



Willmot Public School Newsletter

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2025 – Term 4 – Weeks 6 - 10

A message from Principal Mrs Bugeja

We have had an exciting and busy start to the term, filled with special events and celebrations that show why Willmot truly feels like home.

We celebrated our amazing teachers on World Teachers' Day, acknowledging their hard work and dedication and for going above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of our students. We take our hats off to you all, not just on World Teacher's Day but every day, and thank you for your dedication, wisdom and care in all you do.

This term, we celebrated Halloween in style! Students and staff dressed up in creative costumes, and the day ended with a thriller of a disco hosted by our P&C.

We also celebrated Wish Day, where students and families came together to enjoy rides, stalls, fun activities and gave us their wishes for the future and changes they'd like to see happen. We are grateful to our dedicated staff, the P&C, and partnering services who made this day so special.

Our Director, Educational Leadership hosted the 2025 Mt Druitt Network Staff Recognition event, and our school staff was well represented. Congratulations to:

- Ms Taylor, Mr Cowan, Mrs Begg, Mrs Rigney, Mr Jarrod and Miss Xiomara were recognised for their sustained and exemplary commitment to improving educational outcomes for students identified as high potential or gifted.
- Ms Sgro was recognised for her demonstrated use of evidence-informed practices consistent with explicit teaching aligned with the DoE's statement on explicit teaching.



Our next event is our CAPA Showcase, where students will share their amazing talents in the performing arts and we can't wait to share this experience with you.

Reminders

We would like to remind everyone that the front and back gates do not open until 8:30am each morning. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, only students who are part of the before-school Ballet Ensemble or Circus Troupe may enter before 8:30am. Please help us keep all students safe by following these guidelines.

We also ask that all students bring water to school each day. Soft drink is not suitable for school, and water helps students stay healthy, focused, and ready to learn.

Thank You

Thank you to our families for working with us during this busy term. Your support helps our students feel safe, happy, and prepared for the exciting activities ahead.

Important Dates

WEEK 6

Tuesday, 18 November

2026 Student Leadership Speeches

Wednesday, 19 November

NSW Art Gallery Workshop

Sydney Dance Company Incursion

Thursday, 20 November

Kindy Orientation

WEEK 7

Wednesday, 26 November

NSW Art Gallery Workshop

CAPA Showcase

Friday, 28 November

Flags on Friday

WEEK 8

Wednesday, 3 December

NSW Art Gallery Workshop

Friday, 5 December

Presentation Day

WEEK 9

Wednesday, 10 December

Year 6 Graduation and Farewell

Friday, 12 December

P&C Colour Run Fundraiser

WEEK 10

Wednesday, 17 December

Christmas Concert and Giving Day

Friday, 19 December

Last Day of Term 4



IMPORTANT 2026 DATES

Tuesday, 27 January

Staff return for 2026

Monday, 2 February

Students return for 2026



Selective High School – Year 7 2027

The application period for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2027 will be open from 6 November 2025 until 20 February 2026. 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 2027 Opportunity Class

Application period for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes in 2026 will be open from 6 November 2025 until 20 February 2026. 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/>



Regular School Attendance

For every student to achieve their very best and stay on track with their learning, regular school attendance must be a top priority. When children are at school every day, they have the best chance to learn new skills, take part in engaging lessons, and enjoy fun activities with their friends.

As a learning community, we are committed to working together to lift our school's attendance rate, with the expectation that all students attend

school at least 90% of the time. We hold high expectations for attendance because being present each day helps children build confidence, form friendships, and develop the skills they need for the future.

Every day counts and being on time each morning is just as important. If you need support to help your child attend regularly and punctually, please speak with your child's teacher.

Our school day begins at 8:55am and ends at 2:55pm. While there may be times when an absence is unavoidable, these should be limited to genuine and justifiable reasons such as illness, unavoidable medical appointments, recognised religious holidays, or exceptional family circumstances (e.g. a funeral). When your child is absent for any part of the day, you must provide the school with a verbal or written explanation within 7 days.

