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# **Bede Polding College**

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Newsletter: 18th December 2018 Week 10 Term 4

# CALENDAR

# Principal's Desk

### Term 4

### December

Wednesday 19th	Christmas Liiturgy		
Wednesday 19th	Last day of Term		
Thursday 20th	Staff Development Day		
Friday 21st	Staff Development Day		

## January 2019

- Monday 28thAustralia Day HolidayTuesday 29thStaff Development Day
- Wednesday 30th Yr7 & Peer Support Leaders
- Thursday 31stWhole School Returns -Full Sports Uniform



# Dear Parents/Gurdian's,

Last week we celebrated

- Year 11 Academic Awards for 1st place in Preliminary
- courses at the assembly.
- Our SRC and House Captains for 2019.
- the conclusion of Year 10 studies with a beautiful mass
- and presentation ceremony on Tuesday and their dinner
- dance on Thursday.

All great celebrations of the achievements of our students.

On Wednesday of this week we will celebrate our Christmas liturgy where students will be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, our saviour.

On behalf of the College staff I would like to wish your family a Holy and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year and looking forward to working with you in 2019

God Bless.

Rodney bloward

Acting Principal

# **College Leadership Teams**

~ Executive ~

Acting Principal

Mr Rodney Howard (T4)

#### Assistant Principals

Mr Harry Fernandez/Miss Hayley Lalor (T4)

#### **Religious Education Coordinator**

Mr Joshua Rodricks-Testa / Assistant: Jessica Damski

#### **Divesity and Case Management Coordinator**

Mrs Tracey Johnson (T4) School Secretary

Mrs Deanna Melbin/Mrs Lisa Casey

#### **Business Manager**

Mr Paul Cruise

#### ~ Curriculum Forum & Assistants ~

Music

Mr Bradley Lee

Visual Arts

Miss Angela Rando

#### English

Miss Angela McEnearney/Assistant: Miss Melina Jamhour

#### Human Society & Its Environment

Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon

#### Languages

Ms Felicity Lupton

#### Mathematics

Mrs Anni Brailey / Assistant: Mrs Despina Wealth

#### PDHPE

Mr Marc Sluiter / Assistant: Liam Campbell

#### Careers

Mr Brett Collimore

#### Science

Mr Stephen Godfrey / Assistant: Mr Steve Lans

#### Sports Coordinator

Mr Dean Bertenshaw

#### **Technology & Applied Studies**

Mr Edward Gruppetta / Mrs Lisa Cummins

#### Learning Technologies Coordinator

Mr Matthew Kneller

#### Year Coordinators:

Year 7 Mr Craig Adams Year 8 Ms Kristy Walsh Year 9 Mr Jeremy Tuano Year 10 Mr Matthew Marshall Senior Coordinator Mr Nick Briffa Social Justice Coordinator Mrs Janette Wick Home-School Liaison Coordinator Miss Jenny Woods Student Counsellors Debbie Robinson/Sarah Kennedy Librarian Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe

# We congratulate our new P&F Association Executive committee for 2019

President Brett Edwards Vice President Jenny Pitt Secretary Mark Jones Assistant Secretary Helen Jones Treasurer Helen Jones



A student of STEAM is a risk taker, experimenter, problem solver, collaborator and they engage, persist and embrace the learning process.

SOUND LIKE YOU? STEAM will be running during sport in 2019

Join the classroom for permission slips and more information 2k44cj

**STEAM PUNK girls:** Are you a girl interested in engineering, coding, science? We will be ruinning STEAMpunk girls on Thursday too. This will be a girls only STEAM collective-a program designed with UTS. JOin the classroom to find out more. 2k44cj

# 2018 CHRISTMAS MASSES St Matthew's Catholic Church Windsor

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### MONDAY, 24TH DECEMBER: (Christmas Vigil)

6.30pm	Open Air Family Mass
	(in St Matthew's School Grounds
	Children can come dressed as
	shepherds, angels and wise men.
	Don't forget to bring
	your own chair/rug)

