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Term 1 Week 5

FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS STUDANS

Dear Parents,

Thankyou to all who have filled in the rolling pickup survey this week. So far I have received more than 100 responses and they are overwhelmingly positive. I have been able to share with my hardworking team of teachers some lovely appreciative comments that were written on the survey. There is still time to have your say and there are spare copies at the Office if they have been misplaced or are under the squashed lunch leftovers. Constructive comments of course are welcome too.

What does the survey highlight?

- -some people have been making **uturns and cutting into the queue**. This is unsafe. The last thing we want to have is road rage in front of children. Even though you queue it is not for as long as it takes to park and walk in. If you don't like to queue try entering the queue a little bit later as the pickup is completed only 10-15 minutes after the bell. *Please remind all who are picking up your children that you must enter via Jerralong Drive not Nazarene Crescent*
- -concern for the **neighbours**. Please don't block driveways of people who need to leave and make sure you are not blocking oncoming traffic
- -pickup for people who walk in to pick up their children is better for parking but more hectic to **pick up children from lines**. This is something we will work on over the next couple of weeks. We do need to have everyone together for supervision.
- Exposure to hot and rainy weather. **Pickup is from the library on days when the weather is not great.** Children wear hats and wait in the sun for less time than they are on the playground during playtime on most days. More shelter is definitely a long term possibility.

Joey has been busy over the past week. You may notice some posters up around the school. We are emphasizing effort, leaping to learn!

Tonight is our Parent Group meeting at 7pm in the library- come along, meet old and new friends. I look forward to seeing many of your there.

Last Friday was a very successful picnic family games night organised by the parent group. Fun was had by all!







FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - MRS DELVECCHIO

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Cooper and Ty Opdam for being the winners of the St Joseph's Summer Reading Challenge winning a \$100 movie voucher. Thank you to Jade Lennox, Owen Haiger and Amber Kim for their entries too. Owen Haiger also participated in the Parramatta Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge and received a certificate for his Summer Reading - Well done!







EVERYDAY COUNTS

Daily attendance at school is critical to ensuring that your child is provided with opportunities for learning and socialising.

Congratulations to all the families that have been ensuring that their child is at school each day as our attendance as of last week was at 91.7% - the highest we have ever been!

Let's keep it up and make Every Day Count!



BUS TRAVEL

Bus travel is a convenient way for your child to travel to and from school. If you would like to find out if there is a bus that your child can catch, check the school website for a list of bus routes in the area or contact Busways directly.

It is important that your child has an OPAL card if they are travelling on the bus. If your child does not have one, you can obtain a form from the school website to apply for a free school travel OPAL card. If you do not qualify for a free school travel OPAL card, you will need to obtain a student OPAL card and ensure that it has enough funds on the card to pay the fare.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR - MRS WATSON

Catholic Schools Week 2018



This year from 4 - 10 March 2018 St Joseph's will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

Our theme for CSW 2018 is 'Every learner, every day: TRANSFORMING LEARNING'. Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community.

We invite you and your family to join us on Tuesday 6th March to celebrate with our school community during Catholic Schools Week 2018.

Catholic Schools Week Liturgy on Tuesday 12 noon in the Community Space.

Parents are welcome to share lunch with students at 1:00pm.

Open Classrooms from 1:30pm

What is con	What is coming up next		
Week 8	Tuesday 20th March St Joseph's Feast Day Mass @ 12 noon, in the Community Space.		
Week 9	Holy Week		
	Holy Week Celebrations Monday 26th March Palm Sunday 2pm (Kinder)		
	Tuesday 27th March Last Supper (Year 1)and Praying in the Garden (Year 2)		
	1:45pm Wednesday 28th March Stations of the Cross (Year 3 and 4) 1:30pm Thursday 29th March Crucifixion (Year 5) 1:50pm		
Week 10 8:30 Tuesday 3rd April Resurrection Liturgy (Year 6) 8.30			
Week 11	Tuesday 10th April Year 3 Class Liturgy @ 11am		
	Year 4 Class Liturgy @ 12noon		

JOEY'S SPORTS NEWS

Term 1 Dates

Wed 04/04	School Cross Country	
1100 0 170 1	Control Groce Country	

Zone Swimming Results 2018

The Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival proved to be an extremely successful meet for St Joseph's. We had many incredible results with eleven students qualifying for the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival. Four students in particular excelled becoming age champions.