BE ON TIME



AT 5 TO 9

P&C Update

We are pleased to report a highly productive term thus far, thanks to the tireless efforts of our P&C committee & member's in raising funds for our school's upcoming events. We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the parents who volunteered their time and donated goods for our Wish Day stall.



Our community of parents has consistently demonstrated remarkable generosity in supporting our school's cause. We successfully raised \$500 for upcoming events and an additional \$344.90 at our annual Halloween disco. Congratulations to everyone involved.

We also have our annual Colour Run scheduled to be held on Friday 12 December. A flyer for this fundraising event has been included later in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

Additionally, please note that our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, 2 December, where we will be voting for new board members for the upcoming year. We encourage all members to attend and participate in this important meeting.

Finally, we will also be hosting a Christmas raffle this year with some amazing prizes to be won! Photos of the prizes will be available on our P&C Facebook page shortly.



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 4

Week 1 - Friday 17 October

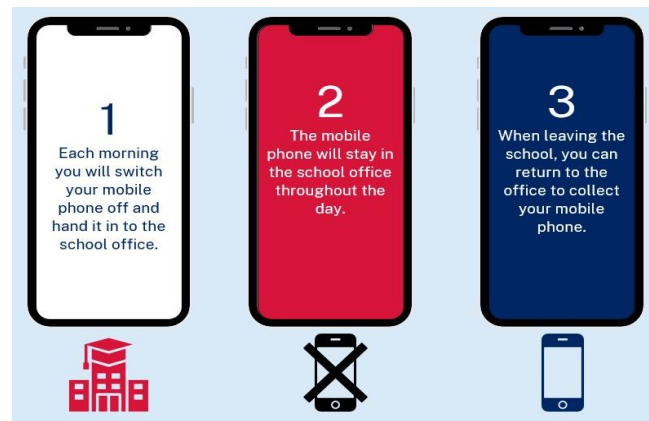
Week 7 – Friday 28 November

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



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.



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2026



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. Come and join our school! **ENROL NOW!**

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

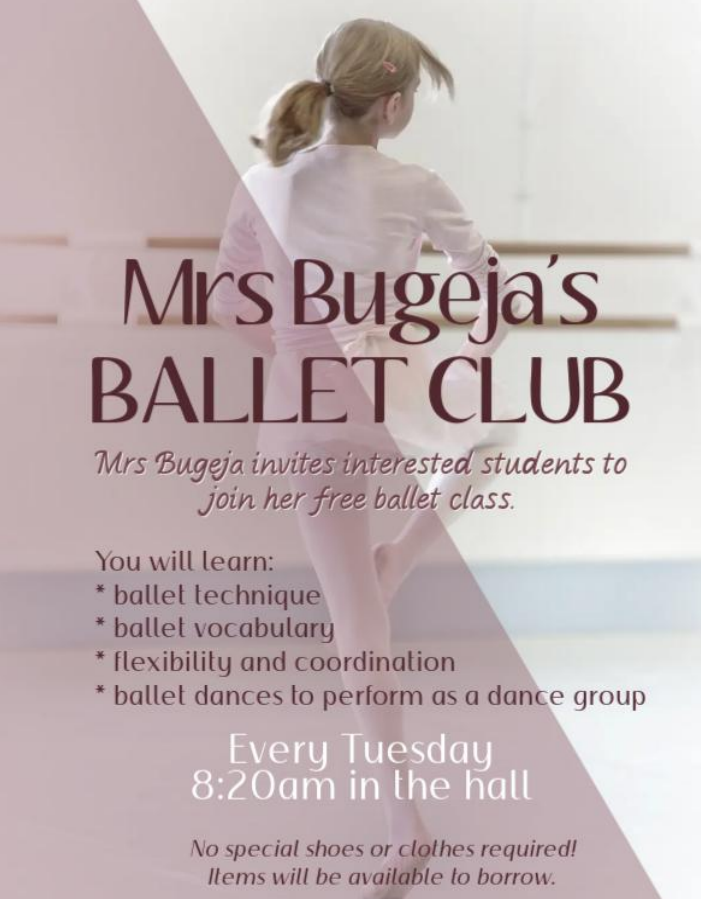
DON'T FORGET!