8.30pm Mass (Church)



## TUESDAY, 25TH DECEMBER: (Christmas)

Midnight	Mass	(Church)
7.30am	Mass	(Church)
9.00am	Mass	(Church)

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE **<u>NO</u>** EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

# RECONCILIATION

<u>Communal Rite</u> St Monica's Richmond Wednesday, 19th December 7.00pm



<u>First Rite</u> St. Matthew's Windsor NSW Saturday, 22nd December: 9.30am

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# **LEARNING DEVICE POLICY 2019**



As outlined in the <u>Letter to Parents</u> that was distributed Friday Week 9 Term 3, iPhones (or any other mobile phone) cannot be used as learning devices in 2019.

It will be an expectation from the start of 2019 that **all students in Year 7 to Year 12** will need to bring one of the following as their learning device

- Windows Laptop,
- Apple Macbook,
- Google Chromebook

<u>*Click Here</u></u> for specific device requirements and preferred suppliers.*</u>

• **Please Note** - students with existing **iPads** can continue to use these but new iPads should not be purchased as a learning device, as they are still often used inappropriately and limit the development of students typing and information technology skills

Click Here for the Letter to Parents

<u>Click Here</u> for the Device Requirements Checklist







## 2019 Diocesan School Fees

13 December 2018

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the Annual Diocesan fees schedule for 2019. The new schedule includes a very modest 2.7% increase on the fees from 2018.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 2.7% increase. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

School fees are generally billed in instalments during Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is made up of three main parts:

#### Diocesan tuition fee

These are set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and are the same for every school. There are significant sibling discounts for families with more than one child at a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school (it does not have to be the same school).

Those discounts and a list of the annual Diocesan tuition fees for 2019 are outlined below.

#### 2019 Diocesan tuition fee schedule (per year)

	1 <sup>st</sup> child (100%)	2 <sup>nd</sup> child (75%)	3 <sup>rd</sup> child (50%)	4 <sup>th</sup> Child (0%)
Kindergarten	\$1,206	\$903	\$603	No fee
Years 1-6	\$1,557	\$1,167	\$780	No fee
Years 7 – 8	\$2,157	\$1,617	\$1,080	No fee
Years 9 - 10	\$2,394	\$1,794	\$1,197	No fee
Years 11 – 12	\$3,057	\$2,292	\$1,530	No fee

#### 2. Diocesan Building Levy

This fee is set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and is the same for every school. The annual Diocesan building levy for 2019 is \$804. There is only one Diocesan building levy per family with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood and it is billed in instalments over the first 3 terms of the year. A sibling discount of 50% is granted to families with children within the bordering Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

#### 3. School-based fees

These are determined by the school according to the needs of that school and billable for each child. Schoolbased fees are often called 'resource fees' or 'activity fees'. These fees help schools cover the costs of things like teaching resources, technology, excursions etc.



This fee varies between schools. Please contact the school to find out more about their school-based fees.

As a guide, the Diocesan tuition fee represents roughly half the overall fee per year.

#### Here's how we can help

We appreciate that from time to time, some families experience financial challenges. As well as sibling discounts, confidential fee support is available through the following means:

#### Flexible payment options

Families enrolled in CEDP schools are offered flexible payment options at the start of each year. These options provide opportunities to select a payment plan that best suits you. Payments can be made by direct debit or BPay on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis at no additional charge.

#### Fee assistance

We understand financial circumstances can change and that these changes can impact on families. Please speak with your school principal confidentially if your family experiences financial difficulty or hardship so an appropriate arrangement can be made.

#### Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund

In addition to fee assistance programs, the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund is available to families who experience difficulty meeting the cost of school fees due to financial hardship. Part or full scholarships are also available to students enrolling in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools. Further information is available on our website <u>www.scholarshipparra.catholic.edu.au</u>.

#### Byallawa co-contribution scheme

The Byallawa co-contribution scheme provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to ensure a quality Catholic education is affordable and accessible\*. Further information is available at www.scholarshipparra.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Catholic schools.