Senior Boys Champion: Charlie Liddicoat Senior Boys Runner up Cooper Ellims

Senior Girls Runner up: Kaitlyn Chapman

11 yrs Boys Champions: Lucas Harding

St Joseph's Diocesan Representatives:

Isaac Beacroft (Yr 6)	Megan Lynch (Yr 5)				
Cooper Ellims (Yr 6)	Nikisha Rogers (Yr 5)				
Charlie Liddicoat (Yr 6)	Ty Opdam (Yr 4)				
Lucas Harding (Yr 6)	Lexie Beacroft (Yr 3)				
Kaitlyn Chapman (Yr 6)	Kade Ellims (Yr 3)				
Kai Kim (Yr 5)	Max Piesnik (Yr 3)				
Rubie Constable (Yr 5)	Hunter Wilkinson (Yr 3)				

Congratulations to all involved including Mrs Joanne Neill and Mrs Justin Schelle and as always a huge thank you to all the parents for your generous help and support.























NEED TO KNOW

2018 School Fees

Term 1 School Fees have been sent out and are due on March 21st. We have been notified by Head Office that there was an error on the Biller code for our school. When paying your school fees by Bpay please quote Biller code 535161, then enter your reference number as it appears on the statement. New families that have not received their statement are advised that CEO currently has a back log and will mail your statement to you asap, allowing additional time from date of print to have fees paid. If you need any further assistance with this please contact the school office on 8869 8100.

2018 School Photos

School Photos will take place on Monday 19th March - Students are to be in summer uniform, white socks, black shoes, hair neat & tidy. Girls shoulder length hair should be tied back, small bows only. Envelopes have been distributed this week to students, details regarding online ordering are included in this newsletter.

2019 School Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 will open on Monday 5th March. Enrolment packs will be available at the school Open Day on Saturday 3rd March and copies of the enrolment form are available on the school website. School tours are run every second Wednesday in Term 1 - please see the flyers for this years Open day and Term 1 school tour dates and details.

School Car-Park

A reminder to parents that the school car park is for staff parking, K6Gold drop off & pick up and deliveries only. The car park gate will be closed each morning and re-opened later in the morning. In the afternoon it will be closed after the children in K6 Gold are collected and opened in time for COSHC pick up.

Late Arrivals

Children arriving late to school from 8:30am onwards need to be signed in at the office, otherwise they may be marked as absent due to missing the morning roll marking. A gentle reminder that parents are not able to walk through the office at anytime unless attending meetings in the office. If you are in the school after the school gate has been closed one of the office staff are able to let you out via the school gate.

Parent Helpers & Parent Helper Course

Parents who volunteer at the school are required to sign in at the front office beforehand and sign out after helping. This is due to Work Health Safety and child protection policies. We value our parent helpers and run a Parent Helper course at the beginning of each school year. This year the Parent Helper course will be run on Monday 5th March from 8:45-9:45am and again on Thursday 8th march from 1:30-2:30pm. There are links for Parent Volunteers on the school website to be completed for parents wanting to help at school or on excursions.

Changes to Afternoon Pick Up Arrangements

For parents needing to change an afternoon pick up arrangement for a one off basis please call the school office on 8869-8100 **before 2pm** so that a change of pick up slip can be sent to the classroom informing the teacher. If you need to change arrangements on an ongoing basis please fill in a new afternoon arrangement note which is available from the office.

School Banking & Second Hand Uniform Shop

School banking operates on Wednesday mornings from 8am onwards out of the school reception office.

