



Willmot Public School Newsletter

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2025 – Term 1 – Weeks 1 - 6

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

A message from Principal Mrs Bugeja

As we embark on a new school year, I extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students and families. I was impressed to see so many confident and independent students arriving at the gates this morning. We have an exciting term ahead, and lots of news to share with you in the coming weeks. Congratulations to all for a fantastic start to the school year!

Today, teachers introduced a new morning routine in every classroom. Students will be taught to go from the “door to the floor in 60 seconds”. Then, for the first 30 mins of every day, teachers will deliver a highly structured program to focus on knowledge building, vocabulary, and essential literacy and numeracy skills. The content will prepare students for learning that is happening throughout the week, and will support students to remember what they have learned over time. Please ensure students are on time and ready to start at 8:55 am so they do not miss out on the most important part of the day.

Thank you for your trust and cooperation as we introduce new school procedures like “Kiss and Drop”. These changes will support us to focus on our students, maximise learning time and increase the range of activities we offer before school. More detailed information about our new routines has been sent home today. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Connecting with families and working together remains a high priority for us. Families will continue to be invited on site to enjoy a sausage sizzle breakfast with us all on Wednesday mornings, and for our Meet the Teacher BBQ on Thursday 13th February from 3:15pm. You are also invited to cheer students on at our swimming and cross-country carnivals this term.

Finally, at the end of last year, our Director, Educational Leadership hosted the inaugural Mt Druitt Network Staff Recognition event, and our school staff was represented in all categories. Congratulations to:

Belinda Davis: Excellence in Teaching (Beginning Teacher)

Amanda Rigney: Excellence in Teaching

Sandra Hickey: Excellence in Education (Support Staff)

Admin Team: Outstanding School Initiative



Important Dates

WEEK 1

Friday, 31 January
Staff Development Day

WEEK 2

Monday, 3 February
Staff Development Day

Tuesday, 4 February
Staff Development Day

Wednesday, 5 February
Staff Development Day

Thursday, 6 February
All students return to school

WEEK 3

Thursday, 13 February
Healthy Kids Program Yrs 1-6
Meet The Teacher BBQ

WEEK 4

Wednesday, 19 February
Swimming Carnival 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Thursday, 20 February
Healthy Kids Program Yrs 1-6

Friday, 21 February
Flags on Friday
PULSE Alive Dance Rehearsal
Swimming Carnival 3:30pm – 4:30pm

WEEK 5

Thursday, 27 February
Healthy Kids Program Yrs 1-6
PULSE Alive Dance Rehearsal
PLP BBQ Afternoon

Friday, 28 February
School Assembly – Host: School Leaders

WEEK 6

Tuesday, 4 March
Kimberwalli Cultural Immersion
Excursion
P&C Meeting

Wednesday, 5 March
School Cross Country

Friday, 7 March
PULSE Alive Choir Rehearsal

2025 School Leaders

Meet our incredible Year 6 Leadership team! We know that our school and students will be safe in their hands and look forward to everything they will bring to our school this year.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Dylane Alsford



Migel Sherpa



Ryder Hutchen



Tyreece Warn

SCHOOL LEADERS



Dailey Blayden



Mason Jarvis



Sienna Swain



Olepa Teaurere

Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence. - Sheryl Sandberg

Class Teachers

Our classes for 2025 are as follows:

Kangaroos Amanda Rigney Kindy

Frogs Gen Begg Stage 1

Dingoes Sam Wilson Stage 1

Butterflies Amanbir Nijjar Stage 1

Kookaburras John Cowan Stage 1, 2 and 3

Wallabies Johanna Rolls Stage 2

Manta Rays Belinda Davis Stage 2 and 3

Galahs Nargis Orya / Melissa Slatford Stage 2 and 3

Goannas Vanessa Reasbeck Stage 2 and 3

Kitchen Joyce Crosscombe

Learning & Support Sarah McNabb

RFF & Targeted Programs Joline Hewen, Martin Hewetson

Library Janette Quinn



Selective High School – Year 7 2026

The application period for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2026 will be open from 7 November 2024 until 21 February 2025. The longer application period means parents and carers must apply during the designated application period as late applications will no longer be accepted.

