



Narara Public School

Monday Mumbles

Weekly Newsletter

Principal's Report

Welcome to Week 3! The last 2 weeks have been a bit different for most with a large number of students participating in the Swim Scheme Program. This very important program allows our students to learn water safety and survival skills, so they can continue to safely enjoy aquatic activities.



Dates to Remember

11 Nov
Hunter Valley Zoo
(Year 1)

15 Nov
Art House Wyong
(Kindergarten)

7 Dec
Presentation day

8 Dec
Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 Farewell

16 Dec
Last Day of Term

Notes You Should Have

Hunter Valley Zoo
Stage One
(Year 1)

Year 6 Farewell

Multisensory Structured Language Education

This week we have seven teaching staff engaging in professional learning linked to Multisensory Structured Language Education (MSLE). This 5-day course builds on knowledge from previous training and focuses on providing structured, sequential, multisensory language and phonics instruction in a classroom setting. Staff will deepen their understanding of instruction in reading and spelling that allows students to be "detectives" of the language and learn the code for mastering phonology, orthography, and syllabication. This extensive training links with Strategic Direction 1: Innovative Teaching of our School's 2021 - 2025 School Plan.

Whilst this program will bring some changes to some classes for the week in terms of students not having their regular classroom teacher, the long-term benefit to our students and the professional learning staff gain from this program far out weigh this.

You can see from our 2022 NAPLAN results in the domains of Spelling and Reading that this training is having a significant impact on student achievement. The graphs below show the results of Narara Public School (green line) compared to schools that are similar to ours (black line) and the state average (red line).



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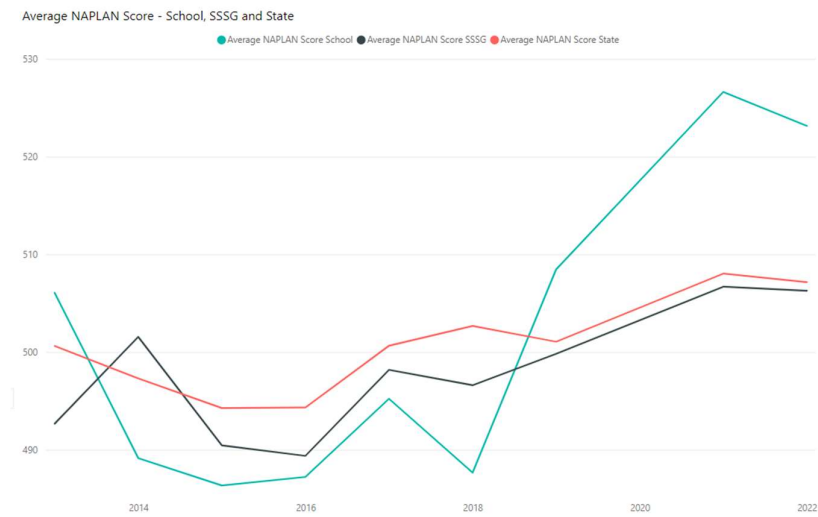
Student Banking: Thursday

Uniform Shop: Tuesday and Friday - 8.15am - 8.45am

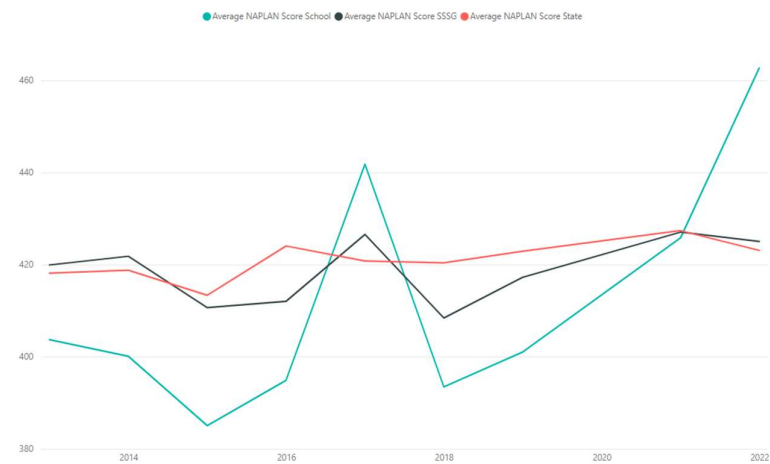
Year 3 Reading



Year 5 Reading



Year 3 Spelling



Year 5 Spelling



School Development Days (Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 December)