There is a 2nd Hand uniform shop run by a parent helper on Monday mornings.

Please contact Tina on 0417 457 417

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: Monday 19th March

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography.

Whilst an envelope has been distributed, if possible it is advancedlife's preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for photography packages can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using the school's unique 9 digit Online Order Code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day, Monday 19th March.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au









LEAP 2 LEARN AWARDS

This award recognises students who put effort into their learning, leaping as our school mascot Joey teaches us to do.



TERM 1 WEEK 2
Dane McAndrew
Daniella Spiteri
Ethan Staniland
Abigail Dong
Klayton Kavapalu
Harrison Szkut
Lachlan Vella
Ethan Sarno
Brianna Grima
Meghan Lynch
Jessica Power
Charlotte Feather
Taksheel Chand
Alexia Leonardo

TERM 1 WEEK 3
Lucas Zondanos
Dorian Chamberlain
Quintin Zabala
Kyrah Kotli
Oliver Whiteley
Jackson Cortez
Kayla Williams
Harley Lockeridge
Charlie Kresan
Jessica Khov
Brock Richmond
Zac Vagas
Jade Lennox
Jana Yap
Garth Morandin

GOSPEL AWARDS

Each week the school will focus on a particular Gospel value. The Gospel Value is based on our school founding scripture. To Love Tenderly, Live Justly and walk humbly with our God (Michah 6:8) A Gospel value Award is presented each Monday morning at assembly for the Gospel Value.

TERM 1 WEEK 3 Live justly, treating others fairly					
Ania Abayon					
Mekayla Feleo					
Quintin Zabala					
Rhianna Brown					
Ethan Staniland					
Emma Gerke					
Taylah Lavender					
Hugo Adamcewicz					
Ezekiel Leuluai					
Michael Butjerevic					
Nakeisha Kumar					
Jack Adamcewicz					
Charlie Liddicoat					

TERM 1 WEEK 4 Live Justly, Be Humble
Sienna Maniscalco
Mia Mooney
Chloe Ganchingco
Carly Powell
Sienna de Jesus
Rhys McDonald
Narishqa Pascual
Jorja Bellet
Sierra Griffin
Lucas Oliver
lsaac Beacroft

STUDENT AWARDS

GOLD AWARDS

Cooper Ellims
Jade Lennox

SILVER AWARDS

Hunter Wilkinson
Jack Wilkinson
Kade Ellims

PARENT GROUP



Please join us to find out what's happening this year and how together, we can help the school! All parents welcome!

Wednesday 28th February 7-8:30pm School library

Child minding will be available if you need to bring your children!

How to know What's Happening at St Joseph's

Communication between parents/caregivers, teachers and children is important to create and maintain a strong sense of community within the School. Here are a few ways to get in formation and keep up to date.

Skoolbag Application - Download the "St Josephs Schofield's Primary School" Skoolbag application for free on all Apple and android devices and receive notifications, school notes, and alerts on your smartphone or tablet!





www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au - The School website is the centre point for all communication and is constantly updated with notices, reminders, news stories, galleries, events, school notes, & blog posts. Save it in your favourites for instant access.

www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Primary-School-Schofields

Like "St Josephs Primary School Schofields" on Facebook for instant reminders, notices, pictures, videos and news.





Ph: 8869 8100 - Our Office Staff are always happy to help! The staff are available from 7.45pm to 3.45pm, Monday to Friday.

stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au - Email the School for all your questions and queries. An email form can be found on the school website.





The Parents Chat Group during week 3 of each term is an opportunity for parents/caregivers to gather with the principal to discuss current issues within the School.

Dates are available on the School website calendar. Mrs Studans is available for

Dates are available on the School website calendar. Mrs Studans is available for appointments, for parents wishing to meet one on one with the School Principal.

The School Newsletter is sent out via email and available on the school website every 2 weeks throughout the term. Subscribe to the Newsletter via the school website to receive it straight to your email inbox.





