



# Chatswood Public School Information Booklet





# WELCOME

A warm welcome to Chatswood Public School, a K–6 school with over 140 years of history and a proud tradition of providing quality education to children from Sydney's North Shore.

Chatswood Public School offers a supportive and inclusive environment where students are encouraged to grow academically, socially and emotionally.

Our dedicated teachers prioritise explicit teaching in literacy and numeracy, ensuring a strong foundation for every child to succeed.

Chatswood Public School is committed to fostering strong relationships between students, teachers, and families, creating a welcoming and inspiring environment where every child is supported to thrive.

With outstanding teachers, innovative programs, and a vibrant community, we are confident your child will develop a lifelong love of learning here at Chatswood Public School.

I look forward to welcoming you to our school.

**Mr Cameron Jones**

**Principal**



# ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Chatswood Public School is a welcoming and inclusive learning community that values student achievement and personal growth. We provide a safe, supportive and engaging environment where students are encouraged to become responsible, independent thinkers and confident decision-makers.

Our dedicated staff deliver high-quality teaching and learning programs across all key learning areas. Strong partnerships with parents and the wider community foster a shared sense of pride and responsibility for the school, creating a positive and collaborative atmosphere.

We celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our community by offering programs that support the needs of all learners. These include high potential and gifted education, our Inclusive Hub and English Korean bilingual classes from Kindergarten to Year 6. Students also have the opportunity to study Mandarin and take part in meaningful cultural and language experiences.

Our English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) teachers support students from non-English speaking backgrounds, helping them develop their English skills through small group or in-class instruction. This targeted support builds confidence and ensures all students can engage successfully in learning.

Community language staff also play an important role in our school. Mandarin is taught across the school by experienced community language teachers, and a Korean language teacher provides additional support for Korean students, enriching their learning and strengthening their connection to their heritage.

Creative Arts is a vibrant part of school life. Our students take part in music, dance and visual arts, with choirs and instrumental ensembles performing at school, local and state events, including our annual Twilight Concert. These programs help students build confidence, teamwork and creativity.

Sport is also an important part of life at Chatswood Public School. Students are encouraged to take part in a wide range of physical activities that promote fitness, cooperation and skill development.









# A CARING SCHOOL CULTURE

*Student wellbeing includes everything the school community does to support the personal and social needs of students. It involves recognising, valuing and developing each student as a unique and whole person.*

At Chatswood Public School, we prioritise the overall wellbeing of every student, supporting their cognitive, emotional, social and physical development. Our approach is based on evidence-informed practices that help create a safe, inclusive and positive learning environment.

## Character Strengths & Positive Psychology

Through our Growing Strong Minds program, we introduce 24 scientifically recognised character strengths into everyday school life. This strengths-based approach helps students build resilience, empathy and a strong sense of identity. These strengths are woven into classroom learning, student reports, awards and conversations with families.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

We use the PBL framework to support consistent, school-wide behaviour expectations. Developed in partnership with students, staff and families, our core values are: I care for myself, I care for others and I care for the environment. These values are reinforced across all learning spaces with clear visuals and a school mascot designed by students.

Read more about [our behaviour management and support plan](#) on our website.

I Care for Myself



I Care for Others



I Care for the Environment





# KEY LEARNING AREAS

Chatswood Public School follows curriculum guidelines provided by the Department of Education. These [\*Key Learning Areas \(KLAs\)\*](#) form the foundation for all planned learning experiences. They describe what students are expected to learn and help ensure every child receives a consistent and high-quality education.

In every classroom, learning is adjusted to meet the needs of all students. Teachers plan and deliver lessons that provide the right level of support and challenge, helping every child stay engaged and make progress.

Students are also encouraged to take part in a range of competitions and challenges across different learning areas to further enrich their learning.

1. English: Students build literacy skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening to communicate confidently.
2. Mathematics: Focuses on numbers, patterns, shapes, measurements, and problem-solving.
3. Science and Technology: Encourages curiosity and exploration of the natural and built world using digital tools.
4. HSIE (History & Geography): Helps students understand societies, cultures, and environments, past and present.
5. Creative Arts: Allows students to express themselves through Music, Visual Arts, Drama, and Dance.
6. PDHPE: Promotes health, wellbeing, positive relationships, and physical activity.
7. LOTE (Languages): We offer Mandarin and Korean to support communication skills and cultural appreciation.









# SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND SPECIALIST

## Meet our leadership team

Our leadership team is committed to creating a safe, inclusive and high-achieving school. We work together to support students, families and staff by building strong relationships and setting high expectations.