Yours sincerely

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Gregory B Whitby AM KSG Executive Director Catholic Education Parramatta of Diocese



In the lead up to the school holidays, some handy tips are provided by eSafety Commissioner on gaming.

# Safe Gaming- 5 Tips

5 tips to create a safe gaming environment for your child



### Research

- Many games may contain themes, language and images that are unsuitable for your child and vary in their levels of violent or sexual content. You can check the age guidelines and classification of individual games through information available on its website or product box or at the <u>Australian Classification Board</u>.
- Useful information about games ratings can also be obtained from the <u>Pan</u> <u>European Game Information</u> (PEGI) and the US <u>Entertainment Software Rating</u> <u>Board</u> (ESRB).
- Review sites can also be a good source of information about age appropriate content – check out the <u>Australian Council on Children and the Media</u>, <u>Kiwi Families</u> (NZ), <u>Common Sense Media</u> (US), <u>Parents' Choice</u> (US) and <u>Ask About Games</u> (UK).
- See our <u>Parental controls</u>, <u>Movies and games</u> and <u>Games</u>, <u>apps and social</u> <u>networking</u>pages for more information.

# Get involved

• Talk regularly with your child about their gaming interests and who they play with online. Help them understand the risks of excessive gaming.

# Safe Gaming- Tips

• Play alongside your child to get a better sense of how they are handling their personal information and who they are communicating with.

## Prepare

- Use available parental controls and establish rules well in advance about gaming use, including time limits, personal information they should not share and designate where they can play. Get your child to use a screen name that doesn't reveal their real name and locate the computer or games console in an open area of your home (or if they are playing on their hand held device get them to do it in the family room).
- Agree on strategies for them to switch off, like a timer that signals that game time is nearly over, and the consequences for not switching off.
- Install current security software on all devices to protect against viruses, malware and other online threats, and teach your kids not to click on links provided by strangers, like cheat programs to help with game play.
- Activate parental controls and settings to restrict access to certain sites and content and to help prevent any excessive spending on in-game and in-app purchases.

## Monitor

- Monitor the time your child spends online and keep a look out for any changes in your child's activity, school or social behaviours.
- Encourage your child to tell you if they are being <u>cyberbullied</u> or if another user is making them uncomfortable – they can 'block' players or report any threatening or suspicious behaviour to the game's administrators. If you suspect your child is being groomed online by a stranger, you can report this to the Australian Federal Police on the <u>Child exploitation form</u>.

## Empower

Provide your child with strategies to deal with negative online experiences. Our <u>Young</u>
 <u>& eSafe</u> site is a good starting point as it helps empower young people to take control
 of their online experiences. It includes real life stories from young people and expert
 advice and tips on how to make a positive impact in their online world.

#### Hawkesbury Library Service

Hawkesbury Central Library Deerubbin Centre (Ground Floor) 300 George Street WINDSOR NSW 2756 Monday-Friday 9am-7pm Saturday 9am-1pm Sunday 2-5pm Closed public holidays (02) 4560 4460



#### Richmond Branch Library

29 West Market Street RIĆHMOND NSW 2753 Monday-Friday 9.30am-6pm Saturday 9am-1pm Closed Sundays and public holidays (02) 4560 4270

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#### Hawkesbury Regional Museum

8 Baker Street WINDSOR NSW 2756 Wednesday-Monday 10am-4pm Closed Tuesday (except by appointment for guided groups) Public holidays: Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Good Friday. Open 10am-4pm other public holidays Guided tours of historic Howe House: Sat-Sun 11am and 2pm FREE ENTRY

(02) 4560 4655 www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/museum museum@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au II www.facebook.com/HawkesburyMuseum Bookings <u>http://hawkesburymuseum.eventbrite.com</u>

#### Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

Deerubbin Centre (1st Floor) 300 George Street WINDSOR NSW 2756 Monday, Wednesday-Friday 10am-4pm Saturday, Sunday 10am-3pm Closed Tuesdays and public holidays FREE ENTRY

(02) 4560 4441 www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery gallery@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au www.facebook.com/HawkesburyGallery Bookings http://hawkesburygallery.eventbrite.com

Library, Gallery, Museum postal address: PO Box 146 WINDSOR NSW 2756 Events and dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. GALLE

# School Holiday Activities Summer 2019





Go to https://hawkesburygallery.eventbrite.com to book into a Gallery activity or phone us. Payment required when booking.