School Calendar. This is an up to date calendar for parents to get their school event dates from. Updated as dates become available and includes an agenda, week or month view. Available on the School website under Important Dates

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Joseph's Primary School welcomes families who want to visit our school for 2019 & future enrolment. Come and meet the staff and students and take a look around our lovely school. Enrolment packs will be available on the day - no need to book.

March OPEN DAY 2018 10am-2pm



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SCHOOL TOURS EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY OF TERM 1 @ 1:35PM

Wednesday 28th March Wednesday 14th March Wednesday 28th March Wednesday 11th April

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TERM 2 / 2018

MONDAY MULTImotivesports SPORTS CLINIC at ST JOSEPH'S

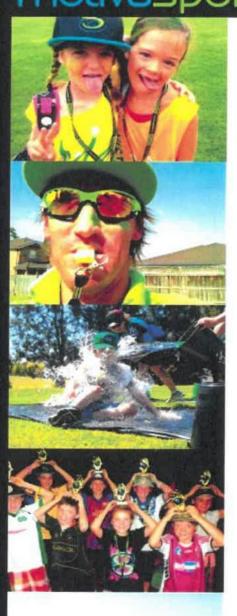
Step inside the world of 8... and discover a company passionate about motiv8ting life. Taking children to a higher level of self-belief. We create events that motiv8 children to PLAY. No one sits on the bench and everyone is treated like a superstar. A fresh and pure approach provides children who attend our events with motiv8ting experiences. Motiv8sports is designed for a wide range of skill levels. Each event is designed to leave children wanting more and maximum participation is crucial to our success. We avoid activities that involve monotonous drills & skills.

MOTIV8SPORTS EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR 8-WEEKS

AT ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL..... After School Sports clinic is an event aimed at providing children with an environment that's about fun, friends, fitness, participation & teamwork. Sports Clinic is an 8-week event that will occur every WEDNESDAY for 8 consecutive weeks on school grounds at ST JOSEPHS. Children who attend experience sport at it's best, participating in a variety of team sports over 8- weeks. From the conclusion of school until 4.30pm children who are enrolled meet Coach Xander & the Motiv8sports coaching team on the school oval where a role call takes place and the sports clinic commences. From the time your son/daughter commences the afternoon they are in our duty of care and experience first class supervision and discipline equal to school.

Over the course of 8-weeks children will experience a wide variety of non-contact team sports in a SUPER SPORTS EDITION format including: AFL, SOCCER, 4-BALL, OZ-TAG, VORTEX GRIDIRON, KRAZY KRICKET, STREET HOCKEY, BASKETBALL, FLAGBALL, 6 x AWESOME SPLASH CITY WATER SESSIONS & THE list keeps going & going......I Look forward to bringing the MOTIV8SPORTS CULTURE to your school this term. Coach David (Director) Motiv8sports

STARTS: WED 9th MAY 2018
TIME: End of school to 4.00pm every WEDNESDAY
COST: \$90 for the 8-week clinic
AGE: Kindy to Yr 6
VENUE: ST JOSEPH'S SCHOFIELDS
ROOK ONLINE OF CALL 88147729





