



Wentworth Falls Public School

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School Vision Statement – *Resilient learners who are inspired, inquisitive and innovative.*

Wentworth Falls Public School community values strong, resilient relationships built on a common understanding of wellbeing. We are committed to equipping students with the skills to be creative and imaginative thinkers, with tools for 21st century learning and exploring our global world. Our staff leads with inspiring teaching and learning, catering for the needs of the whole child.

Executive

Principal - Richard Giles

Assistant Principals:

- Nick Kertesz, Relieving Early Stage 1 and Stage 1
- Zoe Lee, Relieving Stage 2
- Gaynor Haynes, Stage 3
- Katrina Saliba, Relieving APC&I

School Hours

8:10am - 3:00pm	Office hours
8:40am - 10:40am	Class learning
10:40am - 11:05am	Recess
11:05am - 12:50pm	Class learning
12:50pm - 1:25pm	Lunch
1:25pm - 2:25pm	Class learning

Term Dates for Students

2025

- Term 1: Tuesday 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

Attendance

All students are expected to attend school on time every day. Being at school on time everyday supports optimum learning.

In NSW, all children from the age of 6 are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling through the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

School hours are from 8:40am to 2:25pm with supervision in the playground beginning at 8:10am.

If your child is late to school this constitutes a partial absence and requires a late note from the office. If they have attended an appointment, please notify when you come to the office to receive your late note.

If your child needs to leave school early due to sickness or reasons such as a doctor's appointment, please collect an early leaver slip from the office, sign the student out in the student sign out book and then give the early leave note to your child's teacher. Leaving early constitutes a partial absence.

Regular attendance is essential to ensure a consistent learning program and good progress. The District Home School Liaison Officers (HSLO) monitor school attendance and lateness. The development of punctuality is an important life skill.

Absences

When your child returns after an absence, please write a note that gives the reason and date of actual absence. Include your child's name and class on the note. You may also complete the e-form on Sentral or send an email to the school.

An SMS message will be sent at 9:30am if your child has been marked absent for the day and no explanation has been given. If you can notify the school with the reason for your child's absence before 9:30 via email or Sentral it is appreciated. There is no need to telephone the school for day to day absences. If your child is absent for more than two days you are required to contact the school as per the methods listed above.

As a Department of Education attendance requirement, children arriving late will need to go to the Office to collect a late note. A reason for their lateness will need to be provided by a parent or carer. If there is no adult present, an SMS will be sent weekly on a Wednesday afternoon for this partial absence, along with any whole day absences for an explanation.

For known partial absences parents can add a new absence, via the Sentral app, to explain if their child has an appointment that morning. In the comments section please add what type of appointment and approximate time of arrival to school.

Enrolment

An application to enrol in a NSW Government school can be found on our school website or downloaded from the Department of Education's website. Enquiries regarding enrolment may be made at our school office.

The online enrolment process makes it easier and faster to enrol your child. To apply online visit our website, but you must live in the local enrolment area of this school. For out of area enrolments please complete the online out of area application.

For enrolment in Kindergarten your child must turn five years of age prior to 1 August of the year of their commencement at the school. All children must have commenced school by age six.

To enrol please note you will need your child's birth certificate, immunisation, proof of a Wentworth Falls address and a medical plan if your child suffers from an allergy, asthma or other medical condition.

Legal Access to Children

We must be notified, in writing, of any special provisions relating to legal access to your child by any other person, with copies of court orders provided where applicable.

Assessment and Reporting

Parents are encouraged to arrange interviews at any time concerning their child's progress and welfare. A mutually convenient time to meet with the child's teacher can be arranged through our office. A parent, student and teacher interview is held at the end of Term 1. Parents will receive an outcomes-based report twice yearly that will indicate their child's achievements relative to the curriculum expectations for each stage of each key learning area.

Each year children in Years 3 and 5 complete national testing in numeracy and literacy and a writing assessment. These tests are set and marked by the Department of Education (DOE), with the results forwarded to parents.

Student Wellbeing

At Wentworth Falls Public School we seek to provide quality education for all students. Student wellbeing programs provide support for all students. The underpinning concepts of the policy are:

- a clear but flexible discipline code providing behaviour parameters,
- provision of a safe, happy, well-resourced and effectively managed learning environment,
- learning programs which ensure success for all,
- parents as partners in the academic and behavioural aspects of a student's performance and progress; and
- students accepting increasing responsibility for their behaviour and learning as they progress through school.

A student Anti-bullying Plan is located on our website.

Infectious Diseases

Details of these can be obtained from the brochure *some infectious diseases of children* available through our school or by contacting the Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055, for guidance around school attendance.

Medication

Where your child is required to have ongoing medication during school hours, the medication must be provided to our office by a parent or carer in the correct packaging, labeled with the child's name, exact dosage and the school consent form signed.

If your child has a condition such as anaphylaxis, asthma or epilepsy, you must provide the school with a health care plan from your local doctor.

Ill and Injured Children

If students become ill or are seriously injured while at school, parents will be contacted and if considered necessary an ambulance will be called. For a child suffering a head injury, parents will be contacted.

It is most important that our school has up to date information on addresses and emergency telephone contacts.

Anaphylaxis: A number of students in the school are highly allergic to nuts. Consequently, our canteen has a nut-free policy and families are asked not to send nut products such as peanut butter to school.

Voluntary School Contribution

Parents / Carers are asked to make a contribution towards the cost of educational equipment and resources used by students. The money is used to pay for exercise books and folders, art and craft materials, reading books, sports equipment and to subsidise the cost of photocopy paper for teaching and learning activities.