#### DRAWN TO HORSES

#### Wednesday 16 January 10am-midday

Learn to draw realistic horses in pencil from talented young artist Caithlin Murray.

#### NAIL POLISH PENDANTS

Thursday 17 January 10am-midday

Create beautiful marbled necklace pendants for you, or as a gift for your friends.

#### THINK SHRINK!

Friday 18 January 10am-midday Have fun making lots of cool key ring designs that you then shrink down to size.

#### BONSAI SCULPTURE

#### Wednesday 23 January

I 0am-midday Using a variety of mediums make a little Japanese Bonsai tree sculpture.

#### BLACK AND WHITE PRINT ART

Thursday 24 January 10am-midday Using white ink on black card and black ink on white card

make a cool framed modern artwork.

#### SUPER SUNSET PAINTINGS

#### Friday 25 January 10am-midday

Discover how to paint a super dramatic sunset painting on canvas.

Gallery activities are **\$20 each**, with all materials supplied and bookings essential. Open to all school age children. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

24 December - Libraries, Gallery and Museum will close at 3pm. 25-26 December - Libraries, Gallery and Museum closed. 27-31 December - Richmond Branch Library and Gallery closed. Central Library will have reduced hours. 1 January 2019 – Libraries and Gallery closed. Museum open every day except 25-26 December.



#### WHAT's UP SKIP?

#### 26 January 2019 during opening hours

Celebrate Australia Day in air-conditioned comfort at the museum while watching everyone's favourite Kangaroo save the day. BYO popcorn. FREE – all welcome.

#### regular activities during school term

#### RHYME TIME

Central Library, Windsor every Monday 10-10.45am Rhymes, songs and craft for 18 months - 3 years. Rhymetime will resume for 2019 on Monday 4 February

#### PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME

Central Library, Windsor every Tuesday I Iam-midday Richmond Branch every Thursday I Iam-midday Themed stories, rhymes and craft for 3 - 5 years. Storytime will resume for 2019 on Tuesday 5 and Thursday 7 February

Above sessions FREE - no need to book.

#### DRAWN TO ART

With Caithlin Murray Wednesdays 4-5.30pm 6, 13, 20, 27 February

For children 10 and over who are already skilled in drawing and want to learn techniques and tips from an artist to take them to the next level.

\$50 (Gallery Members \$40) for set of four classes. All materials supplied. Bookings essential.

#### ART AFTER SCHOOL

Thursdays 4-5.30pm

#### 7, 14, 21, 28 February

For school age children - each week we explore a new genre or technique:

#### DRAW. MAKE. SCULPT. PAINT

\$50 (Gallery Members \$40) for set of four classes. All materials supplied. Please wear clothes suitable for painting. Bookings essential.

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult for all LMG activities. Sign up here <u>www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/cultural</u> to receive eNews about your choice of LMG activities.





Go to <u>https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com</u> to book into a Library activity or phone us. Payment required when booking. Location of Library events is Central Library, Windsor unless otherwise indicated.

Discover a world of curious creatures this summer at the Library. The activities and workshops encourage you to explore and connect with a curiosity of creatures from unusual real animals to the magical and imagined.

#### SUMMER READING CLUB – CURIOUS CREATURES

I December 2018 – 31 January 2019

The Summer Reading Club (SRC) is back kids! Visit our libraries to register and pick up a starter pack. Get rewarded with coupons for the books you've read, that can be redeemed from 8 – 28 February at our special SRC Shop. Every child registered can



attend the SRC After-Party on Friday 8 February 2019. FREE – for children 16 years and under.