Please label
your child's
belongings

It helps us reunite lost property
with the owner.

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.



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 us.



WILLMOT PS CIRCUS TROUPE

Thursday mornings
8:30am



Learn to juggle, hula hoop and more!

ANY QUESTIONS? ASK MS TAYLOR

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COME ALONG TO OUR FOOD PANTRY!

Food Pantry was set up to help reduce food waste. Perfectly good fruit, vegetables and other produce and groceries are collected and are then distributed to our families and community for free via our Food Pantry. It has been great to see so many families and members of the Willmot community coming along. Reminders about Food Pantry are placed on our Facebook page weekly, however if you need more information about Food Pantry please contact Jess Martin, Community Liaison Officer, on 0461 425 193. Additionally, Jess is looking for parent volunteers to assist with the distribution of food at Food Pantry.



Upcoming Events

Willmot PS CAPA Showcase

On Wednesday, 26 November at 2pm, students involved in our dance ensembles and circus troupe will perform in a special showcase to share the progress they have achieved as part of our talent development programs. Families, friends and community partners are invited to attend and enjoy this exclusive performance.

Presentation Day

Parents and Carers are invited to come along and celebrate our students' achievements during 2025 on Friday, 5 December starting at 9:15am. Parents and carers of award winners will be notified that their child is receiving an award.



Year 6 Graduation & Farewell

We will be acknowledging the achievements of our Year 6 students, watching them graduate and then celebrating them at their farewell all to be held on Wednesday, 10 December.

Graduation will start at 9:15am in the hall. Year 6 students can then leave to get ready for the Year 6 Farewell but must be signed out via the office with a parent/carers. Please arrive at 5:30pm at our school for the Year 6 Farewell for a 6pm start.

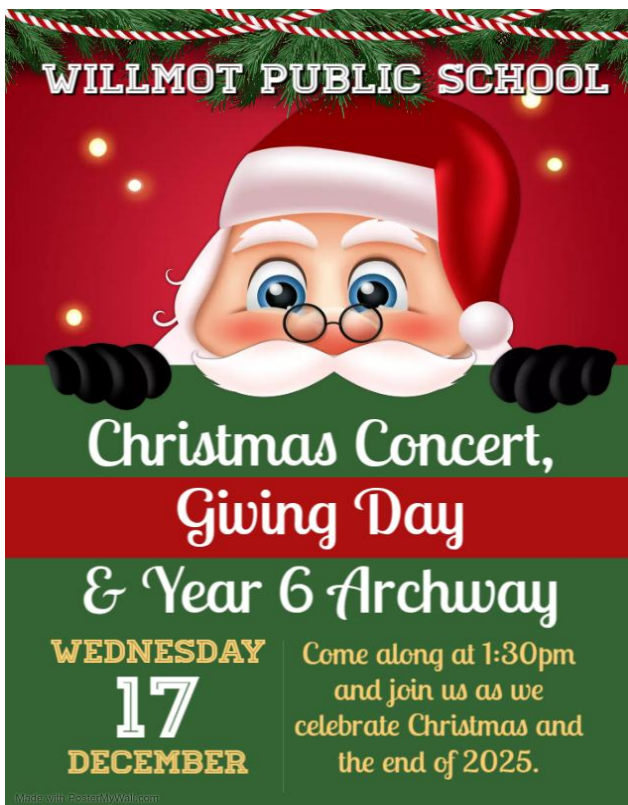
P&C Colour Run Fundraiser

Our P&C will be running a colour run fundraising activity for students on Friday, 12 December. The event will conclude with a dance party!! More information will be provided closer to the event.



Christmas Concert & Giving Day

We will be holding our Giving Day & Christmas Concert on Wednesday, 17 December.



Last Day of Term 4

The last day for Term 4, 2024 is Friday, 19 December.



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Trusted care by committed professionals

As a Child Safe Organisation, we regularly upskill to provide the highest quality care.



We provide nutritious breakfast/afternoon tea

Children start and end their day nourished and energised.



It's all about meaningful play

Programs are tailored to each child's needs and interests, with a strong focus on inclusion.



A lifelong love for learning

We supply resources for activities that bring core school subjects to life.



