



Bathurst Public School 2022 Information Booklet



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Bathurst Public School.

We are delighted that you are joining us at Bathurst Public School. This booklet has been prepared for you. It contains information that will be helpful for you and your child in 2022. Please read it carefully and keep it as a handy reference during the school year. Your child's education is very important to the teaching staff at Bathurst Public School.

Please contact the school at any time if you require any information or to speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Mrs. Kate White
Principal



Class Equipment List 2022

Dear Parents/ Caregiver

For a smooth beginning to the 2022 year, your child will require the following equipment. Please ensure **ALL** equipment is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Stage 1 – Years 1, 2

- * Eraser
- * Sharpener
- * HB Lead Pencils Tri Grip
- * Textas (optional)

- * Library Bag
- * Box of tissues
- * Navy broad brim hat
- * Paint shirt

Stage 2 - Years 3,4

- * Eraser
- * HB Pencils
- * Coloured Pencils
- * Textas (optional)
- * Pencil case

- * Box of tissues
- * Navy broad brim hat

Stage 3 - Years 5, 6

- * HB Pencils
- * Eraser
- * Coloured Pencils
- * Textas (optional)
- * Pencil case

- * Box of tissues
- * Navy broad brim hat

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins at 9.00am and finishes at 3.00pm. Teachers begin duty at 8.30am.

Recess: 11.15am – 11.30am - Eating

11.30am – 12.00noon - Playtime

Lunch: 1.15pm – 1.30pm - Eating

1.30pm – 2.00pm - Playtime

Annual Events

There are many special events held each year at Bathurst Public School. Below is a broad overview of the school year ahead.

	Stage 1 (Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2)	Stages 2 & 3 (Years 3-6)
Term 1	School Development Days - Pupil free (28 th & 31 st January 2022) Captains Induction Ceremony School Photos Easter Hat Parade Green Award Morning Tea	School Development Day - Pupil free (28 th & 31 st January 2022) Captains Induction Ceremony Swimming Time Trials District Swimming Carnival Check-in Assessments Year 4 and 6 School Photos Green Award Morning Tea
Term 2	School Development Day - Pupil free (26 th April 2022) Local History Excursion Year 2 only Green Award Morning Tea Semester 1 Reports Home	School Development Day - Pupil free (26 th April 2022) NAPLAN Online years 3 and 5 Cross Country District Cross Country Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Program Athletics Carnival Stage 3 excursion to Canberra 22 nd -24 th June Semester 1 Reports Home
Term 3	School Development Day - Pupil free (18 th July 2022) Education Week Bathurst Eisteddfod Book Week and Book Fair Green Award Morning Tea Athletics Carnival	School Development Day - Pupil free (18 th July 2022) Education Week Athletics Carnival District Athletics Bathurst Eisteddfod Book Week and Book Fair Green Award Morning Tea
Term 4	No pupil free day at the start of the term – Children commence on Monday 10 th October Swimming Program School Concert 22 nd & 23 rd November Semester 2 Reports Home Christmas Assembly Presentation day Green Award Morning Tea Last day Monday 19 th December 2022 School Office closes on Tuesday 20th December 2022	No pupil free day at the start of the term – Children commence on Monday 10 th October Check-In Assessments Year 3 – Year 6 Year 6 Mini fete Captains 2023 Speeches Swimming Program School Concert 22 nd & 23 rd November Semester 2 Reports home Presentation day Year 6 Graduation dinner Green Award Morning Tea Last day Monday 19 th December 2022 School Office closes on Tuesday 20th December 2022

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our school offers many opportunities for our students, including PSSA sporting competitions and an extensive performing arts program that provides students with a range of performance opportunities.

ASSEMBLY

Assemblies take place twice a term on a Wednesday. These will be held in Weeks 5 and 9 in the McMullen Hall. Infants Assembly will be from 12.40-1.15 and Primary Assembly from 2.10-3.00 Parents are invited to attend to share in our celebration of learning.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Our School Newsletter is electronic. Each week, you will be able to access the link through either our Facebook page or webpage. Alternatively, you can subscribe to the iNewsletter and receive email notification when it's published. This newsletter is also able to be translated into other languages. Please see the office if you would still like to receive a paper copy.