As part of the NSW Department of Education's Quality Curriculum Reform roll-out (2023-2025), the state Minister for Education has announced an additional School Development Day at the end of this year (Monday 19 December) for NSW teachers to participate in professional learning sessions to engage in the implementation of the new curriculum.

The NSW Government is reforming the curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 12 by 2024 so that every student is prepared and ready for their future. During this time, teachers can engage in activities that will deepen their understanding of the new syllabuses, and to strengthen teaching and learning practices to facilitate their delivery.

The last day for all students will be Friday 16 December 2022.

World Teacher's Day

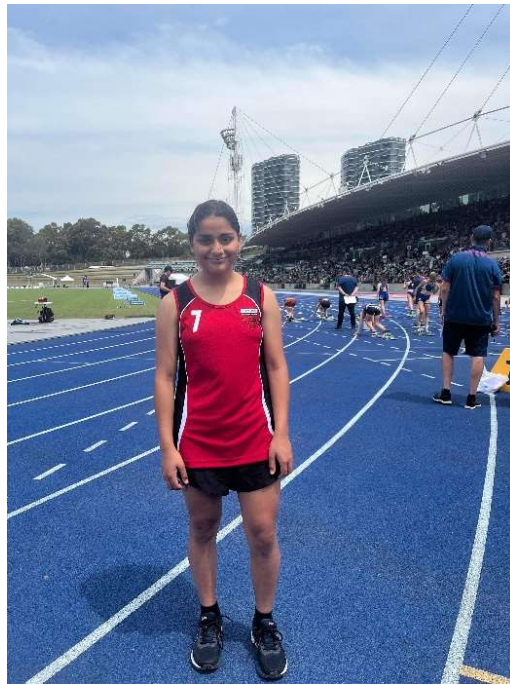
This Friday (28 October) we will be celebrating 'World Teacher's Day'. On this day we acknowledge teachers and share our appreciation for the invaluable work that our educators do. The impact that a teacher can have on the life of a student can stretch far beyond the doors of a classroom.

The staff at our school do a marvellous job each and every day. Teaching is a very rewarding but also busy profession. Teachers are always working after hours: planning lessons, marking books, developing individual learning plans, planning extra-curricular activities and special events. Teaching is definitely not just a 9am to 3pm job. I thank the amazing teaching staff of Narara PS for their dedication and hard work. What a team!



State Athletics

Congratulations to Sukhman who placed 9th in the 13yr Girls 100m final. What an achievement and experience being able to compete at such an elite level. It was so great that we could share in this experience and cheer Sukhman on by watching the Livestream. What a champion effort!



Path 2 Leadership

Congratulations to Miss Nott, Mrs New and Mr Ramm who completed the Path 2 Leadership Course. Participants were required to implement an Action Learning Project which they presented last Friday. Congratulations!



Selective High School – 2024

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and no longer takes into account school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2024 are accepted from Tuesday 18 October 2022 to Wednesday 16 November 2022. You must apply before the closing date as no late applications will be considered. Please note, there are no paper application forms.

Further information has been sent home to all Year 5 students and is included in this newsletter.

COVID Update

On 30 September, National Cabinet announced that from Friday 14 October 2022, people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to isolate. In line with this announcement, the NSW Department of Education have worked with NSW Health to support all schools to adapt to this change while continuing to prioritise student and staff wellbeing by minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions.

Advice to schools is that students and staff should continue to stay home when sick. Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. The Department strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health and schools will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

Schools will continue to operate with baseline COVID-smart measures in place throughout Term 4 to minimise transmission and keep our school open. This includes a combination of layered safety measures such as maintaining hygiene and cleaning practices, using rapid antigen testing (RAT) when experiencing symptoms, maximising natural ventilation and encouraging mask-wearing particularly when indoors and/or physical distancing is not possible.