Since the application period for opportunity class placement now opens much earlier than previously, students seeking selective high school placement will be in Year 5 when applications open and in Year 6 when applications close.

To apply, use the QR code below or go to

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/sc-hooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools>



Year 5 2026 Opportunity Class

Application period for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes in 2026 will be open from 7 November 2024 until 21 February 2025. The longer application period means parents and carers must apply during the designated application period as late applications will no longer be accepted.

Since the application period for opportunity class placement now opens much earlier than previously, students will be in Year 3 when applications open and Year 4 when applications close.

To apply, use the QR code below or go to

<https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/>



Year 6 to 7 High School EOI

The Year 6 to 7 High School Expression of Interest will be sent home shortly. These are required to be completed and returned to our front office no later than the end of March 2025. Completing these before the above date is especially important if you are considering sending your child to an out of area high school. Unfortunately, some students have missed their preferred out of area high school because the form was returned late, and all the out of area placements had been filled by the time they received the Expression of Interest form. Should you have any questions when completing this form, please don't hesitate to contact the front office. For more information go to <https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/>



NSW Department of Education

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school

It is time to start the transition of your child from Year 6 to Year 7.

DOE Mobile Phone Policy

In primary schools, the Department of Education has banned students from using mobile phones during school hours. Whilst we understand that some students may need to have a mobile phone on them on the way to and from school, any mobile phone brought to school by a student MUST be handed to the office on their arrival and collected again when they leave. Failure of students to comply with this is a clear breach of Department of Education Policy.



Are your details up to date?

Have your contact details changed? Got a new mobile number? Moved address?

Make sure you advise our school to ensure that we can contact you about your child or to provide you with information including upcoming events, permission notes etc. Changes of detail forms are available at the front office or changes can be emailed to the school at willmot-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Attendance

Please remember that our school day starts at 8:55am and finishes at 2:55pm. If your child arrives late or is required to leave early, or is absent from school, you are required to provide a reason to the school. This can be provided on an absence slip available at the front office, by phoning the office on 9628 0222 or by email to willmot-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.



If your child is required to leave school early, only parents/carers and emergency contacts listed on the enrolment form can pick up the student. Anyone who is not listed, will not be permitted to leave with a student during school hours. Please see the front office for an Update Contact Details Form, should you need to add additional emergency contacts to your child's details. We appreciate all families who assist us in keeping our students safe.

School Gates & Kiss and Drop Procedure

Our front and back gates open at 8:30 am and close at 2:55 pm each day.

Playground supervision starts at 8:30 am. Students who arrive before this time wait at the gate.

Kiss and Drop routines are now in place. Children say goodbye to parents and carers at the school gate, and proceed to the playground.

If your child is upset or needing support in the morning, you are welcome to take them to the playground and hand them over to staff member. We will make sure they get the support they need to get ready for learning.

Parents and carers are invited to come on site in the mornings to access the canteen or front office as usual.



Before School Activities

Starting Week 4

Mrs Bugeja's BALLET CLUB

Mrs Bugeja invites interested students to join her free ballet class.

You will learn:

- * ballet technique
- * ballet vocabulary
- * flexibility and coordination
- * ballet dances to perform as a dance group

Every Tuesday
8:20am in the hall

*No special shoes or clothes required!
Items will be available to borrow.*



Wednesday Morning Breakfast At Willmot Public School

The Salvation Army are here every Wednesday morning providing breakfast to our students from 8:30am.
Parents and carers are welcome to join.



Starting Week 4

Come and have fun with

WILLMOT PS CIRCUS TROUPE

Thursday mornings
8:30am



Learn to juggle, hula hoop and more!

ANY QUESTIONS? ASK MS TAYLOR

Uniforms

This is a reminder that Crocs are not approved footwear for schools, so we ask that you please ensure that your children are coming to school in enclosed, safe and supportive footwear like leather school shoes or joggers/runners.

This year we are encouraging all families to ensure children are in school uniform each day. Leggings and bike shorts are not part of the school uniform. They can only be worn under dresses or shorts or pants if required.

