



Welcome to

LINDSAY PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL



Learning for Living



At Lindsay Park we strive to ensure that every child is happy, healthy, active and engaged in successful learning.

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At Lindsay Park Public School we:

- Ensure that there is a high level of expectation so that students realise their full potential.
- Provide equity of access to a broad and enriching curriculum to all learners.
- Provide for the care and safety of all students.
- Implement structures that promote pastoral care.
- Pursue quality practice and management of programs and services.
- Develop respectful relationships between home, school and staff.
- Encourage students to be responsible for their own behaviour and choices.
- Empower students to become self-motivated, lifelong learners.

The Core Values

The NSW Government recognises the importance of the following core values to the community. These values represent the aspirations and beliefs of the Australian Community as a whole, including its concern for equity, excellence and the promotion of a caring, civil and just society. They are common to a range of secular and religious world views and are found in most cultures.

- Integrity
- Excellence
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Co-operation
- Participation
- Care
- Fairness
- Democracy



Lindsay Park Public School is a school that strives to provide opportunity and excellence. Lindsay Park aims to provide quality education in a challenging, supportive and caring learning environment to enable our students to be successful learners, experience wellbeing and build positive relationships.

The wellbeing of our students is central to our commitment to the development of the whole child. Lindsay Park provides a harmonious environment which is accepting and supportive of students from a variety of socio-economic, cultural and religious backgrounds. The curriculum within each key learning area encourages students to be proud of their heritage and accepting of other cultures. The culture at Lindsay Park is marked by respectful relationships, with each individual taking responsibility for their own actions.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Lindsay Park is committed to providing quality learning opportunities for our students and to achieving the best possible educational outcomes for all students. We encourage parents to be actively involved in the life of the school and look forward to your interest and participation in the years to come.

What is Parent Engagement?

From the Australian Government Students First webpage - <https://studentsfirst.gov.au/engaging-parents-education>

Parent engagement is being positively involved and active in your child's learning. Your attitudes, values and behaviours can positively influence your child's education outcomes.

We know that parents, families and carers are some of the most important influences on a child's education. When you are positively engaged in your child's education, they are more likely to attend and perform better at school.



Effective parent and family engagement in education is more than just participation in school meetings and helping with fundraising, it is actively engaging with your child's learning, both at home and at school. When schools and families work together, children do better and stay in school longer.

You can support your child to get the most out of their schooling. The earlier you become engaged, the better it is for your children.

Why is parent engagement important?

Parent engagement is associated with improvements across a range of indicators, including:

- better education outcomes
- enhanced engagement with school work
- more regular school attendance
- better behaviour
- and increased social skills.

Parent engagement is one of the four pillars of the Australian Government's Students First reform agenda for schools.



How can you help your child do well at school?

While it's important to stay informed and be involved in school activities where possible, there are lots of things you can do at home which can help your child to do better at school:

- Have high yet achievable expectations of your child.
- Talk regularly about school and the value of learning.
- Encourage positive attitudes and respect for school and teachers.
- Model the behaviours you would like to see in your child.

Other things you can do which have also been shown to have a positive impact are to:

- Read aloud to your child and listen to your child read aloud.
- Talk and ask about what they are learning.
- Ask what was fun at school.
- Help them to develop strong work habits.

One of the most effective ways parents and families can help children to do better at school is to make sure they go to school every day. School attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school and are more likely to complete their schooling.

Visit the Department of Education's new Parent Engagement in Learning webpage for more tips and information to help you get involved in your child's learning.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

The Lindsay Park Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) was formed over 50 years ago.

The objectives of the Lindsay Park P&C are to:

- promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation; and
- assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

The functions of the Lindsay Park P&C include:

- to report, when requested by the Minister for Education, on the material requirements of the school and to advise on the subject of maintenance of the school, alterations and additions to the school facilities, and the selection of new sites; and
- to assist and co-operate with the teaching staff in public functions associated with the school.

Membership

Any parent, citizen, or teaching staff who attend a P&C meeting or subcommittee is a member of that P&C. In order to be a voting member, an annual membership fee of \$2 must be paid at a P&C or subcommittee meeting, with voting rights to commence at the next meeting.

Subcommittees

Lindsay Park P&C has both standing and ad hoc committees. These committees are not separate from the P&C and are bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of the P&C. The subcommittees report to the main P&C at each monthly meeting. Although the committees are the co-ordinators of these specific functions, all P&C members and the general school community participate in the running of these functions. Current subcommittees include: Uniform, Canteen and Auxiliary.

Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committees are formed to work on a specific event or task, and are dissolved once the event or task is complete. Recent Ad Hoc Committees have included: School Fete Committee

Incorporation

The Lindsay Park P&C is an incorporated association. This means that the P&C is a legal body which has rights and liabilities separate from its members. It is required to have an ABN and is regarded as a not-for-profit organisation.

