

Welcome to Woonona Public School



2025 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening



Acknowledgement of Country

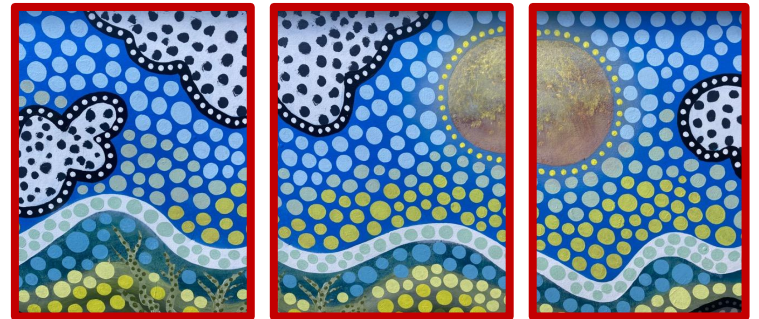


For generations, the Wodi Wodi people of the Five Islands Dreaming on this Dharawal speaking Country of the Yuin Nation lived in harmony with the land, animals, water and sky.

We must always remember this land we walk on at school in Woonona, 'place of young wallabies', always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

We will be as respectful, caring and purposeful as the First Custodians who came before us.

We would like to acknowledge the Elders past, present and emerging and pay special respect to any Aboriginal people here today.



Purpose of this evening



- Provide information about Woonona Public School
- Outline what learning looks like at our school
- How you can help your child prepare for 'big school'
- Provide information about our transition program



About Our School



- Woonona Public School has a long, proud history of working with our community
- The school's motto, "Learning and working together"
- Our core school values respect, cooperation, effort and responsibility
- Our current enrolment numbers are 567 students and we have 22 grade and stage based classes.



Learning at Woonona Public School



At Woonona Public School we are firmly focused on embedding the globally recognised **Visible Learning** ethos in all learning.



What will your child learn?



There are 6 Key Learning Areas:

- English (Literacy)
- Mathematics (Numeracy)
- Science & Technology
- History & Geography
- Personal Development, Health & Physical Education (PD/H/PE)
- Creative Arts (Visual Arts, Dance, Drama & Music)



How will your child learn?



- Differentiated learning to meet the needs of your child.
- Small group instruction.
- Students may be taught by more than one teacher or by teachers who specialise in a certain KLA.
- Learning has a very hands on approach.
- A lot of work is done on mini whiteboards for instant feedback.
- Woonona Public School uses an app called Seesaw to share your child's learning.
- Technology is used to enhance learning so your child will learn the skills to use an iPad and a computer.

What if your child has additional needs?



- Specialist advice and support is available to parents and caregivers of children with disabilities to help them access appropriate educational services.
- Talk to the school as early as possible about your child's needs.
- Additional support may be available for students who are newly arrived in Australia or for whom English is a second language.

Welfare at Woonona Public School



- Each class follows the school's welfare policy. This is available on the Woonona Public School website.



School Administration



- Please visit our website for all enrolment information.
- Our office staff can assist you when you're enrolling your child. Please make them aware of any changes to your address, contact details and medical needs as soon as you are aware of them.
- Communication about orientation and starting school will be via email.



Our Space OOSH



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Woonona

"A Smiley Face at Our Space"

NOW OPEN

*We aim to provide
a fun, stimulating
and nurturing
environment.*

*Before School
6:45 - 9:00am
After School
3:00 - 6:30pm*

Proudly Not For Profit

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Preparing for Kindergarten



Parents and caregivers can do a lot to help prepare their child for Kindergarten before their 'first day'.

Practising school days can be a fun and encouraging way to help your child gain confidence before coming to school.

Some ideas to practise may be:

- Reading picture books about going to school
- Dressing in the school uniform (including school shoes)
- Testing school lunches by making and packing them together/opening and closing lunch boxes
- Opening, unpacking, repacking and zipping up their backpack
- Going to the toilet on their own
- Drinking from a bubbler and refilling their drink bottle at the tap



Literacy Skills



- Talks to other children and adults about familiar things
- Asks and answers lots of questions
- Being able to communicate what they need
- Follows simple instructions
- Uses books for enjoyment
- Identifies pictures in books or other texts
- Uses tools to draw, scribble or attempt writing



Numeracy Skills



- Recognises that numbers can be used to count
- Uses words such as many, a lot, more, less etc.
- Notices differences in shapes/look for shapes
- Differentiates between opposites i.e. up – down, day – night



Personal and Social Skills



- Uses the toilet independently (separate toilets for girls and boys + practical skills)
- Blows their own nose
- Adapts to unfamiliar settings and new experiences
- Can complete a task/tidies up afterwards
- Plays cooperatively with other children – shares and takes turns
- Is curious about the world and asks questions
- Can share an adult's attention with several other children
- Participates in imaginative play - encourage creativity/dress ups



Road and Travel Safety Skills



Teach your child how to be safe when travelling to and from school.

Make sure they know:

- How to cross a road
- Where to get in and out of a car
- What signs around the school mean
- Who are the Safe People/Safe Places



Orientation and Playgroup Sessions



- Teddy Bear's Picnic with all students and their families
 - 3 fortnightly Orientation sessions (x 2 Drop 'n' Go)
 - 2 optional playgroup sessions
- Information will be communicated closer to the date



Orientation and Playgroup Session Dates



Dates	Session
Wednesday 25 September	Teddy Bear's Picnic
Tuesday 22 October	Orientation - Drop 'n' Go
Thursday 31 October	Optional Playgroup
Tuesday 5 November	Orientation - Drop 'n' Go
Thursday 14 November	Optional Playgroup
Tuesday 19 November	Orientation - Drop 'n' Stay

Some final thoughts



- Be involved with your child's transition to school.
- Be enthusiastic about school and learning so your child is excited about starting school.
- Once your child starts school support the school and your child's teacher. Any issues big or small please communicate with us first.
- Encourage your child in their learning and social interactions. (Parties/play dates)
- Communicate with the school and the teachers. We want to hear about the positive events happening in your child's life too!

Additional Resources



The NSW Government website has some helpful information about supporting your child in getting ready for Primary School.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/family-and-relationships/early-child-development/getting-ready-for-primary-school>



Question Time



Do you have any questions about your child starting school in 2025?



Thank you



We are very excited about working with your child and your family over the coming year, and beyond.