SCHOOL TIMETABLE

St Joseph's Primary School - Schofields

Timetable effective from Monday 27 November 2017

Amended 16/11/2017

(R) Bus Turns Right - (L) Bus Turns Left

MORNING

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Serviced	Route Description
6052		7:00 AM	Marsden Park Schofields	Departs Carnarvon Rd & Vine St East via Carnarvon Rd (L)Clifton Rd (R)Fermoy Rd (R)Garfield Rd West (L)Cemetery Rd (L)Walker Pde (L)Robert St (R)Garfield Rd West (L)Richmond Rd (L)Townson Rd (L)Meadow Rd (L)Durham Rd (7:17am), Angus Rd (L)Carnarvon Rd (R)Grange Av (L)Bridge St (R)Railway Tce (L)Advance St (L)Junction Rd (R)St Albans Rd (R)Boundary Rd (L)Schofields Rd (R)Hambledon Rd to St John Paull II (Schofields) (7:38am). Then via (R)Hambledon Rd (R)Burdekin Rd (R)Alex Av to School.
6027	N=	7:21 AM	The Ponds Kellyville Ridge	Departs Conrad Rd & Stanhope Pkwy via Conrad Rd (L)Keirle St (R)The Ponds Bvd (L)Greenview Pde (R)Ridgeline Rd (L)Schofields Rd (L)Hambledon Rd to St John Paul II Catholic College - Schofields Campus (7:33am). TRANSFER TO BUS 6052
6017	•	7:33 AM	Acacia Gardens Blacktown Marayong Quakers Hill	Departs Blacktown Interchange (Rank A) via Richmond Rd (R)Davis Rd (L)Crudge Rd (R)Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Arnott Rd (L)Warrimoo Dr (L)Chaplin Cr (R)Quakers Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Lalor Rd (R)Highfield Rd (7:50am) (L)Pye Rd, Wilson Rd (L)Chase Dr (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Farnham Rd (R)Barnier Dr (L)Hambledon Rd (R)Bali Dr (R)Walker St (R)Burdekin Rd (L)Alex Av to School.

AFTERNOON

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Serviced	Route Description
6532	•	2:35 PM	Marsden Park Schofields	Departs School via Alex Av (L)Schofields Rd (R)Railway Tce (R)St Albans Rd (L)Princes Rd (L)Westminster St, Over Bridge (L)Bridge St (R)Grange Av (R)Carnarvon Rd (L)Clifton Rd (R)Fermoy Rd to Garfield Rd West (2:51pm) (L)Garfield Rd West (L)Richmond Rd (L)Townson Rd (L)Meadow Rd (L)Durham Rd (R)Angus Rd (L)Carnarvon Rd to Grange Av (3:03pm).
6534	-	2:35 PM	Rouse Hill	Departs School via Alex Av (R)Schofields Rd (L)Windsor Rd (R)Commercial Rd to Withers Rd (2:45pm) (L)Withers Rd (R)Milford Dr (L)Mile End Rd (R)Clower Av (L)Aberdour Av to Windsor Rd (2:53pm) (L)Windsor Rd (R)Rouse Rd (R)Cudgegong Rd (L)Macquarie Rd (R)Tallawong Rd (L)Guntawong Rd (R)Clarke St (L)Riverstone Rd (R)Piccadilly St (R)Garfield Rd East (R)McCulloch St to Woods St (3:12pm).
6539		2:35 PM	Marayong Quakers Hill Woodcroft	Departs School via Alex Av (L)Burdekin Rd (R)Hambledon Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Tallagandra Dr (L)Falmouth Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Chaplin Cr, Warrimoo Dr (R)Amott Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Davis Rd (R)Richmond Rd (L)Woodcroft Dr to Lakewood Dr (3:04pm).
6553		2:35 PM	Quakers Hill Marayong Blacktown	Departs School via Alex Av (R)Burdekin Rd (L)Walker St (L)Bali Dr (L)Hambledon Rd (R)Barnier Dr to Farnham Rd (2:43pm) (R)Farnham Rd (L)Kennington Av (R)Farnham Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Chase Dr (R)Wilson Rd, Pye Rd (R)Highfield Rd (L)Lalor Rd (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Quakers Rd. (L)Chaplin Cr (2:57pm) (R)Warrimoo Dr (R)Arnott Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Davis Rd (L)Richmond Rd to Blacktown Interchange (3:09pm).
6548	•	2:39 PM	Schofields Marsden Park North	Departs School via Alex Av (R)Schofields Rd (L)St Albans Rd (L)Junction Rd to opposite Schofields Public School (2:45pm) continues Junction Rd (R)Advance St (R)Railway Tce (L)Garfield Rd West (R)Cemetery Rd (L)Walker Pde (L)Robert St to Garfield Rd West (3:00pm).