Tell Them From Me Survey

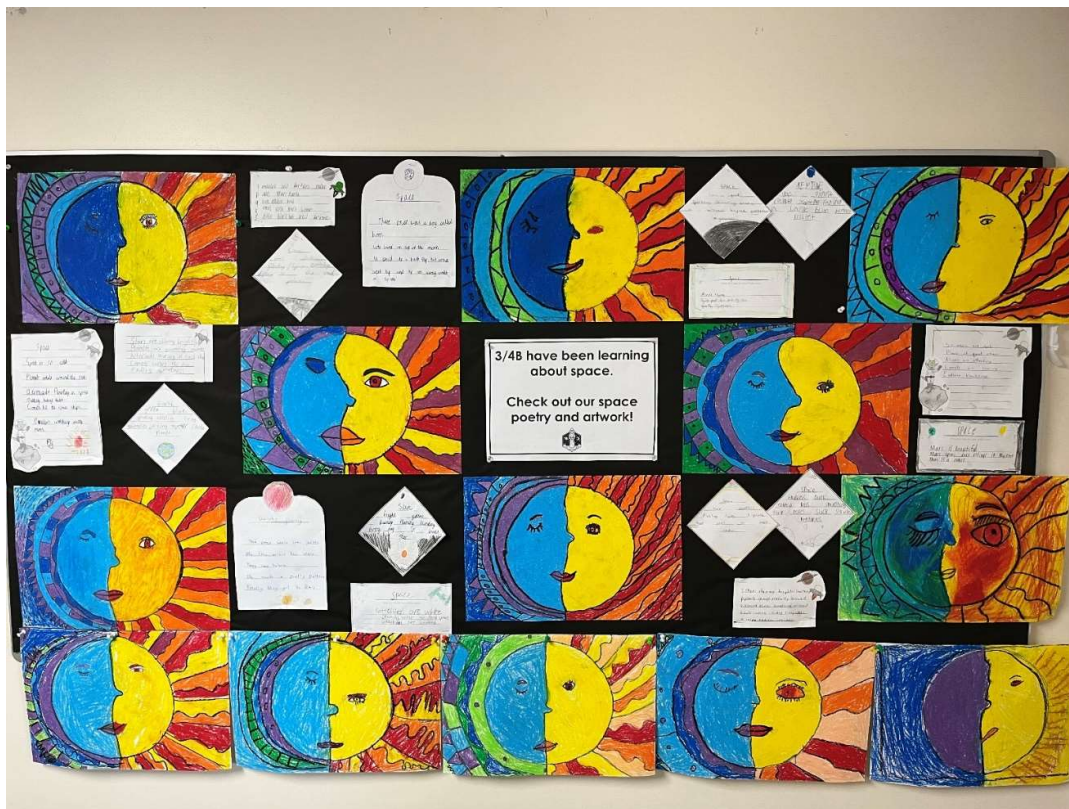
This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me Parent / Carer Survey. This survey will provide the school with valuable feedback on what our community think about school life, how engaged your child is at school and different ways that teachers interact with them.

Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and we appreciate your responses. Please follow this link to complete the survey: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/nararaps2022>

Quality Workers

Students	Class	Work Sample
Miss Nott Mrs New Mr Ramm	RFF 2/3M 5/6R	Path 2 Leadership
All students	3/4B	Foyer Display

Grant McFarland
Principal



2023 Student Leaders

Starting week 4, we will be discussing the leadership process with all Year 5 students, bearing in mind that students who aspire to leadership positions must consistently demonstrate Narara Public School's core values by being Safe, Respectful Learners at all times.

For a student to be eligible to run for a school leadership (School Captain and Prefect) position during the current year they must have attended at least 2 out of 3 PBL Reward Days in the first 3 terms and had minimal visits to the planning room. Students who have received a warning of suspension or who been suspended are ineligible to stand.

Successful candidates are asked to prepare a speech (maximum of 3 minutes), which should include an outline of how they meet the three requirements of Safe, Respectful Learners. This will be presented to the school community on Friday 18 of November (Week 6). It is acceptable for a candidate to speak of their achievements both within and outside the school to support their nomination.