#### MAY GIBBS DISPLAY

#### 18 January - 1 February 2019 during opening hours

Its 100 years since May Gibbs' adorable characters found their way into the homes and hearts of Australians. Hawkesbury Library Service is celebrating with a display featuring May Gibbs' iconic artwork. The display explores May Gibbs' early work – including the characters of Snugglepot & Cuddlepie – her processes and examples of how the war influenced her work.

FREE - no need to book. All welcome.

#### CREATIVE SPACE

#### 17 December 2018 – 25 January 2019 during opening hours

Drop in for some FREE colouring-in fun. There will be a menagerie of creatures and animals to test your artistic and creative skills.

FREE - no need to book. All welcome.

#### ZOOMOBILE

#### Wednesday 9 January 2-3pm

Get up close to some of Australia's unique wildlife. Meet a range of animals from Taronga Zoo including snakes, turtles and possums.

FREE – bookings essential. All welcome.

#### LEGO SAFARI PARK

Friday 11 January 10am-midday Create your own weird and unusual wildlife from Lego to be part of our LEGO Safari Park. FREE – bookings essential. For 5 years+.

#### FAIRY HOUSE

Tuesday 15 January 2-3.30pm Are there fairies at the bottom of your garden? Learn how to build a colourful house for them to live in. Richmond Library

FREE – all materials supplied - bookings essential. For 5 years+.

#### CLAY MODELLING WORKSHOP

#### Tuesday 22 January 2-4pm

A presenter from Illustration-Hub will help you create your own individualised animals design. It is recommended participants bring an apron or wear old clothes as this activity can get messy.

\$10 – all materials supplied - bookings essential. For 5 years+.

#### GUMNUT DREAMCATCHER

#### Thursday 24 January 2-4pm

Taking inspiration from the adorable characters in the May Gibbs display, create a dream catcher with leaves, gumnuts and blossoms.

\$5 – all materials supplied - bookings essential. For 8 years+.

#### AFTER PARTY – SUMMER READING CLUB Friday 8 February 4-6pm

Everyone who registers for the SRC is invited! Reading Champions will be announced during afternoon tea. Be one of the first to redeem your coupons at the SRC Shop. There will be loads of great stuff to choose from. FREE – bookings essential.

## school holiday planner Summer 2019

Date	Time	What	Cost	Where
Wed 9 Jan	2-3pm	Zoomobile	Free	Central Library
Fri 11 Jan	10am-midday	Lego Safari Park	Free	Central Library
Tue 15 Jan	2-3.30pm	Fairy House	FREE	Richmond Library
Wed 16 Jan	10am- midday	Drawn to Horses	\$20	Gallery
Thurs 17 Jan	10am-midday	Nail Polish Pendants	\$20	Gallery
Fri 18 Jan	10am-midday	Think Shrink Key rings	\$20	Gallery
Tues 22 Jan	2-4pm	<b>Clay Modelling Workshop</b>	\$10	Central Library
Wed 23 Jan	10am-midday	Bonsal Sculpture	\$20	Gallery
Thurs 24 Jan	10am-midday	Black and White Print Art	\$20	Gallery
Thurs 24 Jan	2-4pm	Gumnut Dreamcatcher	\$5	Central Library
Fri 25 Jan	10am-midday	Super Sunset Painting	\$20	Gallery
Sat 26 Jan	Opening Hours	What's Up Skip?	FREE	Museum

# **Bede Polding College**



# Uniform Shop

Official Uniform & Price List Effective beginning Term 4 2018 Available direct from: Bede Polding College Rifle Range Road South Windsor 2756 Phone: (02) 4560 2900

Trading Hours: Tuesdays and Fridays during school terms 8am – 3pm

### Extended Trading Hours 2019

Monday 21 January 9am – 3pm Tuesday 22 January 9am – 3pm Wednesday 23 January 9am – 3pm Thursday 24 January 9am – 3pm Friday 25 January 9am – 3pm Monday 28 January Closed Tuesday 29 January 9am – 3pm Wednesday 30 January 9am – 3pm