PARENT PORTAL

Parents can request login details to access their child's information on Sentral. The app gives parents access to:

- *news feeds
- *term calendars
- *absences that need explaining
- *interview bookings
- *newsletters
- *semester reports
- *communication with class teachers
- *notifying the school of changes in contact details and/or medical information
- *granting permission for excursions and activities

SCHOOL WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

www.bathurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



SUN SAFETY

The school has a 'no hat no play in the sun' policy. All children must wear a navy-blue broad brim hat each day. Broad brim hats are available from the front office for \$8.00.

HOMEWORK

Children will receive homework on a weekly basis. Homework should be returned to school on Fridays. The children will need coloured pencils at home to complete their homework. The school also has a Home Reading program in which children are encouraged to read every night to a family member.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS & REPORTS

Parent/Teacher meetings take place in Terms 1 & 3. Teachers will write school reports at the end of Terms 2 & 4. These reports show the progress your child is making. The reports are handed to children and are to be opened by an adult when they get home.

NOTES

During the year, children will get notes that need to be signed and sent back to school. Please ensure that these notes are signed and returned to the front office by the due date. If money needs to be sent with a note, please put the note and money in an envelope marked with your child's name, class, and the amount enclosed. We also offer an online payment system accessible from the front page of the school's website by selecting \$Make a payment.

ATTENDANCE

Research shows a clear correlation between student attendance and the achievement of quality outcomes. This research tells us that students with an attendance rate below 90% are educationally at risk. The Department of Education's expected student attendance rate is now above 95%. This equates to no more than two days absent a term. It is important that children attend school every day.

ABSENCE

If your child is sick, it is appropriate to keep them at home. You need to inform the school of the reason for the absence within seven days. This can be done through the Sentral Parent Portal app, a phone call to the school office, or by sending a note of explanation to the class teacher on the next day your child attends school. If your child is sick for more than two days, we require a medical certificate to explain the absence.

SICK CHILDREN

If your child becomes ill or injured at school, they will be supervised in sickbay. Minor ailments will be attended to, and your child will return to class. You will be contacted if your child has a more serious ailment.

CANTEEN

Currently, our School Canteen is non-operational.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A Breakfast Club offering toast and cereal operates from the Lambert Street room every day from 8:30am – 8:55am. Any child from K-6 can access the Breakfast Club.

BUS

Bus travel is free for all students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 and for all children in Years 3 to 6 if living more than 1.6 kilometres from the school. It is suggested that parents of young children bring them to and from school, or travel on the bus with them until they are sure of their destination. **Parents should skill their children in bus safety before they allow their children to travel.** Information on this can be obtained online at transportnsw.info/school-student. Buses drop off and pick up from the Rocket St side of the school. In the afternoon children wait in lines for their buses under the COLA (covered outdoor learning area).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

A list of infectious diseases and the amount of time a child is to be kept away from school is set out below, as required by the NSW Department of Health guidelines. If you have any queries about the following medical problems, please consult the local doctor or the Health Centre.

Children must stay away from school while they have these diseases as they are highly contagious.

DISEASE

STAY AT HOME

Chicken Pox

exclude for 7 days after the first spots appear or until they are fully recovered

Measles

exclude for 5 days from appearance of rash

Mumps

exclude for 10 days from the onset of swelling

Pediculosis	exclude until hair is completely cleaned and all (Head Lice) lice are gone
Conjunctivitis	exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased
Impetigo (School Sore)	exclude until sores have healed.

COVID-19

COVID 19 has had a significant impact on how we operate and work globally. The Department of Education utilises the expertise and guidelines put in place by NSW Health to ensure our school is a COVID safe environment. Our school has enhanced cleaning, maintains the 1.5m social distancing requirement, constantly reminds staff, children, and visitors about hygiene practices, and writes COVID safe plans. All visitors must QR code and sign the visitor's book upon entry to the school. If any staff member, child, parent, or visitor has flu-like symptoms, they should not attend the school site. Instead, they should present for a COVID screening test. Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) have been supplied, and parents are encouraged to test children regularly. If children test positive for COVID-19, they should isolate for 7 days.

MEDICATION

If a child must take medicine at school, please inform the office. All medication must go to the front office, where a Request for Administering Prescribed Medication form must to be filled out by the parent/carer. Alternatively, parents/carers should bring the medicine to the school office and administer it as required.