A voluntary contribution of \$50 per child (\$60 per family) is requested and may be paid at any time during the year.

School Payments

Payments can be made either online through the Sentral App or Eftpos and cash payments can be made at the front office.

Student Assistance Scheme

Limited funds are available to assist students to participate in school activities where parents cannot afford the full cost of the event. Please ask the office for a form to fill out, all assistance requests are kept confidential.

Sentral App

Our Sentral App will keep you informed of school events and provides links to our newsletter and our school website. By downloading the Sentral App from the App Store it will keep you informed of upcoming excursions or if an excursion is delayed. Student absences and change of details can be submitted. The App is the most efficient and immediate way to inform you of a fire rating or snow conditions and if the school is operating or non-operational.

Website

Our school website has information about our school, supporting our students, learning at our school and our P&C Association. Our website can be found at:

<https://wentwthfal-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Facebook

Stay up to date on all of our current events with our Facebook page; see photos, videos and news. Follow us at: [@WentworthFallsPS](#)

Newsletter

Our newsletter is published fortnightly during school terms and is published on our school website and the Sentral app.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Through the dedication and commitment of a number of teachers at Wentworth Falls Public School we are able to offer our students the following learning experiences:

- Dance
- Choir
- Debating
- Strings Ensemble
- Recorder Ensemble
- Robotics
- Band
- Kilometre Club
- PSSA
- Chess
- SRC
- Student Leadership Opportunities

Library

All children have a library lesson once each week. They may borrow books during this period or before school or at lunch times. We encourage all students to use a library bag to carry their library books and to keep their library books separate from their own books at home. If books are lost or damaged we appreciate reimbursement of the cost of the book.

Book Club

Book Club has been run in this school for many years. Scholastic encourages the love of reading by providing books at a range of reasonable prices. Orders can only be completed online please go to [scholastic.com.au](https://www.scholastic.com.au) details can be obtained from the library. The school does earn rewards from all purchases and book fairs that in turn go towards resourcing library and classrooms.

Sport Houses

- Cockatoo – Yellow
- Currawong – Green
- Kookaburra – Blue
- Magpie - Red

Special Religious Education

Special religious education classes are conducted on Thursday mornings for students whose parents wish them to participate. Supervised activities are provided for students whose parents do not wish them to attend special religious education classes.

Ethics Classes

Classes on philosophical ethics are offered at our school as an option for student in Kindy to Year 6 for those who do not attend Special Religious Education (Scripture). Classes are offered on teacher availability.

Homework

Our students in Kindergarten to Year 6 are given home reading and/or homework. While homework is optional it is seen as a vital part of the home-school partnership. Details of homework will be provided by the class teacher.

Buses

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school. You can obtain an information sheet on the School Opal card from the office. You will need to complete the application online at <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts> the school will endorse your application. Once transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

Car Park

The school car park is for staff use only. For safety reasons the school car park is out of bounds to students and parents and must not be used to access or leave the school grounds.

Bicycles and Scooters

Students who ride to school must be aware of the rules and regulations regarding bike and scooter use in public places and at school. It is important that your child understands the rules and regulations regarding riding in public places and at school to ensure his/her safe travel to and from school by either bike or scooter. Once students enter the school gate it is important that students dismount from their bike or scooter and walk down to the rack area.

Volunteering or Visiting in our school

All volunteers and contractors must sign in at the front office and have filled out the required digital declaration to be on the premises. Please see the office for the appropriate forms to be completed.

Canteen

Our canteen days, which are managed and staffed by our P&C volunteers, vary each term depending on volunteer numbers. Lunch orders are made online at www.spriggyschools.com.au sign up and create your account. Volunteers are always welcome.

Uniforms

The uniform shop is open on Friday mornings from 8:15am. You can submit an order form to the office or via email if you are unable to attend on a Friday morning.

The clothing pool is open on Friday mornings from 8:15am. The clothing pool offers second hand uniforms.

All children attending school excursions, representative sport and school functions must wear a school uniform and hat. The uniform shop and clothing pool are both run by parent volunteers and on occasion could be unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances.

Lost Property

Parents are asked to mark their child's belongings and uniform with their name. These items can then possibly be returned to the child if misplaced. There are lost property baskets located near the staff room. At the end of each term unclaimed articles from lost property are forwarded to an appropriate charity or the school clothing pool.

Sun Smart

The wearing of a suitable hat by children is promoted in awareness of the dangers of overexposure to the sun. Children are encouraged to wear sunscreen. If students do not have a hat, they must stay off the field and play in the shade.

Catastrophic Bushfire

When a catastrophic fire danger rating has been issued for our area, the school will be non-operational for that day. Please check Sentral for updates.

Snow

In the event of heavy snow, the school will be non-operation for that day. Please check Sentral for updates.

P&C Committee

Our P&C Association meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

School Rules: Be safe; Be respectful; and Be a learner

Wentworth Falls School Song

Across the mountains high and wide,

Through valleys down below,

We sing in cheerful voices,

Of a school we love and know.

This is a school of friendship,

Of harmony and fun,

Achievements are acknowledged

With joy by everyone.

Chorus;

Wentworth Falls Public School

You can call us 'Wenty'

It's a safe environment,

And we have fun a-plenty.

Through changes over many years,

We've learnt we've laughed, we've grown

In skills and strength and courage,

Our hearts and spirits flown.

Through loyalty and friendship,

Our school is set apart,

A learning place, a friendly face

Keeps Wenty in our heart.

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