Further information will follow for suitable candidates.

Mr Ramm

Coordinating Teacher

Check-in Assessment for Years 3, 4 and 5

Year 3, 4 and 5 students will participate in a Reading and Numeracy Check-in Assessment during Term 4.

The NSW Department of Education Check-in Assessments are available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning. The assessments supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Students with disability will receive the same level of support during the assessments that they would normally receive in the classroom.

A breakdown of the assessment window for the next 2 weeks is as follows:

- Year 3 - Week 3 (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Catch-up Assessments - Across Week 4

During their assessment week, students will need to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

Please contact the school if you have any trouble sourcing this equipment.

PAYMENTS DUE

- Hunter Valley Zoo (Year 1) Tuesday 22nd November - **Payment due 11/11/2022**
- Year 6 Farewell (years 5 & 6) Thursday 8th December – **Payment Due 25/11/2022**
- School Voluntary Contribution 1st Child \$40, 2nd Child \$25, each other child \$15

Please remember when paying for an excursion to send in the permission notes to the office. This is as important as paying for the cost.

Scholastic Book Club.



Dear Parents/Carers

Narara Public School participates with Scholastic Book Club.

Each term your child will come home with a club catalogue with a selection of books offered.

(Normally 2 issues each Term))

Issue 7 2022 of the Scholastic Book Club has been sent home with your child this week.

All orders submitted give your child's school points with which to purchase resources for the classroom and the library.

Ordering is via LOOP (NO cash or orders are taken at school). See information towards the back of the Book Club order form.

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club. Login, or create a new account at www.scholastic.com.au/loop

1. IF you are new to Book Club , follow the Wizard to set up your profile.
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class.
3. Add you child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown in the Book Club catalogue.
5. Make payment via credit card.

The books will arrive around two weeks AFTER the closing date.

The closing date for Issue 7 is

Monday 24th October 2022.

Thank you and happy reading!

Karen and Sharon (Library)

Car Parking

The Car park is for STAFF ONLY. This is for the safety of our students and school community.



The Snack Shack-Ph 0418238775

Volunteers -Term 4 is always busy for all the NPS families, if you can spare a day or 2 to help in the canteen (8.30-11.15am & 12.50-1.45pm) we'd love to hear from you. Our volunteer numbers are lower than usual & without the help & support our canteen wouldn't be able to offer the range that we do.

Rubik's cube draw - Sydney markets have sent an extra box of cubes - we will randomly draw names from Flexischools orders each day and place in child's lunch order bag (1 per child).

Flexischools - please make sure you have the current version of their App-thank you for your understanding with recent issues.

Facebook The Snack Shack - please find the page to keep up to date with canteen news.

Thank you
Nicola (Canteen Manager)

COMMUNITY NEWS

OSH CLUB at NARARA.

Come along and meet our staff.

We pride ourselves on providing your child/ren with fun, play based learning experiences before and after school as well as during the school holidays. Whether your child attends OSH daily or only occasionally, each visit is an exciting and engaging adventure.

We also fuel their curious minds and growing bodies, helping to shape your child's understanding of health and wellness positively.

On our menu we have (Gluten free), and Vegan options.

We have qualified staff so as a parent you can be confident that your child/ren are always safe.

For bookings.
Oshclub.com.au just click and reg



Narara Public School

Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

WE CARE

Tea Towel Fundraiser for school laptops

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term the P&C team are raising money towards replacing the school's student laptops which are reaching end of life. The laptops are used daily by the children for everything from online assessments to project research.

Over the last two weeks the children and staff have been busy drawing self-portraits. These pictures will be incorporated onto one very special Narara Public School 2022 tea towel. These quality tea towels with high-grade printing will make a beautiful keepsake and is a unique reminder of your child's (rens) time at Narara, and the friends they shared it with.



Cost \$15 each | Order by Tuesday 8th November

We are taking orders for a one-off print run which will be delivered in time for the holidays. They will make a special and personal Christmas gift for family/friends too.