Canteen

The Lindsay Park P&C runs the school canteen. A Canteen Co-ordinator manages the canteen. Volunteers assist with the daily running of the canteen, attending from 8.45am to 1.45pm. The canteen is open for recess and lunch 5 days a week. Infant children's lunch orders are collected from their classrooms after 9.00am.

Primary children must write lunch orders on bags with their name and class, place money in the bag and put orders in the lunch order bin prior to 8.50am.



Lunches are made up, put in bags with any change and placed in a class lunch basket.

Volunteers are always welcome to assist in the canteen; one day a month of volunteering helps to keep the canteen open. It is a great way to meet other parents and makes a great contribution to the welfare of the school.

At various times of the year “special lunch” days are held.

Meetings

Meetings for Lindsay Park P&C are held on the second Tuesday of the month during the school term at 7pm in the school library. These meetings last for 1 ½ to 2 hours. These meetings are advertised in advance and all are welcome.

School Uniforms

The wearing of school uniform is strongly encouraged at Lindsay Park Public School. The uniform is attractive and practical. Parents may order and purchase most items (as per uniform order form) from our school uniform shop which is run by volunteers. It is open each Monday from 8.30am to 9.30am.

The school has a clothing pool in the school office where pre-loved items may be purchased at reasonable prices.



GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM	GIRLS SPORTS UNIFORM	BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM	BOYS SPORTS UNIFORM
Royal blue culottes	Gold LPPS shirt	Grey shorts	Gold LPPS shirt
Mid blue LPPS polo shirt	Royal blue shorts (or track pants in winter)	Mid blue LPPS polo shirt	Royal blue shorts (or track pants in winter)
Royal blue zip front jacket	Royal blue zip front jacket	Royal blue zip front jacket	Royal blue zip front jacket
White ankle socks	White socks	Plain grey socks	White socks
Black shoes	Joggers	Black shoes	Joggers
School hat	School hat	School hat	School hat
GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM	<p style="text-align: center;">HATS</p> <p>Lindsay Park Public School has a “no hat no play” policy. Hats are worn outside during all seasons. A royal blue broad brimmed hat is the uniform.</p>	BOYS WINTER UNIFORM	<p style="text-align: center;">Please label all clothing! LOST PROPERTY bins are located in the Infants and Primary buildings.</p>
Grey long pants		Grey long trousers	
Mid-blue long sleeved LPPS polo shirt or skivvy		Mid-blue long sleeved LPPS polo shirt or skivvy	
Royal blue zip front jacket		Royal blue zip front jacket	
White socks		Grey socks	
Black shoes		Black shoes	
School hat		School hat	

Absences

All students are required to attend school each day. If your child is absent for any reason, a brief note explaining the reason for the absence should accompany the child on their return to school (this note becomes part of our school records). You may also inform the school of absences via the Skoolbag App. If your child is absent for more than two consecutive days, please inform the school by telephone. If your child will be absent for more than five days, an Application for Extended Leave – Travel form will need to be filled in and signed by the Principal.

Late Arrivals and Early Departures. If your child arrives after 8.50am they must be accompanied to the office with a parent or carer and our staff will issue them with a Late Arrival slip.

Parents removing their child during class time for dental appointments, etc. are required to report to the office and our staff will issue them with a Early Departure slip **before collecting the child from class.**

After School Care

Access to out of school hours care is available via a number of different operators. Students travelling to after school care are supervised by a teacher until they are picked up by the bus. Children attending after school care on site at Lindsay Park are supervised by the staff of “Fundamentals” from the end of the school day. If you require after school care for your child, please see the school office staff for current operators.

Assemblies

All children assemble at 8.50am each morning under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) in the Primary area for a short school assembly. Every second Thursday our Whole School Assembly is held in the hall at 11.35am. Parents are always welcome at assemblies.



Before and After School

No child need be at school before 8.20am as no teacher is rostered onto playground supervision until 8.20am. All children must be in the Primary Quadrangle prior to 8.50am. Students are not to leave the school grounds without permission prior to 2.50pm. After the final bell goes at 2.50pm all students travelling by bus or being collected by car in the Kiss and Drop Zone sit on the silver seats under the supervision of a teacher at Kiss and Drop gate.

Behaviour

Students are subject to the school Wellbeing and Discipline Policy that applies not only at school, but also to students travelling to and from school. A copy is available from the school or on our website.

Change of Address

The school should be notified of any change of address or telephone number. Personal details are strictly confidential and protected by the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

Cleaners

Contract cleaners (Spotless) are responsible for cleaning the school on a daily basis.

Communication

Bulletins to Parents. A fortnightly newsletter, “The Tallong” is distributed to parents via the Skoolbag app and email, containing information regarding school organisation and activities. An electronic copy is posted on our website.

The Skoolbag app is available free for Android and iPhone. Please download and install the Skoolbag app. Then search for our school name. You can do this in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Visit www.skoolbag.com.au for more information.