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6527	-	2:40 PM	Glenwood Stanhope Gardens	FIRST SET DOWN QUAKERS HILL PKWY & SENTRY DR Departs School via Alex Av, then to Quakers Hill Pkwy & Sentry Dr, continues via (L)Sentry Dr (R)Stanhope Pkwy (3:01pm) (R)T-Way (L)Sorrento Dr (L)Glenwood Park Dr to Glenwood High School (3:15pm), turns around & returns Glenwood Park Dr (R)Meurants Rd (R)T-Way to Stanhope T-Way Station (3:22pm) (L)Stanhope Pkwy (R)The Ponds Bvd (L)Riverbank Dr (R)Ridgeline Dr (R)Greenview Pde (L)The Ponds Bvd to Schofields Rd (3:45pm).
•	752	2:43 PM	The Ponds Kellyville Ridge	Departs School via (L)Alex Av (L)Burdekin Rd (L)Hambledon Rd to St John Paul II Schofields Campus (2:48pm), then (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Stanhope Pkwy (L)Ridgeline Dr (R)Greenview Dr (L)The Ponds Bvd to Schofields Rd (2:59pm).
(-	T74	2:43 PM	The Ponds Kellyville Ridge	Departs School via Alex Av (L)Burdekin Rd (L)Hambledon Rd (R)Riverbank Dr to Ridgeline Dr (2:51pm) continues Riverbank Dr (R)The Ponds Bvd to Stanhope Pkwy.
e u	T74	2:44 PM	Riverstone	Departs School via Alex Av (R)Burdekin Rd (R)Railway Tce to Schofields Station (2:52pm), continues Railway Tce (R)Advance St (L)Junction Rd (L)St Albans Rd (R)Railway Tce (R)Garfield Rd West (L)Riverstone Pde to Riverstone Station (3:04pm).
5601	-	2:52 PM	Riverstone	Departs School via Alex Av, Boundary Rd (L)Kensington Park Rd (R)McCulloch St (L)Riverstone Rd (R)Piccadilly St (R)Garfield Rd East (R)McCulloch St to St John's Primary School (3:05pm).
5605	-	3:12 PM	Riverstone Vineyard Windsor	CATCH BUS 5601 FROM SCHOOL & TRANSFER AT ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Departs St Johns Primary School via McCulloch St to Riverstone High School, turns around & returns McCulloch St (L)Elizabeth St (R)Piccadilly St (R)Garfield Rd East (L)Hamilton St (R)Crown St, Junction Rd (L)Windsor Rd (L)Mulgrave Rd to Windsor High School (3:36pm).



Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- · Concession fares across the Opal network
- Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off[†]
- The Opal Transfer Discount doesn't apply when transferring between light rail and Sydney Ferries.
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more and apply at **opal.com.au** or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find one in your area visit **retailers.opal.com.au**



Secondary students aged 16 and over con travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a NSW/ACT Senior Secondary Student Concession Card, available from school and TAFE offices.

* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.

† The Opal Transfer Discount doesn't apply when transferring between light rail and Sydney Ferries.





For more information call 131 500 or visit transportnsw.info/school-students

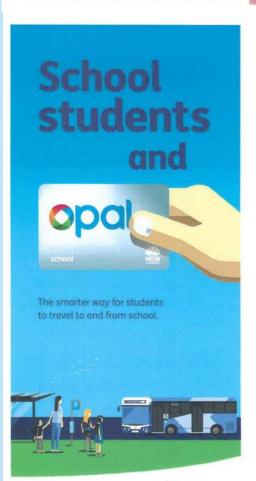
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The personal information collected for the purposes of the Opal Ticketing System will be treated in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (PPIPA)*. For information on how we handle such personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy published on opal.com.au

Terms of Use

By ordering, using a School Opol Card you agree to be bound by the School Pass Terms and the Student Codes of Conduct, available at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts.

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.



Introducing the School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



Transport

If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buse between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.