LIBRARY

Children will visit the library for one lesson per week. Here they will learn how to hold books, how to look after books, who authors and illustrators are and will be able to borrow books. Please encourage children to use books at home. Children can also visit the library at break times to read books and play games.

P & C MEETINGS

The Parents' and Citizens' Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.00 pm in the school staffroom. The P & C assists with fundraising and policy development. Through attendance at these meetings, parents can be informed about school happenings and policies, besides meeting and discussing educational issues with other interested parents. Reminders for meetings appear in the newsletter and are marked on the school calendar.

DROP OFF ZONE

The school drop off zone is situated at the pedestrian entrance on George St, which goes directly into the top playground.

It operates between 8.30 and 9.30 am. Cars pull in parallel to the kerb to let the children out of the car on the kerb side. Once this is completed it is easy to move back out into the flow of traffic along George St. Parents are urged to follow this procedure to assist the road safety of our children.

NAPLAN

During Term 2, all students in Years 3 and 5 undertake the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN Online). This test is administered to all Year 3 and 5 students in Australia. They enable the school to benchmark with other schools and monitor our own students' progress. There are three components: Reading, Language Conventions, Writing and Numeracy. Parents will be provided with a written report on their child's results in Term 3. In addition, parents are welcome to discuss the results with class teachers.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

All students in NSW government schools have access to a school counsellor. School counsellors assist students experiencing emotional, psychological, social, and learning problems. In supporting students, school counsellors will also provide advice to parents and teachers as appropriate. If a parent wishes to speak with the school counsellor, an appointment can be made by telephoning the school. Alternatively, parents can request their child see the school counsellor by contacting the school and signing a referral form.

Bathurst Public School has a counsellor 3 days per week. Our counsellors are Ms Anthea Bourne and Ms Emily Boland.

UPDATING INFORMATION

If any details such as your address or phone number change, it is important that you inform the school as soon as possible.

SCRIPTURE (SRE) / ETHICS (SEE)

NSW Public Schools provides special religious education (SRE) and special education in ethics (SEE), where authorised teachers of approved providers are available. Bathurst Public School will provide parents/carers with the SRE/SEE participation letter at the time of enrolment. Parents should complete this and return it to the school with the enrolment forms. Parents/carers can, at any time, notify the school in writing that they wish to withdraw their child from SRE/SEE or to change their nomination. Children will continue in the same class as the previous year unless a parent/carer has requested a change.

CHECK-IN ASSESSMENTS

The Check-in assessment is an online reading and numeracy assessment for children in Years 3 to 9. The Check-in assessment windows for 2022 are:

Term 1 - Week 9 - For students in Years 4 and 6

Term 4 - Dates to be confirmed and year groups to be confirmed

Check-in assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

BATHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM

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Items of clothing are available from the front office at school:

- School Spray Jacket with Embroidered Logo \$35.00
- Unisex White Polo Shirt with Embroidered Logo \$26.00
- Unisex Navy Sloppy Joe with Screen Print Logo \$33.00 - \$36.00
- Navy Broad Brimmed Hat \$8.00
- Bathurst Public School Bag – Medium \$45 & Large \$53

A full range of Bathurst Public School uniforms is also available from Lowes.

<u>Boys' Uniform - Summer</u>	<u>Girls' Uniform - Summer</u>
Navy tailored shorts White embroidered school polo shirt White socks Black shoes Navy broad brimmed hat	Blue check tunic Navy tailored shorts White embroidered school polo shirt White socks Black shoes Navy broad brimmed hat
<u>Boys' Sport Uniform</u>	<u>Girls' Sport Uniform</u>
Navy sport shorts White embroidered school polo shirt White socks Sport shoes Navy broad brimmed hat	Navy sport shorts White embroidered school polo shirt White socks Sport shoes Navy broad brimmed hat
<u>Boys' Uniform - Winter</u>	<u>Girls' Uniform - Winter</u>
Long navy pants/track pants White long sleeve shirt/school polo shirt White socks School jumper with large emblem on the front Black shoes Navy broad brimmed hat	Check pinafore with white long sleeve blouse or white skivvy Navy blue track pants (not to be worn during formal occasions) Navy stockings Black shoes School jumper with large emblem on the front Navy broad brimmed hat

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name, particularly jumpers and hats.