- Principal – Mr Cameron Jones
- Deputy Principal (K-2) – Ms Samantha Silipo
- Rel Deputy Principal (3-6) – Ms Rani Holstein
- EALD – Mr Michael Day, Ms Sarah Walters
- APCI – Ms Jessica Robinson
- APCI – Ms Pauline Cannata
- Assistant Principal (Early Stage) – Mr Matt Bullen
- Assistant Principal (Year 1) – Ms Sarah Walters
- Assistant Principal (Year 2) – Ms Ally Richards
- Assistant Principal (Year 3) – Ms Laura Hassall
- Assistant Principal (Year 4) – Ms Annie Hyun
- Assistant Principal (Year 5) – Ms Isobel McLoughlin
- Assistant Principal (Year 6) – Ms Grace Liao

## Specialist staff

In addition to their classroom teachers, students at Chatswood Public School benefit from a range of specialist staff who provide targeted support and enrichment across key learning areas.

Our school has teachers dedicated to:

- EALD staff
- Community language staff
- Creative and Performing arts teachers
- Learning and support staff
- School Counsellor
- Student learning and support officers

You can find out full list of staff and class organisation on [our website](#).









# FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

Chatswood Public School offers a range of programs and facilities to support every student's learning and wellbeing. From academic enrichment to creative arts, sport and student leadership, we provide opportunities for all students to thrive in a supportive and engaging environment.

## High Potential Gifted Education

We have a strong whole-school focus on High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE), making sure that students with advanced abilities in intellectual, creative, physical and social-emotional areas are identified, supported and challenged. Through targeted programs, enrichment opportunities and adjusted teaching, we aim to help every student reach their full potential.

## The library

The library is a vibrant and welcoming learning space. Students visit each week for a structured library lesson and have the opportunity to borrow books.

The library also includes laptops, iPads, 3D printers and an interactive whiteboard, giving students opportunities to explore and engage with technology.

## School Sport

It is important to us that students have the best start in life when it comes to their health and fitness. All students take part in weekly PDHPE lessons. Our sport program provides two hours each week focused on fitness, strength, skill development, health and nutrition, covering all outcomes from the PDHPE syllabus.









## Creative Arts

Creative Arts are part of the curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 6. Students explore dance, drama, music and visual arts, learning to create, perform and appreciate different art forms.

At Chatswood Public School, students express their creativity through performances, exhibitions, competitions and enrichment programs. Students with special talents can also take part in local and state events in the arts.

## Extracurricular Music

We believe music is an important part of learning. It helps students build discipline, problem-solving skills, confidence and creativity. Music at Chatswood Public School is a vibrant and enjoyable experience for all students.

Students have many opportunities to enjoy music through singing, playing instruments and performing in groups.

Our choral program is also very popular. Students can join age-appropriate choirs and perform at school events and special occasions such as the Sydney Opera House Choral Concert and the Schools Spectacular.

## Extracurricular Dance

Our dance program gives students the opportunity to develop performance skills, build confidence and take pride in representing the school.

Chatswood Public School has Junior and Senior Dance Groups that regularly perform at events such as school assemblies, the Dance Showcase, cultural celebrations and external venues including The Concourse and the Sydney North Dance Festival.

## Green Thumb Club

Our Green Thumb Club gives students hands-on experience in growing their own fruit and vegetables. With guidance from our school gardener, students learn about sustainable gardening while planting and harvesting produce such as carrots, lettuce, cucumbers, strawberries and more. Many students continue gardening at home.













# CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

## Parent and Community Involvement

We encourage parents and community members to take part in school activities. You can help with class tasks like assisting in the classroom, assisting during excursions, or supporting special events.

Other ways to get involved:

- Help in the [School Canteen](#) on a rostered basis
- Support the [Library](#) as a volunteer
- Assist with the [Instrument Program](#)
- Join the [P&C and its committees](#)
- Become a [Class Parent](#)

## Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

Our P&C is a key parent group that helps shape school life, ensuring a supportive and enriching environment for all students.

### [Goals of the P&C:](#)

- Raise funds for school resources like IT equipment, air-conditioning, and classroom materials
- Support a Learning Support Program
- Provide parent perspectives in decision-making
- Enhance extracurricular opportunities
- Encourage open communication within the school community

P&C funds supplement Department of Education funding, improving student opportunities.

Read more about our school's [Parents and citizens](#) on our website.

### [P&C Meetings](#)

The P&C meets on the [4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm](#). The agenda is shared in the newsletter the week before. Meetings are friendly and open to all. Your involvement is always welcome!



# ENROLMENT

Children can start Kindergarten if they turn five on, or before 31 July of that year. Applications should be submitted in the year prior, ideally before September.

To enrol, you will need:

- Proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
- Visa (if applicable)
- Proof of address
- Immunisation history

## How to apply

Australian citizens and permanent residents: Apply online via [the school website](#).

Temporary visa holders: Apply in person at the school office.

To assist you in finding schools within your local catchment area, visit the [NSW public school finder](#).

Enrolment is open throughout the year for student in Kindergarten to Year 6.

## Further Information

Once enrolled, families will receive a comprehensive starting pack with detailed information to support a smooth transition. This includes practical details and day-to-day guidance that builds on the overview provided in this document. If you have any questions at, please contact our school office and we will be happy to help.





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