Our uniforms are very affordable and are available for purchase from the front office. The Uniform Shop operating times are below.
Monday & Friday – By Appointment Only
Tuesday to Thursday – 8:45am to 2:30pm

We are also happy to accept any second-hand school uniform items that are in good condition. If you have any that you wish to donate to the school, please ensure that these are washed and give them to the front office. Please note that secondhand stock relies on donations, and we therefore cannot guarantee all sizes or styles of clothing.

Year 6 Shirts

A note will be sent home to our Year 6 students shortly regarding their Year 6 school shirts. The shirts will cost \$35 each after being subsidised by the school.



New school logo update

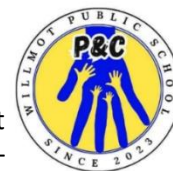
We are getting much closer to the final design of our new logo, which we shared with parents and carers at the end of last year during our summer concert. The new logo contains a water dragon and gumnuts and eucalyptus leaves signifying the important flora and fauna that we share our school grounds with.

We hope to be officially launching the new logo later this term, with uniform items able to be purchased by mid-year. More details on this will be provided to families.

Please note that there will be a two-year transition period in which uniform items with the old logo will continue to be accepted.

P&C Update

A very warm welcome back to the students and parents old and new from Willmot Public School P&C. We trust that you had an enjoyable break and are well-prepared for an exciting year of fundraising activities with your P&C. Please note the following key dates: our first P&C meeting for 2025 will be held on March 4th at 2pm in the community room, where we invite everyone to contribute to brainstorming innovative fundraising ideas for our students. Additionally, we will be attending a welcome back BBQ on February 13th, which will also serve as our inaugural fundraising event for the year. We are enthusiastic about the prospects for this year and look forward to a productive and successful year for our P&C.
- Petesa Sharp, President



Sport and Physical Activity

Our school values sport and physical activity and the essential role it plays in contributing to overall wellbeing for all students. This notification implies and serves as informed permission. School sport is co-curricular and is a mandatory part of the school week for all students. This year, sport and physical activity will be organised and overseen by our school staff and take place on the school site.

Accident insurance information

In the event of injury, no accident or medical insurance cover is provided by the NSW Government Treasury Managed Fund for students participating in school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school endorsed activity, unless there is a breach of duty of care by department or school staff. The NSW Department of Education is insured to meet the financial impact of any legal liabilities arising from its activities. It does not provide, nor has it ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools.

Concussion management

When a student enrolled in a government school is diagnosed with concussion, the principal must be advised in writing as soon as the diagnosis is confirmed. Students may only return to sport and physical activity once a medical clearance has been provided to the school and, if at a school sport event, to the supervising teacher. Any student that experiences a suspected concussion during a school-endorsed activity, will be removed from the activity and parents/carers will be advised that a medical follow-up is required. If medical clearance is not provided, the student cannot participate in vigorous or competitive school sport or physical activities for 21 days from the concussion date.

Balls At School

At Willmot Public School, we have lots of different types of balls for students to play with during recess and lunch and therefore have requested that students do not bring their own to school.



Education

Are you ready for learning?

It's as simple as 1, 2 and 3!

1

Each morning you will switch your mobile phone off and hand it in to the school office.



2

The mobile phone will stay in the school office throughout the day.



3

When leaving the school, you can return to the office to collect your mobile phone.



Before and After School Care at Willmot PS

A Blacktown Council Before and After School Care Service (OOSH) is located and operating on school grounds Monday to Friday from 6:45am to 8:30am in the morning and then from 2:55pm to 6:00pm in the afternoons.

This service is available to students enrolled at Willmot Public School and is located inside the school grounds.

Service provided:

- Kindergarten children are picked-up and dropped-off to their classroom in the before and after school care.
- Academic support is offered through 'homework help'
- Well balanced afternoon tea, including fruit, healthy snacks and yoghurts
- Sustainability is emphasised at the service, with children learning about responsibility through tending to the on-site vegetable and fruit garden.
- Children have the ability to extend their knowledge through fun and creative activities and experiences.