Normal trading hours from Friday 1 February 2019 i.e. Tuesdays & Fridays 8am – 3pm (Closed between 1pm – 1.30pm)

Junior Girls		Senior Girls	Senior Girls				
Summer			Summer	Summer			
Summer Dress	\$60.00	\$60.00		\$60.00			
Sky Anklets	\$ 6.00			\$35.00			
Winter			Winter				
unior Girls Blazer	\$150.00		Senior Girls Blazer	\$150.00			
Winter Skirt	\$ 51.00		Navy Scarf	\$15.00			
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$ 27.00		Navy Stockings	\$ 8.00			
Maroon Tie	\$ 15.00		White Anklets	\$ 6.00			
Black Stockings	\$ 8.00						
unior Boys			Senior Boys	Senior Boys			
Summer			Summer				
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$27.00		Striped Shirt	\$35.00			
Navy Shorts	\$40.00		Navy Shorts	\$40.00			
Navy Trousers	\$46.00		Navy Trousers	\$46.00			
Navy Socks	\$ 6.00			\$ 6.00			
Winter		Winter					
College Blazer	\$150.00	\$150.00		\$150.00			
Navy Striped Tie	\$ 15.00			\$ 15.00			
Junior Unisex			Navy Tie \$ 15.00 Senior Unisex				
Maroon Jumper	10-16	\$66.00	Navy Jumper	10-16	\$66.00		
	18-22	\$70.00		18-22	\$70.00		
	24-26	\$77.00		24-26	\$77.00		
	28-30	\$84.00		28-30	\$84.00		
Sports Uniform			Accessories				
College Polo	\$40.00		School Bag	\$70.00	\$70.00		
College Shorts	\$30.00		Belt (Black)	\$13.00	\$13.00		
Sports Cap	\$13.00		Aprons	\$10.00	\$10.00		
Sports Socks	\$ 8.00		Safety Goggles	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00		
Tracksuit Top	\$75.00		Drawstring Bag	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00		
acksuit Pants \$45.00		Navy Umbrella	\$12.00				
			Calculator	\$26.00			
BEDE POLDING COLLEGE	•		Cooking Hat	\$ 5.00			
CALLED TO BRING PEACE		Year 7 Book Pack	\$40.00				
		Year 8 Book Pack	\$40.00				
		Maroon Gloves	\$ 5.00				
		A4 Art Diary 11x14 Art Diary	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00 \$12.00			
		A4 Visual Journal		\$14.00			
Terms of Trade: Cash, cheque,		2 Piece Brush Set	\$ 8.00				
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Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Shoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students

# How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### iPhone & iPad Users

- 1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
- 2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
- 3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
- If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
- 5. When installed click "Open"
- 6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
- 7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- 8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

### Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

- 1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
- Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
- 3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
- 4. Click the "Install" button.

Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).

- 6. Click "Open" when installed.
- 7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- 8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

# Don't forget to like us on Facebook! CLIKE Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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Busways Group Pty Ltd 5 Bridge St. Pymble NSW 2073 www.busways.com.au

#### Does your child catch a school bus? Help them keep it!

As the bus operator that providing your child's school bus services, we're asking for your help getting your child to use their Opal card on every bus trip.

Since the introduction of the School Opal card in 2016, school bus patronage data has significantly dropped. This is not reflected in the number of students actually travelling on our buses for various reasons a large number of students are consistently not using their Opal cards as they should be.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used by transport planners and service schedulers to design the bus network that best serves the community utilising the resources available.

If students don't tap on and off then school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

Please help us reinforce the message that tapping on and off every bus journey with an Opal card is essential to travel on the bus. This will ensure school services continue to be planned for the students that use it, providing the journey to school your children depend on.