Only ONE order per family is required for multiple tea towels, as there is only one design of the tea towel.

- **CASH orders:** Complete the return slip below and enclose with cash in a sealed envelope. Return to class teacher or the office **by Tuesday 8 Nov.**
- **FLEXISCHOOL orders:** via the Flexischool App **by 4pm Tuesday 8 Nov.**
We will receive notification of your online Flexi order by email.

No late orders will be accepted, as these are printed to order and a one-off print run!!

Please **DO NOT** pay through the school website as this is a P&C run event.

Return Slip for CASH Orders Only

2022 Tea Towel Fundraiser

Return by Tuesday 8th November

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Only ONE order per family is required, as there is only one design of the tea towel.

I would like to order _____ (quantity) NPS 2022 tea towels at \$15 each.

TOTAL COST: \$ _____

*****Please send money in with this slip*****



Information for applicants

For entry to selective high schools in Year 7 in 2024

Ready to apply?

Apply online at:

shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au

Note: there may be changes to the dates and procedures in this document.

For the latest updates visit:

education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc

Key Dates

Application website opens

18 October 2022

Application website closes

16 November 2022

Test centre and test authority advice released

20 April 2023

Selective High School Placement Test

4 May 2023

Illness/misadventure requests submitted

11 May 2023

Placement outcome expected to be released

Mid-August 2023

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2024

Please customise if you wish to use this Intention to apply note to parents.

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available in early-October 2022 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Applications open on 18 October 2022 and close on 16 November 2022. You must apply before the closing date.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 4 May 2023**.

The tear-off slip below is NOT an application, it is advice to the school that you intend to apply. The school CANNOT apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by _____.

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY GO TO THE ONLINE FORM AT: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2024

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

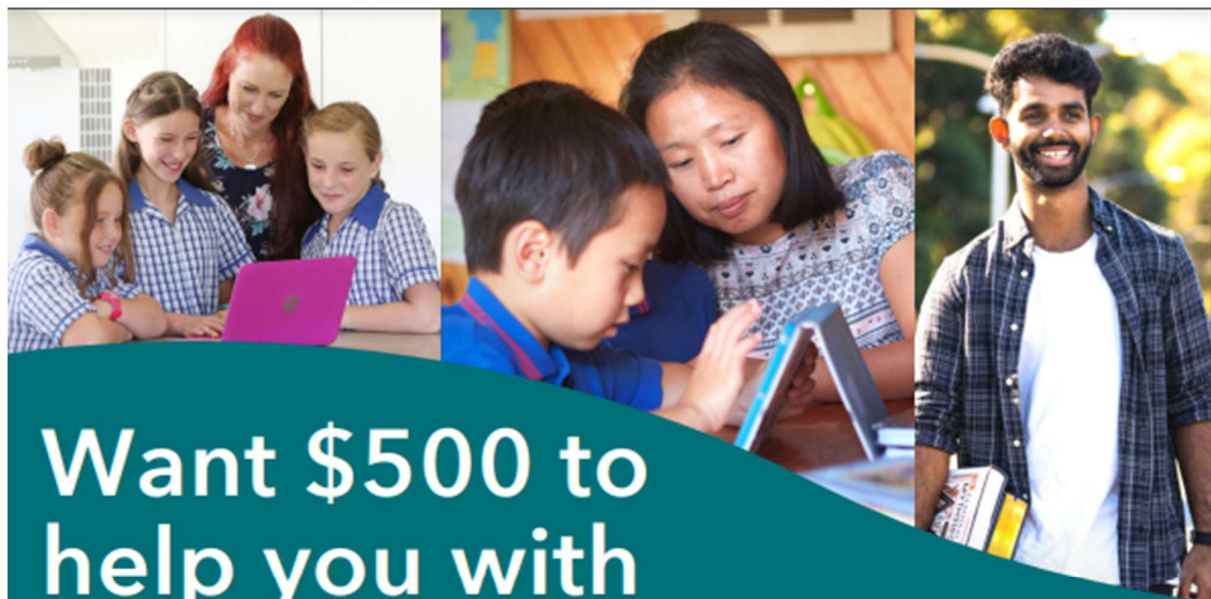
I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2024 for my child through the Selective Education Unit website between 18 October 2022 and 16 November 2022. I am aware that this is not an application and that the school cannot apply on my behalf.