To enrol your child in before and after school care, go to

<https://www.kidsearlylearning.com.au/Our-centres/Kids-Early-Learning-Willmot-OSH>



Vacation Care at Willmot PS

The Kids' Early Learning Vacation Care program, run by Blacktown City Council, is available from 7am - 6pm on school grounds during school holidays. The fully approved, supervised vacation care runs indoor and outdoor programs with a focus on arts and crafts, literacy, numeracy, construction, science, nature, drama and team games.

You are encouraged to book as soon as possible to secure your preferred sessions. All online bookings close 48 hours before the requested day.

Find more information on how to enrol or book your vacation care session go to

<https://www.kidsearlylearning.com.au/What-we-offer/Vacation-care>



Upcoming Events

Welcome Back BBQ



Our Healthy Kids Program

The Our Healthy Kids Program is an education initiative designed by the Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of NSW, for primary school aged children, promoting health and wellbeing. The program is carefully aligned with the curriculum and structured in stages to ensure effective learning and will be delivered for free to students in Years 1 to 6 during Term 1. Through a culturally focused and culturally safe approach, educators foster an environment that encourages children to explore and understand various aspects of health. The program aims to empower every student to discover their full potential by equipping them with the knowledge and tools necessary to make informed decisions in the present and future. It teaches the students that a genuine commitment to their health requires mindful decision-making. This program covers nutrition, physical activity, personal hygiene, healthy & unhealthy habits, mental health, bullying & social media and positive relationships & role models.

Swimming Carnival

Is your child a competent or competitive swimmer? Permission notes have now gone home to students for our upcoming swimming carnival to be held on Wednesday 19 February from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

To be able to participate, your child will need to be:

- turning 8 or older this year
- able to swim 50m (one lap of an Olympic sized pool) using correct stroke technique. Your child will need to be able to do this without holding onto any flotation devices and without touching the bottom of the pool.
- transported to and from the event by a parent or carer after school

Permission notes need to be returned by Friday 14 February 2025.

Flags on Fridays

Flags on Fridays will happen throughout the year which involves students meeting on certain weeks in their sports houses to do activities together. The aim of the initiative is to foster peer relationships outside of class groups, support staff in getting to know all our students and elevate the role of our House Captains. Over time, it is expected that these house groups will grow into wellbeing groups, aligning with Strategic Direction 2 in our Strategic Improvement Plan: Connect, Succeed, Thrive (a planned approach to wellbeing).

Flags on Friday dates for Term 1

Week 3 - Friday 21 February

Students can wear their house-coloured shirts to school on Flags on Friday days.



PULSE Alive 2024 – Dance Group

An excursion has been organised for our dance group to participate in the Pulse Alive 2024 performance as part of the massed dance group. The Pulse Alive performance gives students the opportunity to learn an exciting dance routine and perform with students across NSW.

Rehearsal – Thursday 27 February

Performance – Friday 21 March

Notes have gone home to the students in the Dance Group. Permission notes need to be returned by Friday 21 February.

PULSE Alive 2024 – Choir Group

An excursion has been organised for our choir to participate in the PULSE Alive 2024 performance as part of the massed choir. PULSE Alive gives students the opportunity to learn a range of songs and musical styles, and to sing with a large group of students from across NSW.

Rehearsal – Friday 7 March

Performance – Friday 21 March

Notes have gone home to the students in the Choir Group. Permission notes need to be returned by Friday 28 February.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN, for years 3 and 5, will be held between weeks 7-9 this term. The NAPLAN tests provide a moment in time snapshot of students' literacy and numeracy skills. We use this information to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs and literacy and numeracy goal setting as well as identifying students who would benefit from additional challenges or greater support.

School Assemblies

School assemblies are held several times per term and are hosted by the school leaders or our classes. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and celebrate the achievements of students. Please note that parents and carer are only notified if their child is receiving a Bronze, Silver or Gold award but not for the Listen, Learn and Lead merit awards.

Assemblies start at 9:15am and are held on a Friday. The current school assembly schedule for the year is below. Please note that this is subject to change.