To help us achieve this, please talk with your child:

- Ask them if they tap on and off the bus with their Opal card.
- If they do, congratulate them for doing the right thing and talk about why it's important.
- If they sometimes don't or never do, ask them why.
  - Are they confused about why they have to? Talk about why it's important, and that every tap tells the bus planners that the bus is needed.
  - Do they forget? Help them find a way to remember, such as getting into the habit of getting their Opal card out as soon as they arrive at the bus stop or bus line.
  - Is their Opal card at the bottom of their bag? Help find a handier place to keep it. 0
  - 0 Are they influenced by friends or peers that don't tap? Talk about how they like to travel on the bus with their friends and how tapping is what keeps the service running.
  - Have they lost their Opal card? To order a new Opal card visit www.opal.com.au. 0

If there's another reason that you'd like to discuss with Busways, please contact us at infoline@busways.com.au or call our customer service team on 9497 1878 to talk to us. We are happy to listen and do what we can to help your child feel comfortable using their Opal card.

#### Thank you for helping us to best serve your school community.

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T (02) 4368 2277 F (02) 4368 2077 42 Empire Bay Dr Kincumber NSW 2251

Busways Wyong P/L ABN 17 000 044 726

T (02) 4392 6666 F (02) 4392 5831 9 Arizona Rd Woongarrah NSW 2259

T (02) 6583 2499 F (02) 6583 2388 6-8 Denham St Port Macquarie NSW 2444



# **IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

### Illegal Stopping in Tasman Place

This has been reported to police who will issue penalty notices to those offending.

### Illegal U Turn:

All parents and students are warned that making a U turn out of the bus bay on Rifle Range Rd is illegal. We bring this to your attention as making this turn is very unsafe, even when the 40kmh limit applies. Please **do not** make this turn.

### **Recharging Mobile Devices:**

All students are asked to ensure that their mobile devices are fully charged before they arrive at the College each day.

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MOTORISTS**

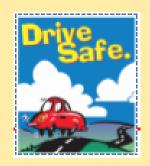
### **RE: SCHOOL BUS ZONES IN RIFLE RANGE ROAD**

### Please be aware that the School Bus Zones in Rifle Range Road are as follows:

1. The existing bus bay near the main car park gate is now a School Bus Zone on School Days from 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm. Therefore other than buses - any vehicle parking or stopping in this bus bay for any purpose during these times is doing so illegally. Clear signage has been erected reading "NO ENTRY - BUSES EXCEPTED" to warn motorists of this change.

2. The former School Bus Zone located near the Front Gate has been converted to a Full Time Bus Zone. Clear signage has been erected to warn motorists of this change. Therefore other than buses, any vehicle parking or stopping for any purpose in the School Bus Zone at any time, is doing so illegally.





# **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DROP OFF/PICK UP**

For safety reasons parents are asked NOT to drive onto the school grounds to drop off or pick up students before 9:30am and after 2:30pm.

The ONLY EXCEPTION to this is for students with disabilities.

Thank you

# **IMPORTANT NOTICES - SMS ABSENCES**

If your child is absent from school for any length of time and you do not receive an SMS message from the College please provide a note the first day back at school giving the date(s) and reason why your child was absent which should be given to their Homeroom teacher on the day of return.

On occasion it is out of our control that we experience an Internet or Telstra problem and therefore we are unable to send out the SMS absence messages.

Thank you for your patience.



# **Reminder of how to reply to SMS Absence messages**

If you reply to the SMS message there is no need to send in a note to explain the absence -the SMS is sufficient. If you do not reply a note must be sent in with your child and given to their homeroom teacher on the day of return. In your SMS reply please include the following details:

Child first and surname, Year group and homeroom (if known), reason for absence.

Examples: Kylie Howard, 8D2, sick with a cold. Nikki Howard ,11, orthodontist appointment

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU GIVE REASON FOR ABSENCE. We are still receiving replies without providing a reason for absence. In these cases it is still an unexplained absence and will remain outstanding.

Please do not call the number sent in the SMS, it is only for SMS replies.

The replies are not downloaded till 1:00pm daily, so if, you need to clarify any details concerning your child's attendance please call the College office before 1pm on 4560 2900