Signature of parent/carer: _____

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Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join, participants must:

- ☒ Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- ☒ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school
- ☒ Have regular income from work, yourself OR your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact Saver Plus:



saverplus@bsl.org.au



saverplus.org.au



1300 610 355



@SaverPlusAU

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



Sunday, 13 November 2022 - 9:00am to 2:00pm

'Colour Our Coast' the 5km run/walk and festival is coming!

Expect a colourful fun filled day promoting positive health and wellbeing for young people.

Open to all!

Wear white at the start and see what colours you finish the course in!

Central Coast Council, Youth for Youth (Y4Y) youth action team and Colour Frenzy, invite Central Coast young people to join in with the fun as part of the Lakes Festival at Picnic Point Reserve, The Entrance on Sunday 13 November 2022.

There will be two sessions of the fun run/walks held throughout the day;

Wave one: 9am

Wave two: 12pm

- Warm up with our personal trainer 10 mins prior to each session.
- Once the fun run/walk is completed, young people and families can visit a variety of stalls.
- Live music featuring young local artists showcased throughout the day.
- Food and drink stalls also will be there for you to fuel up after the run/walk.
- With 'Colour Me Happy' photo opportunities to showcase all the colour splashed over everyone.

#TheLakesFestival

[Book now](#)

Pricing - Each entry \$6.00 This is a ticketed event costing \$6. Registration pack will include safety glasses, race wrist bands, the event terms and conditions and a media consent form.

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School Travel

Term 4 2022



Thank you for your assistance in making school travel in 2022 as smooth as possible.

Below is some useful information to assist with student travel enquiries. We have also attached a newsletter-friendly version you can share with parents/carers and students.

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 opened from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School travel application endorsement

Occasionally, applicants completing the online form make mistakes, so we ask that school administrators be mindful of this and only endorse applications with correct information.

If you identify an error, you can amend the first name, date of birth or grade of a student's travel application by clicking in the relevant row on the portal. Please ensure you have confirmed the information before making any changes. Refer to page 16 of the School Portal User Guide for further instructions. The user guide is accessible within the School Portal by clicking the arrow next to your username.

If a student's details cannot be confirmed or they are not yet enrolled please do not endorse the application. By selecting 'no' the application will be rejected and the applicant will be informed. They will then need to submit a new application.

If a school administrator endorses an application in error, please advise our Concessions team as soon as possible [here](#).

If school administrators require access to the School Portal, please request an account [here](#).

If you need to remove school portal access for staff members who have left the school recently, please let us know via a [feedback form](#) and select 'school/operator portal' and then 'remove existing user access'.

Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCECs)

Schools applying for Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCECs) for senior students are advised to submit applications at least four weeks before the end of Term 4. This will allow time for processing and delivery to the school before the holiday period commences. Applications scheduled for delivery during the holiday period will be held and delivered when school recommences from January 2023.

When applying for TCECs before the end Term 4 2022, ensure you enter the grade the student is in this year, not the grade they will be in during 2023. E.g., year 11 students who have commenced year 12 studies are still considered as being in grade 11 until the end of 2022.

Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback



Central Coast
Conservatorium
Of Music

School Band Program 2023

Do you want to learn an instrument and play in a band? Come and be part of a fun and engaging learning environment while experiencing the educational benefits of learning a musical instrument.

Program includes:

- One-to-one or small group lessons at school with Conservatorium teachers
- Whole band rehearsals with Conservatorium conductors
- Performance opportunities at school and external events

Join more than **600**
young musicians from
23 schools across the
Central Coast

Register your interest

To register your child's interest in our School Band program send a text with their details to 0402 000 757. Alternatively scan the QR code (below), phone 4234 7477 or visit our website.

Want to know more?

Join our online parent info sessions at 7.30pm on

- Thursday 10 Nov
- Monday 14 Nov
- Wednesday 16 Nov

Scan the QR code for info.



www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program