Term 1		
Week 5	28 Feb	School Leaders
Week 8	21 Mar	Manta Rays
Week 10	12 Apr	Cross Country Assembly: House Captains

Term 2		
Week 3	16 May	Kookaburras
Week 6	6 June	Galahs
Week 9	27 June	Goannas

Term 3		
Week 2	1 Aug	Athletics Assembly: Butterflies & H/Captains
Week 6	29 Aug	Frogs
Week 9	19 Sept	Dingoes

Term 4		
Week 2	24 Oct	Wallabies
Week 5	14 Nov	Kangaroos

Important Future Events

PLP BBQ Afternoon

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families are invited to our PLP BBQ Afternoon on Thursday 27 March from 3:15pm to 4:30pm. We hope you can all make it for a tasty sausage sizzle and what will be a wonderful afternoon celebrating our children and setting goals for their learning!

Kimberwalli Cultural Immersion Excursion

Selected students have been invited to a full day cultural immersion excursion at Kimberwalli on Tuesday, 4th March. Through interactive activities and experiences, students will learn about native foods and cooking, cultural artefacts and tools, corroboree and dance, traditional arts, mens and womens business, Aboriginal languages, cultural awareness and local cultures and histories. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.

School Cross Country

Our school will be running its annual school cross country on Wednesday 5 March. Parents and carers welcome to attend. More information will be provided closer to the event. We have scheduled a back-up date of Wednesday 26 March in case of inclement weather or poor ground conditions.

School Photos

School Photos will be held in Week 7 on Friday, 14 March. We will send home the photo envelopes, with the prices and packages on them, as soon as we receive them.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Day is usually on the 21st of March but this year that falls during NAPLAN. So that we can celebrate Harmony Day properly, we will be holding our celebration early on Tuesday 1 April. Look out for more information about our plans for this important occasion.

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade is currently scheduled for Friday 11 April. More information, including parade times etc, will be advised to parents and carers closer to the event.

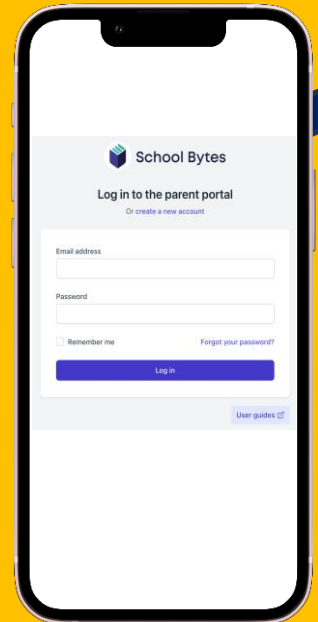
Last Day of Term 1

The last day of Term 1 is Friday 11 April.



School Bytes

Over 65% of our families have now registered with School Bytes!
With more features being added, there's no better time to register for School Bytes, than now!



Benefits of the School Bytes Parent Portal



FINANCE

Make payments online (including part payments / payment plans) at a time that suits you.



PAYMENT HISTORY

All past payments can be viewed, and receipts can be downloaded.



ACTIVITIES

Provide consent for activities online and never needing to worry about notes not being received!



ATTENDANCE

Respond to attendance alerts, review your child's attendance percentage, and advise of planned leave.

CALENDAR

View the school calendar, access event details and flyers allowing you to plan ahead with ease.



INTERVIEWS

Book a session for an upcoming parent / teacher meeting night, see what is available and book your spot in real time.



DOCUMENTS

All past Year 1 to Year 6 reports are accessible in Documents, along with our latest newsletters.



