

Welcome to LINDSAY PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL





Our vision is to empower students to be reflective, motivated and connected learners.

Our motto, 'Learning for Living,' is central to the philosophy of the school and is underpinned by the expectations of 'Be Kind, Work Hard'.

Lindsay Park Public School

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This mural was created in June 2022 by Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students from Lindsay Park Public School, with the assistance of local Aboriginal artists from the Coomaditchie United Aboriginal Corporation.

Welcome to Lindsay Park

Welcome to Lindsay Park Public School. In selecting Lindsay Park Public School for your child, you have chosen a school with a friendly, happy and harmonious community. We have strong student wellbeing programs that foster the belief that every child is valued and has the right to a safe and supportive learning environment where they can work to their potential.

The school strives for academic, cultural and sporting excellence, offering varied and interesting curricula to all children. There is a strong emphasis on skills development in literacy and numeracy. Participation in extra-curricula activities such as public speaking, debating, choir, dance and sport is strongly encouraged.

We are proud of our school and its facilities, our well resourced learning environment and the programs we offer.

We share common goals and values and together we work towards providing quality education for all children. Parental support is strong and very much appreciated at Lindsay Park Public School both in and out of the classroom. Parents play a very active role in the school in a variety of ways and I extend a warm invitation to each family to become involved members of our school community by participating in the following ways:

- attending P&C Meetings
- helping in the classroom
- becoming involved in committees
- contributing to fund raising activities
- working on the school canteen
- assisting in the library.

I look forward to a long and happy partnership with you and your child.

Jacqui Conway Principal



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

Care

- Excellence
- Responsibility
- Co-operation
- Respect
- Participation



- Fairness
- Democracy

Lindsay Park Public School has the following school-wide values and expectations:

VALUES	EXPECTATIONS	CRITERIA	
Be Kind	Help others	Help other students, teachers, parents and the community	
	Respect others and the environment	Speak kindly, respond appropriately, return borrowed items to the right place	
	Care for, and include others	Invite others to play, show empathy, cooperate in different groups, respect all cultures and beliefs	
Work Hard	Be present, centred and ready to learn	Bring the right equipment, positive attitude, open to learning	
	Be a responsible learner	Seek and apply feedback, tracking the speaker, asking questions, participating in conversations	
	Persevere with challenge	Take learning risks, persist when work is hard, master tasks, show pride in work	

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?

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.



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 <u>Supporting your child webpage</u> 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 on days when volunteers can assist.

Lunch orders can be pre-ordered and paid for on **QuickCliq** – an online ordering platform for our canteen, uniform shop and P&C events.

Please take the time to set up your parent account at www.quickcliq.com.au.



The canteen will accept online orders for lunch only. Cut off for online order is **9am**. The canteen still accept cash lunch orders. 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.Infant children's lunch orders are collected from their classrooms after 9.00am.

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 6.30pm at Figtree Sports Club. These meetings last for $1 \frac{1}{2}$ 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 Tuesday from 8.30am to 9.30am.

Uniforms can be ordered and paid for on $\mbox{QuickCliq}$ — an online ordering platform for our canteen, uniform shop and P&C events.



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

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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	HATS	BOYS WINTER UNIFORM	Please label all
Grey long pants (Not stocked)	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.	Grey long trousers	clothing! LOST PROPERTY bins are located in the Infants and Primary buildings.
Grey/Navy tights under cullottes		Royal blue track pants	
Mid blue LPPS polo shirt. Long sleeved navy top under polo		Mid-blue LPPS polo shirt. Long sleeved navy top under polo	
Royal blue zip front jacket		Royal blue zip front jacket	
White socks, Black shoes		Grey socks, black shoes	
School hat		School hat	

Absences

All students are required to attend school each day. If your child is absent for any reason, you can create a planned absence via School Bytes or a brief note explaining the reason for the absence should accompany the child on their return to school (this explanation becomes part of our school records). 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 10 school 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 an Early Departure slip **before collecting the child from class.**

Assemblies

All children assemble at 8.50am each morning either in the Infants area (Kindergarten to Year 2) or under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) in the Primary area (Year 3 to Year 6) for a short school assembly. Every second Thursday our Whole School Assembly is held in the hall at 1.45pm. Parents are always welcome at assemblies.



Before and After School Care

School supervision begins at 8.20am each morning. Students arriving before 8.20am will need to access the Before and After School Care program. Students are not to leave the school grounds without permission prior to 2.50pm. When students are dismissed at 2.50pm those travelling by bus or being collected by car in the Kiss and Drop Zone sit on the timber seats under the supervision of a teacher at Kiss and Drop gate.



Fundamentals is a registered child care service that operates within the Lindsay Park PS site for Before and After School Care as well as Vacation Care. The program focuses on children being active and having fun. Before School Care is open from 6.30-8.20am. After School Care

is open from 2.50—6pm and runs out of the School Library. Kindergarten students are collected from their classrooms each afternoon by Fundamentals staff. Vacation Care is open during the school holidays with the exception of public holidays. If you require after school care for your child, please see the school office staff for current operators.

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 (Joss) are responsible for cleaning the school on a daily basis.

Communication

Educating children is a partnership between school and home. You can contact the school by:

Email: <u>lindsaypk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u> or Call the office: (02) 4229 2487 or a note to the teacher or office

Dropping in to see the teacher before or after school. If a longer meeting is required organise a mutually agreeable time.

Bulletins to Parents. A fortnightly newsletter, "The Tallong" is distributed to parents via School Bytes. "The Tallong" contains information regarding school organisation and activities. An electronic copy is posted on our website.

School Bytes provides a web-based parent portal to help our school communicate with you. You can pin the School Bytes portal to your phone or device homepage. You can reply to emails and notify absences through School Bytes. Visit www.schoolbytes.education for more information



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

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. 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 enrolment 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.

Check your address on <u>School Finder</u> (www.schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/index) to see if it is within our local intake area. Most schools have designated local enrolment areas. Note: local enrolment areas are subject to change.



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 email notification via School Bytes and must complete the permission form and payment 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 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.. Patent/ Teacher Learning Conferences are scheduled at the end of Term 1 each year for all parents and carers to discuss their child's learning and wellbeing with the class teacher.

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 Counsellor on a regular basis. The counsellor 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: 11:00 to 11:30am Lunch: 12:55 to 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 9:30-10.00am, 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 <u>https://www.ccdwollongong.com/what-is-sre</u>

The approved provider for **Protestant SRE** is the Uniting Church in Australia – Synod of NSW & ACT. The SRE Curriculum is available at <u>https://nswact.uca.org.au/about-us/special-religious-education/</u> 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. The 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 Behaviour Management and Support

Lindsay Park Public School is committed to explicitly teaching and modelling positive behaviour and to supporting all students to be engaged with their learning.

The Lindsay Park Public School Behaviour Management and Support Plan outlines:

- a consistent system for the whole school community
- Promotion of positive student behaviours in all environments
- Strategies to assist students in the management of their own behaviour
- the strategies for improved learning, wellbeing and behavioural outcomes for students
- Direction for all staff to manage behaviour effectively and consistently in all school environments.

The School Behaviour Management and Support Plan can be found on the school website.

Student Reports

Reports are email to parents 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 permission note will be emailed to parents via School Bytes concerning any such event.



