= 18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

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"SCHOOLTV"

Parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource implemented at our school to help support you in the challenges of modern-day parenting relating to youth mental health and wellbeing. Parenting is a learning journey and SchoolTV supports families by providing credible information from trusted sources with practical strategies to help alleviate some of the challenges being faced by young people today.

Watch video interviews with leading wellbeing specialists and browse a library of resources. Each topic is accompanied by factsheets, podcasts, books, articles, apps and other videos.

This award-winning resource helps families build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people. It will assist you in starting those conversations on topics that can sometimes be awkward or difficult to tackle.

Parents and caregivers are the greatest influence on a young person's life and SchoolTV focuses on empowering confident parenting.

Explore SchoolTV today! [SchoolTV | Warrawee Public School](#) or scan the QR code below.



SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS & OPPORTUNITY CLASSES

Applications for 2026 entry into an opportunity class (OC) or selective high school (SHS) are currently open and **close for both on 21 February 2025** (Week 3, Eastern division and Week 2, Western division).

Please follow the link to apply:

[Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#)

CYBER SAFE PARENTS

Information and resources to help families stay safe online.

- Explore websites and engage in games together
- Manage privacy settings on apps and social media together
- Set some rules about online safety basics

Click this link for further information:

[Cyber safe parents | NSW Government](#)

P&C NEWS

P&C STUDENT DETAILS FORM

So that you can stay in touch with what is happening in the school and your child's class, new Warrawee PS families are invited to complete a student details form online using the QR code below. You can also find a copy of the QR Code in the [P&C Handbook](#).

The information on the form enables the class parent coordinator to build a class contact list which is distributed to the class parent and that class only. The list will have your child's name and the names of the other children in their class as well as their Mums/Dads/ Carer's emails and contact numbers. This can be very handy as a parent to help organise birthday parties, communicate with other parents in the class, setup play-dates etc.

Existing families will be included in the relevant class list/s automatically and only need to complete an updated form if their contact details have changed.



SCAN ME

BE A CLASS PARENT IN 2025

A class parent is the main point of contact between teachers and parents, they help distribute P&C and school information and help maintain/distribute their class list. They also organise class social events, teacher birthday/end of year gift and help coordinate volunteers for their Year Group fundraising/social event.

We are looking for one or two parents per class to take on this important and fulfilling role.

It's easy and FUN! If this is you, please email our class parent coordinators to put your name down for your child's class.

classparent@wpspandc.org

FACEBOOK GROUPS

Did you know parents from Warrawee PS have set up Facebook groups for each year group, which are another great way to connect with other families and keep across things that are happening in your year group. You can join the relevant year group Facebook group via the following links:

[WPS Kindy 2025](#)

[WPS Year 1 2025](#)

[WPS Year 2 2025](#)

[WPS Year 3 2025](#)

[WPS Year 4 2025](#)

[WPS Year 5 2025](#)

[WPS Year 6 2025](#)

Thanks

Jaimie and Nat

WPS Class Parent Coordinators

P&C NEWS

Happy New Year Warrawee! We hope you've started Term 1 well?

The P&C events team are revving up for an exciting 2025. Coming up very soon:

PARENTS AND CARERS EVENT ON 29 MARCH 2025

- ◇ School shoes and uniforms washed - tick
- ◇ Kids back at school - tick
- ◇ Stationery list items sent in - tick
- ◇ A night out for you hard working parents? Well, over to us...

Coming soon to a school hall theatre near you...

This March the P&C Events studio presents:

TRIVIA NIGHT: THE MOVIE EDITION

Join your fellow parents and carers on a night to remember filled with action, drama, comedy and... general TRIVIA! Book a Table for 10 or Admit One... it's up to you. Go on, you deserve a fun night out!

There'll be prizes for the best dressed team and the best dressed table in a movie theme. What movie, film genre or movie-themed costumes and table decorations will you produce?

When: Saturday 29th March. Doors open at 6:00pm for table set design for a 7:00pm event start

Where: in our very own school hall.

Don't miss out! Book your Table for 10 for \$350 or individual tickets for \$35 each. Tickets include popcorn, pizza and a cinema candy bar. BYO drinks, salads and tableware, costumes and table decorations and general trivia prowess!

Lights, camera, ACTION!

Book now at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CZBFR>

Emma, Christina, Lorraine, Claudia

P&C Events team

cc. events@wpspandc.org



Transport for NSW Careers

We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors



Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.



Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.



Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.



Permanent part-time roles available
Warrawee Public School – 98020

Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- 20 hours each fortnight.
- Shifts are between 8:15 am – 9:15 am and 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm.
- Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

Apply today

Applications close Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 98020** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary
E: sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au
P: 0466 343 704

jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au





BIG EMOTIONS, SMALL STEPS: TACKLING CHILDHOOD ANXIETY TOGETHER

FREE PARENT WEBINAR

**DATE:
FEBRUARY 18TH, 2025**

**TIME:
6.30–8.00PM**

Join us for an informative webinar where we'll explore childhood anxiety. Learn how to recognise the signs of anxiety, understand what's developmentally typical, and discover effective strategies to respond to and help your child navigate their worries with confidence.

REGISTER HERE:

[BIT.LY/BIGEMOTIONSSMALLSTEPSWEBINAR](https://bit.ly/bigemotionssmallstepswEBINAR)



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

COMMUNITY NOTICES



ReCraft
revolution studio

After School Program

THURSDAYS 2.55 - 5 PM

YEARS 1-6

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Learn New Art and Craft Skills
- Inspire Imagination
- Explore Personal Growth
- Foster Creativity and Expression

Enrolments Now Open
Term 1 Starts Thur 13th Feb @ WPS

scan QR code for enrolment
For more information email recraftrevolution@gmail.com

Scan me! For more information

Scan me! to enrol



WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2025

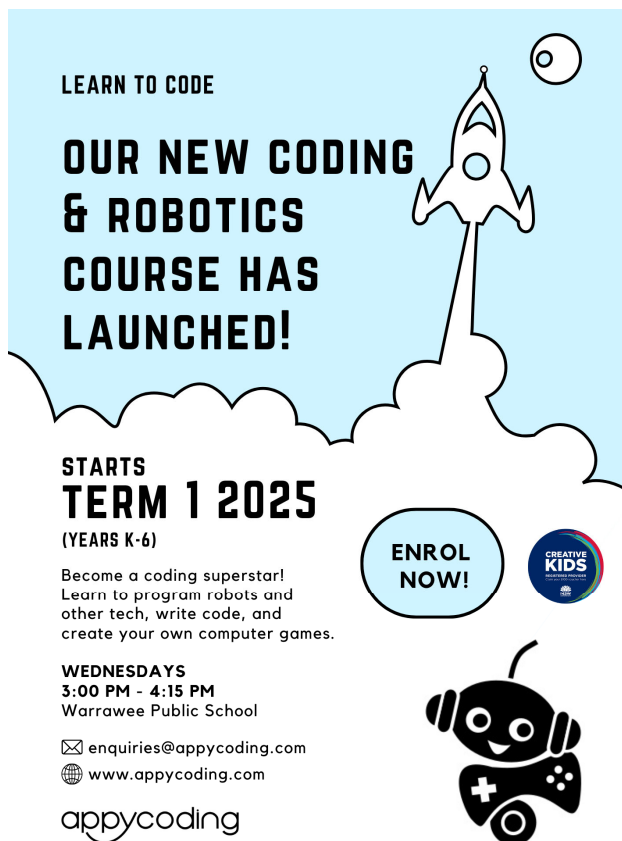
OPEN NIGHT

5.30PM TO 8.30PM

Welcome to Asquith Girls High School

OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH OUR TEACHERS, SEE EXCITING FACULTY DISPLAYS, JOIN GUIDED TOURS AND ATTEND A Q & A SESSION

Please note: Out of Area Enrolments are subject to NSW Department of Education Out of Area Enrolment Policy



LEARN TO CODE

OUR NEW CODING & ROBOTICS COURSE HAS LAUNCHED!

STARTS TERM 1 2025 (YEARS K-6)

Become a coding superstar!
Learn to program robots and other tech, write code, and create your own computer games.

WEDNESDAYS 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM
Warrawee Public School

enquiries@appycoding.com
www.appycoding.com

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ENROL NOW!

CREATIVE KIDS



FRENCH CLUB

WARRAWEE PUBLIC SCHOOL

JOIN US TERM 1 2025

THURSDAYS 3.00 TO 4.00PM

Making French fun! Enrolments are now open for all students interested to learn a new language, boost academics and explore another culture.

FREE trial - contact us now to find out more.

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