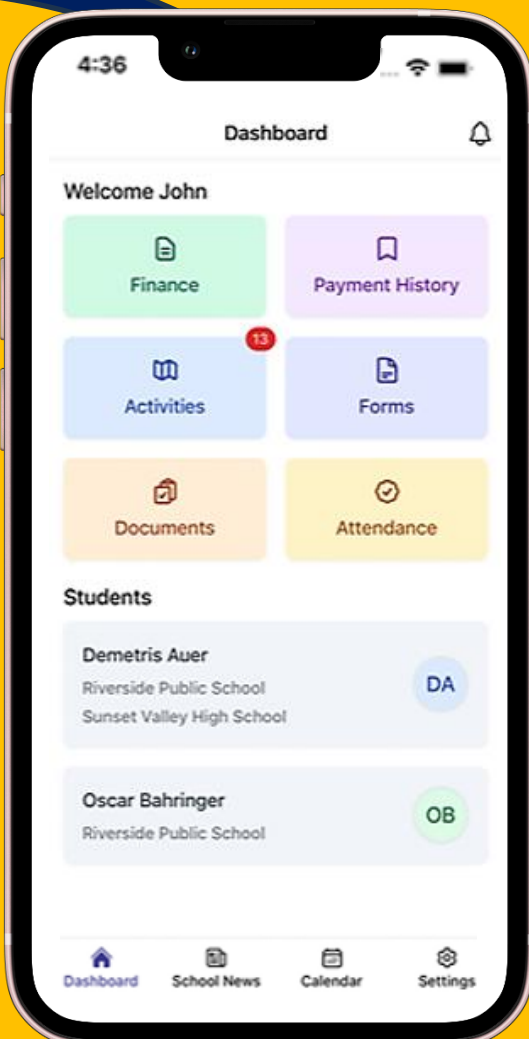
FORMS

Over the next few months, many of our forms will be digitised, making them more accessible to families.



ACADEMIC REPORTS

Whilst we will continue to print Academic Reports, all reports from 2024 onwards are available and downloadable in the School Bytes Parent Portal.



Student Showcase

Dungeons, Dragons, and Dice, Oh My!

What started as a simple alternative to outdoor lunchtime play last year for Stage 3 students, turned into one of the most exciting and enriching programs at Willmot Public School. Once a week, six students gathered in the library under the guidance of Mrs. Begg and Mr. Jarrod to embark on an incredible adventure—the world of Dungeons and Dragons (DnD). What they didn't expect was just how much this journey would transform their school experience.

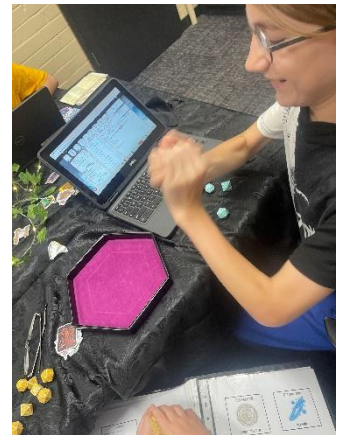
The DnD Club quickly became a highlight of the week. For some students, it was a welcome escape from the unpredictability of the playground; for others, it was a chance to be part of something truly special. The game's magic lies in its ability to foster creativity, imagination, and problem-solving, but as weeks passed, it became clear that it was offering so much more.

Not only did the students look forward to their sessions, but their participation in school life also improved. Attendance increased, and academic progress became evident. Through the game, students were learning new vocabulary, improving their literacy and maths skills, and developing strategic and critical thinking abilities without even realising it. Working together to solve puzzles and defeat monsters required teamwork, communication, and strategy, all of which strengthened their cognitive abilities and social interactions.

Beyond academics, the benefits stretched into personal growth. The game encouraged empathy as students stepped into the shoes of their characters, making decisions that reflected moral dilemmas and teamwork. Confidence grew as players found their voices, shaping their characters and engaging in storytelling. Resilience and self-awareness blossomed as they faced challenges, failed, and tried again, learning to overcome setbacks in a safe and supportive environment.

Skills like communication, listening, storytelling, and memory were being developed with every session. Students who once hesitated to speak up found themselves leading discussions. Those who struggled with focus were engaged for an entire lunch period, absorbed in the unfolding adventure. Their ability to listen actively, imagine new worlds, communicate clearly, and problem-solve in real time improved dramatically.

What began as a lunchtime club has turned into a meaningful program that enhanced not only academic skills but also social and emotional development. Mrs. Begg and Mr. Jarrod have created an environment where students feel safe, valued, and inspired. The friendships formed, the lessons learned, and the memories created in these sessions will stay with the students long after their characters' stories end.