Transparent and affordable prices

We are Child Care Subsidy (CCS) approved, making our care accessible.

SESSION	TIME	FEE PER SESSION	WHAT YOU'LL PAY WITH CCS ELIGIBILITY*			
			50%	65%	80%	90%
Before school care	MON TO FRI 6:30am - 8:30am	\$24.00	\$12.60	\$9.18	\$5.76	\$3.48
After school care	MON TO FRI 3pm - 6pm	\$33.30	\$17.48	\$12.74	\$7.99	\$4.83

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Positions are limited



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Past Events

Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion

Students in Kangaroos and Butterflies went to Calmsley Hill City Farm on Monday, 20 October. Students explored the garden using their senses, patted farmyard animals and had a go at milking a cow! This moo-ing, fun, interactive and hands-on excursion, supported their science unit.



Halloween

Students put on their most spook-tacular costumes to celebrate Halloween! A big thank you to the P&C and parent helpers for a wonderful lunch time disco!



Seashore Habitats Excursion

With direct links to geography and science, students in Dingoes and Frogs headed to Collaroy Beach and explored the sand, seaweed, shells and rock pools while discovering the amazing plants and animals that call the seashore home. From building giant sand sculptures to searching for seaside treasures, this hands-on day sparked curiosity, teamwork and a love for caring for our coast!



Wish Day

Our Wish (Willmot is Home) Day was held on Friday, 7 November. It was fabulous to spend the day with so many families as well services and organisations that support our school and students. There were so many activities to keep everyone busy and entertained. The smiles and joy on everyone's faces were just magical!





BUTUCARBIN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS 2026

Butucarbin is dedicated to empowering Aboriginal people through a range of programs and services. Our core focus is on strengthening the wellbeing and resilience of Aboriginal individuals, families and communities in the region.

These scholarships are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students residing in the Mt Druitt area who are seeking assistance for their educational journey in 2026.

Scholarship Categories

All scholarships are a one-off payment in 2026

Kindergarten – Year 2	University or TAFE
1 x \$300	1 x \$1500
1 x \$300	1 x \$1500
Primary Years 3-6	Nakkiah Lui Performing & Creative
1 x \$300	Arts Scholarship – age open
1 x \$300	1 x \$500
Secondary Junior Years 7-10	1 x \$500
1 x \$500	Sporting Scholarship - age open
1 x \$500	1 x \$500
Secondary Senior Years 11 & 12	1 x \$500
1 x \$750	
1 x \$750	

Eligibility

Aboriginality, belong to the Mt Druitt Aboriginal community, Enrolment in School, TAFE or University in 2026. Demonstrated interest in Performing and Creative Arts activities. Demonstrate active participation or achievement in sport.

Contact Butucarbin for an application form

Ph: **9832 7167** or Email: **info@butucarbin.org.au**

Applications close: Sunday 30th November, 2025



YENU ALLOWAH

Honoring Our Journey – End of Year Celebration

The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy, celebrating 50 years of honoring Indigenous voices and culture.



Join us to celebrate our End of Year Show!

Come along for a fun-filled day featuring:

★ Entertainment ★ Food Stalls ★ Rides
★ Community Services ★ Small Business Stalls

Date: Saturday, 6 December 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Debrincat Avenue, Whalan 2770 - Whalan Reserve
For more information please contact: admin@yenuallowah.org.au

Bring your family and friends – Everyone is Welcome!
Let's wrap up 2025 together with fun, food, and community spirit!



This event is proudly sponsored by National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)

BREAKFAST **FREE**
Come and join
our free
Community
Breakfast

Tuesday Mornings
9 am - 11 am

Coffee Served

9am until 11 am

Food Served

9:30 until 10:30 am
community breakfast
Fun Under 5 Kids Activities
Chat with Community



**Willmot Community
Hub**
8 Carteret Ave
Willmot 2770

**COMMUNITY
JUNCTION**

Learn Play Grow

FREE Aboriginal Play Sessions
for families with children
prior to school (0 - 5 years)

