

PICNIC POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL



'Strive to Excel'

Welcomes you to

Stage 3

Senior School

2021

Senior Classes

GWIANGA	Mr Belgre	SARSAPARILLA	Mrs Winks & Mrs Gray
MYRTLE	Mrs Collinet	LILLY PILLY	Mrs Allen & Mrs Jaure
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Other Support Staff Working With Students

Release From Face To Face (RFF)

These teachers provide 2 hours per week to each teacher to allow time for planning, preparation and evaluation of educational programs. The students learn ICT & STEM skills with Mrs Chatterton and Mr Narris.

STEM

Mr Narris will be guiding students through lessons in G Block to challenge and equip them with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical (STEM) skills to solve authentic problems in the world around them. Students will become more competent in their ability to design and engineer creative solutions through engaging in collaborative teams and applying their understandings in Mathematics, Science and Technology.

Learning and Support Teacher & English as Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)

Students with identified needs in learning areas or English development are given intensive assistance with Mrs Black. Small groups and individual students benefit from carefully structured tuition. The focus may be on communication skills, reading or written language and grammar.

School Counsellor

Mr Frank Virgara has qualifications and experience in both education and psychology and attends the school 2½ days per fortnight. He works with students to help learning, concentration, behaviour and social skills and also offers support to parents. Appointments are organised through the Learning Support Team and in consultation with the class teacher and the Principal.

Library

Teachers will be taking their own classes to the library to develop reading, research and information skills. Children will learn how to find useful material and books that will aid them in research work or a book that they will enjoy reading for leisure. The library will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at lunchtime; the children may borrow, browse or research.

Key Learning Areas (KLAs)

These curriculum areas are designed to provide a well balanced education, progressing from Kindergarten to Year 6. At each stage, students will vary greatly in ability and class work is designed for individual student needs and capabilities.

Topics covered over the year:

HSIE - History & Geography - The Australian Colonies and Factors That Shape Places

Science & Technology - Properties of a range of materials & Forces

Creative Arts – Drama, Art, Dance delivered by Mrs Plush in Term 2, Music delivered by Jellybeans Music in Term 3

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education - Understanding their emotions, Managing Transitions & Change is delivered by Interrelate in Term 2, Gross Motor Skills program is delivered by SISA in Term 3, Gymnastics will be delivered by Gymnastrix in Term 4

Student Progress and Assessment

The students in senior classes will be assessed on a continuous basis throughout the year. The teachers 'track' student progress through a combination of work tasks and work samples, observation and discussion, projects and tests. Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher any time during the year, as well as at formal Parent/Teacher/Student interview times.

National Testing Program

Year 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) in Literacy and Numeracy over three days, in Term 2, Week 4 from the 11 to 13 May. Students in Year 6 will be participating in the Check In Assessment in Term 2 Weeks 1 – 3.

Excursions/Incursions

- Cybersafety Talk - Week 7, 9 March
- Australian Colonial Excursion TBC
- Dance - Term 2 for 8 weeks
- Jellybeans - Term 3
- Nepean Adventure 3 day camp Term 3, Week 7, 23 - 25 August
- Teen Ranch (Year 6 Transition Retreat) Term 4, Week 9, 29 November to 1 December

Other excursions and in school performances will be organised to link with units of work across the curriculum, especially for History, Geography and Science.

Special Activities

Throughout the year the students may participate in a number of extra activities:-

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| • ICAS competitions - English & Maths | • Chess, Band, Dance and Choir |
| • Public Speaking | • SRC |
| • PSSA and School sport | • Writing Competitions |
| • Buddy Class activities | • Maths Olympiad |
| • Peer Support activities | • Year 6 High School Links Program |

Stage 3 - Senior School

Teachers actively encourage all students in the development of greater maturity and responsibility toward their studies and peers.

In Term 4, Year 5 students will have the opportunity to present themselves as candidates for School Captains, Prefects, Sport Captains and Vice Captains. Please see the school's website for the Leadership Policy for more information.

Attendance

The *Education Act (1990)* requires parents to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school on each day that the school is open for instruction. If children are absent from school, parents are required to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within three days of the absence. All students are expected to aim for 100% attendance.

Year 7 Placement/Transition

Applications for selective high school placement are made in November by interested Year 5 students. The Selective High School test is run in March of the following year.

Local high school placement depends upon residential address. Placement procedures begin in March. If unsure of options, make enquiries early. Orientation programs information will come home throughout the year.

Homework

Homework will provide for:

- Revision and consolidation of class work with emphasis on reading, writing and maths
- Collection of resources
- Project/assignment work
- Development of study practices, time management and independent learning. Your assistance may be needed for homework - assistance only!
- Regular home reading as an independent habit to be signed each week by a parent.

Having difficulty with homework? Contact your child's teacher so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Student Equipment

The school supplies all exercise books, school diary and paper. Please ensure that the students have the following belongings all labelled:

- Pencils (HB)
- Pens (blue, black, red)
- Glue stick or paste
- Eraser
- Black Sharpie
- Protractor
- Coloured Pencils & textas for art
- A4 Homework book (non-spiral 96 pages)
- Whiteboard markers (thin in possible)
- Scissors
- Sharpener
- Highlighters
- 30cm & mm Ruler - Not metal
- Headphones
- Post-it Notes
- BYOD Device (Chromebook/laptop recommended)

Parent Participation

Teachers, students and parents working together is essential. Parents are encouraged to participate in the education process. If you have an enquiry or would like to organise a personal interview, **please phone the school on 9773 7817 or email picnicpt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.**

Our aim is to give the students the opportunity to enjoy school whilst developing their potential in all areas.

***We need your support to achieve our aims.
We believe that this year will be a great year!***