WILLMOT PUBLIC SCHOOL

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2025



Willmot Public School is a dynamic, responsive and student focused school. Visible teaching and learning is our central core. Our quality educational programs nurture and enhance student and teacher talents, interests, and abilities. Students and teachers are committed learners with the capacity and confidence to succeed in the twenty-first century. We are a safe, respectful, and responsible community. **Come and join our school! ENROL NOW!**

For general enrolment enquiries,
please contact us on (02) 9628 0222.

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

Our website is getting an overhaul!

There have been some big changes to our website recently and more to come. The homepage has nice big links to make information easier to find, including our bell times, uniform and canteen information and links to the School Bytes Parent App.

It's now even easier to find newsletters on our website, all our co-curricular activities available to students and information for families with a student starting kindergarten.

We are also pleased to launch our Student Showcase section which includes a collection of students work, celebrating the creativity and hard work of our students.

Information about Before and After School Care, External Therapy Support and upcoming events including a link to our School Bytes Parent Calendar, are all on our website.

There are more updates coming but check out our website to see these exciting changes!



FOOD & SUPPORT SERVICES



LET US KNOW HOW WE
CAN HELP YOU

If you need assistance in accessing
food, other support services, or just
want to chat, please call our
Community Liaison Officer,
Jessica Martin, on 0461 425 193.

WILLMOT PUBLIC SCHOOL
IS HERE FOR YOU



Parent App

Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play



Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



School Bytes Parent Portal and App

Willmot Public School uses School Bytes to assist with parent communication. School Bytes provides our school, and our families, with many benefits including:

- Instant messages to the Parent Portal (including push notifications) or via SMS message to your mobile
- Permission notes can be completed online, meaning no lost notes in school bags
- Payments for excursions and uniforms can be made online. You are also able to review past payments and Statements of Account. For some events, multiple part payments can be made allowing you to make payments when it best suits you.
- Student Absences can be explained via the Portal
- Changes to student details can done via the Portal
- View the school calendar to assist with planning for upcoming events
- Multiple email addresses per family can be setup to ensure no one misses out on important communications
- From 2024, student reports will be contained in the Portal. Printed copies will still be sent home, but parents can also access their child's report in School Bytes.
- From 2024, digital forms will be added to the Parent Portal so parents can access uniform order forms, canteen menus, change of detail forms along with many other forms.

School Bytes Parent Portal Set Up

To register for the School Bytes Parent Portal, the email you use to sign up will need to match the email address that we have on the system for you. If you are using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile number that we have on record for you.

Set Up Process

1. Use the link or the QR code to register for the parent portal.

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



2. Click on 'Create a new account'.
3. Enter your details into the required fields and then select 'create account'.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address. Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

You can now link your account to all students in schools that use the School Bytes platform. When linking a student, the system automatically matches the data you provide with details stored on the student's school profile.

4. Select 'Link other student' and search for Willmot public School in the 'School name' field. Continue entering the students details and select 'Search'.

If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.

5. Continue adding any additional children that you have enrolled at Willmot Public School.

School Bytes Parent App

The School Bytes Parent App can be downloaded on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

Apple App Store

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/school-bytes/id6463097826>

Google Play

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

The School Bytes Parent App can also be accessed through the Department of Education Parent App which we also recommend parents download and use.

Further assistance

If you are unable to link a student to your account or if you have any questions about the Parent Portal, please contact our school on (02) 9628 0222.

What is **Book Club** ?



Issue 1 OUT NOW!

HOW TO ORDER ON **Book Club**



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read
3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)
4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

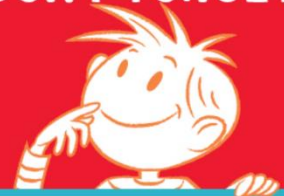
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Book Club

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

24 February

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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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

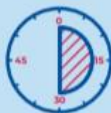
5 mins
per day



= **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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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

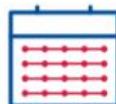
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= **4** weeks

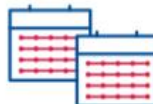


= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

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