Digital Communication. The school has a website that provides up to date information about the school. www.lindsaypk-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

Our **FACEBOOK** page has lots of great photos and up to date information. Please join us: search Lindsay Park Public School.

Dropping Off and Collecting Students

Thames Street is a one way street and parking restrictions apply. Please obey the parking restriction signs for the safety of our students and others using the road. Wollongong City Council Officers patrol the area and you may be fined if you disregard the rules. Students should cross safely between the crossing flags with an older person supervising them. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD PARENTS / CARERS DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL TO DROP OFF OR COLLECT STUDENTS (this includes the staff car park at the front of the school).** There is also a gate via Risley Road that is open before and after school.

Enrolments

Children may enrol at this school if they reside in the local school intake zone. If you move from this zone after enrolment you can continue here, but be aware that zoning still applies to placement in Year Seven (High School) when all addresses are reviewed. Application for out of area placement can be made and an offer of placement is dependent on the availability of places and the justifying reasons, aligned with the school's enrolment cap.

Excursions

Excursions form an important part of the school's program and any excursion must have the authority of the Principal for it to proceed. Parents receive written notification and must fill in a permission form and return it with payment to the school before a student can participate. In cases where there is some difficulty meeting costs please contact the Principal as no student will be excluded because of financial difficulties.



Grounds

Grounds are maintained by our General Assistant. There is a tree management plan in place.

Illness

If a child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness e.g. measles, chicken pox or impetigo the school must be notified. The period of exclusion is determined by your family medical practitioner and the guidelines of the NSW Health Department. Should your child require special or regular medication please advise the School Office and their class teacher. Parents of students who are on regular medication will need to contact the Administration Office for a Health Care Plan to be completed by Parent/s and Doctor.



Interviews

Parents are always welcome to make an appointment for interviews with their child's teacher or Stage Supervisor. You can phone, email or call into the office to organise one or see your child's teacher directly to organise a time for a meeting.

Learning & Support Team

The Learning Support Team is a whole school planning and support team run by the executive staff, Learning and Support Teacher and school psychologist. Its purpose is to support the learning needs of students through the co-ordination, development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all educational programs.

School Counselling. The school has the services of the School Psychologist on a regular basis. The psychologist works with students, families and staff to support the educational and emotional wellbeing of our students. Students are normally referred to the School Psychologist via the Learning Support Team.

Library

All students have access to the Library for timetabled library lessons, recreational reading and research. Borrowing is organised by the Librarian. Students should bring a library bag with them if they wish to borrow books.

Photographs

School photographs are taken by a photographer approved by the Parents and Citizens Association and the Principal and are taken each year. Other photographs are taken by school staff at major events and displayed within the school, on the school's website, and Facebook page.

School Hours

School commences at 8.50am and concludes at 2.50pm.

Recess: 11.00am - 11.30am

Lunch: 12.55pm - 1.45pm.

Special Religious Education

At Lindsay Park Public School, a half hour Special Religious Education (SRE) class is offered to students. Years K-2 attend their lesson from 9:00-9:30am, Years 3-4 from 10:00-10:30am and Years 5-6 from 10:30-11:00am on Tuesdays.

We provide the following SRE classes: **Catholic** and **Protestant**. Each teacher of Special Religious Education is authorised by the approved provider.

The approved provider for **Catholic SRE** is the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – Diocese of Wollongong. The SRE Curriculum is available at <https://www.ccdwollongong.com/what-is-sre>

The approved provider for **Protestant SRE** is the Uniting Church in Australia – Synod of NSW & ACT. The SRE Curriculum is available at <https://nswact.uca.org.au/about-us/special-religious-education/>
Combined scripture services are held at Easter and Christmas.

Students who do not attend SRE participate in alternative meaningful activities. Exemption from attendance is obtained by parent's written request.

Sport

All students participate in sport or organised physical education activities, our regular sports day is Friday. Primary students engage in Public School Sports Association (PSSA) competition in designated sports, usually in Terms Three and Four.

Sports Carnivals

The school holds annual swimming, cross-country and athletics carnivals for students aged 8 and older.





Student Reports

Written reports are sent home twice per year and outline both effort and achievement grades. Parents are encouraged to contact the school for clarification and/or elaboration of written reports.

Sun Safety Policy

Lindsay Park encourages the regular wearing of hats to school. This is reinforced by a “NO HAT NO PLAY” policy.

Swimming

The school takes part in an intensive swimming program designed for non-swimmers. This program is undertaken in Term 4 of each year.

Transfers to Another School

If transferring to another school, please see your child’s teacher and the Administration Office prior to transfer. All school records are sent on to the new school if the student is moving to a NSW government school.

Use of School Buildings

Buildings and some resources are available for community use by arrangement with the Principal.

Visiting Performances

Performances and visiting speakers are co-ordinated by a member of staff. A note will be sent home concerning any such event.



Better Buddies Teddy Bears Picnic. Year 6 with their Kindy Buddies.