Mondays during school term
9:00am - 11:00am
Willmot Community Hub

Thursdays during school term
9:00am - 11:00am
Lethbridge Park Public School

For more information
please contact Linda on
0419 098 034 or email
lindah@communityjunction.org.au

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Together we stand

Communities for Children

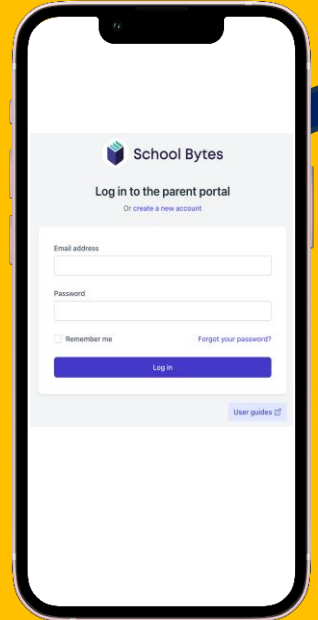


www.communityjunction.org.au



School Bytes

Over 80% 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.



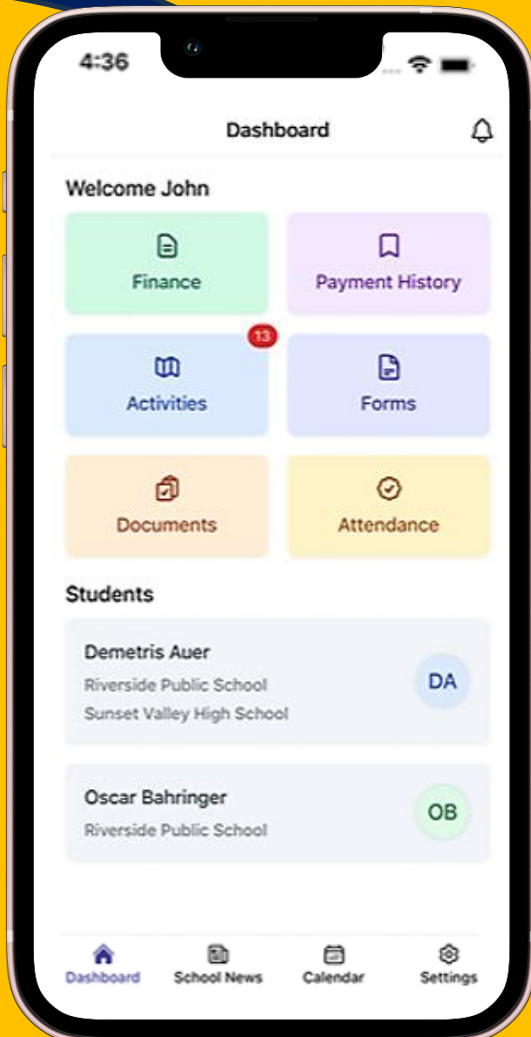
FORMS

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.





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.



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2026 Summer Vacation Care

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Discover the magic of our Vacation Care!

Kids' Early Learning Vacation Care is the perfect solution for busy families who need reliable care while ensuring their children have an unforgettable school holiday experience.

Make school holidays more fun... for less!

Enjoy peace of mind knowing our Vacation Care program is Child Care Subsidy (CCS) approved, helping families access affordable care while children enjoy exciting, action-packed days full of fun and learning.

No two days are ever the same!

Our diverse programs are designed to stimulate children both physically and mentally, while sparking creativity, fostering friendships, and creating lasting memories.

How does the Child Care Subsidy reduce costs?

SESSION	TIME	FEE PER SESSION	WHAT YOU'LL PAY WITH CCS ELIGIBILITY*			
			50%	65%	80%	90%
Vacation care CENTRE DAY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 7 am to 6 pm	\$66.80	\$35.05	\$25.54	\$16.02	\$9.68
Vacation care CENTRE DAY + IN-SERVICE ACTIVITY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 7 am to 6 pm	\$81.80	\$42.97	\$30.30	\$19.64	\$11.87
Vacation care CENTRE DAY + EXCURSION	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 7 am to 6 pm	\$91.80	\$48.22	\$35.13	\$22.04	\$13.32

*To learn more about your family's CCS eligibility, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy

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