



**BEAUMONT HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Thursday 21 March 2024 - Term 1 Week 8 2024.**



## Principal Report

**About Down Syndrome  
Fact Sheet**

**Down Syndrome  
Australia**

**About Down syndrome**

Down syndrome is the most common genetic disability. There are approximately 13,000 people in Australia who have Down syndrome. The birth rate for Down syndrome is one in every 1,100 births in Australia.

Down syndrome is not an illness or a disease. Down syndrome is caused when a person is born with an extra chromosome. People with Down syndrome have 47 chromosomes instead of 46. They have an extra chromosome 21, which is why Down syndrome is sometimes known as trisomy 21. Down syndrome is named after Dr John Langdon Down who first described it.

Down syndrome impacts intellectual development, some physical characteristics and aspects of a person's physical health. Because no two people are alike, this will vary from one person to another.

Although we know how Down syndrome occurs, we do not know why it happens. Down syndrome occurs at conception, across all ethnic and social groups and to parents of all ages. It is nobody's fault. There is no cure and it does not go away. Down syndrome can be detected prenatally or at birth and is confirmed by a blood test.

**What does it mean to have Down syndrome?**

Most of the young people growing up with Down syndrome today will lead quite ordinary lives in the community. Some people with Down syndrome may not need much help to lead an ordinary life, while others may require a lot of support.

**Having an intellectual disability**

Down syndrome is the most common cause of intellectual disability that we know of. Everyone who has Down syndrome will have some level of intellectual disability. There will be some delay in development and some level of learning difficulty. Because everyone is unique, the level of delay will be different for each person.

When a baby is born, there is no way to tell what level of intellectual disability the child may have. Nor can we predict the way in which this may affect a person's life. However, we do know that having Down syndrome will not be the most important influence on how that person develops and lives their life. Instead, what happens after birth will be much more important as family, environmental, cultural and social factors will shape their life, just like everyone else.

English

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A lot of people with Down syndrome speak fluently and clearly, however – for many – speaking clearly can be difficult and they will need speech and language therapy to achieve this. Some people will find it very difficult to develop language or speak clearly at all. However, regardless of a person's ability to speak, people with Down syndrome can understand a lot more than they can express with words. This often means that their abilities are underestimated, which can lead to frustration and isolation.

## Living an ordinary life

People with Down syndrome are not different from anyone else.

They have the same needs and aspirations in life that we all do, including:

- a good place to live
- meaningful employment
- the opportunity to enjoy the company of friends and family
- love and intimacy
- having a role in our community.

However, achieving these goals can be harder for people with Down syndrome than it is for everyone else. Many people with Down syndrome are likely to need some level of support to help them achieve the kind of life that most people take for granted.

In the past, many people with Down syndrome have not had the opportunity to develop to their full potential. Often, they have been separated from the rest of the community, living in segregated settings such as care institutions. Low expectations were placed on them and there were limited opportunities for learning and personal growth.

Today, people with Down syndrome have access to better health and medical advancements, as well as better education and developmental opportunities, which have provided an improved quality of life.

To be a part of a community you have to be in it. This means that people who have only experienced life in a segregated setting may find it difficult to be included in the general community. Life for people who grow up being included in families and communities will be very different than it has been for those who have always lived in care facilities.

Encouraging children with Down syndrome to go to a school and attend activities with their peers from their community has many benefits. It opens the way for a smooth transition to adulthood and encourages meaningful inclusion in the community.

People with Down syndrome need opportunities to reach their full potential, like we all do. When given these opportunities, they become valued and productive members of their families and the community.

## Being an Individual

One of the greatest challenges that people with Down syndrome face is the attitudes of other people who do not understand what it means to have Down syndrome. Despite much change, many people still don't see the individual person. Instead they just see 'Down syndrome' and expect everyone with Down syndrome to be more or less the same.

People with Down syndrome are very different from each other, just as we are all different. Every person with Down syndrome is unique, with their own talents, abilities, thoughts and interests. And, like everyone else, people with Down syndrome have strengths and weaknesses. While one person may read very well but find basic mathematics difficult, another might be a first-class cook and live independently in the community, but will have to work hard to speak clearly. People with Down syndrome are also likely to share similar passions, culture, interests and skills as other members of their family, as we all do.

People with Down syndrome do not all look alike. In fact, people with Down syndrome look more like other people in their own family than they look like others with Down syndrome. Although there are some physical features associated with Down syndrome, there is large variation in how many of these features an individual may have. For some people, one feature may be very prominent while in another it may not exist at all. Importantly, the physical characteristics of Down syndrome that a person may have do not tell us anything about that person's intellectual ability.

Another common misconception is that all people with Down syndrome are happy and affectionate. People with Down syndrome experience all the same emotions as everyone else. They may be happy, sad, embarrassed, frustrated, thoughtful and fall in and out of love, just as we all do. They may, however, find it difficult to express their feelings in words. This can lead to frustration and the expression of feelings through behaviours.

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*Lyn Welsh  
Principal*

# Diary Dates 2024

<b>Thursday 21 March 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN</li> <li>Harmony Day</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 22 March 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 25 March 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN Ends</li> <li>BEAU Award <b>Cut Off date</b> to trade Green, Bronze and Gold.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 28 March 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Hat Parade (K - 6)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 29 March 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GOOD FRIDAY (<b>Public Holiday</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 1 April 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EASTER MONDAY (<b>Public Holiday</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 4 April 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BEAU Award Assembly 9.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 5 April 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSSA</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 8 April 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P &amp; C Meeting in the staffroom</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 9 April 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cross Country Carnival</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 11 April 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ANZAC Day Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 12 April 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSSA</li> <li>Last day of Term 1 (<b>Students return Tuesday 30 April 2024</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 29 April 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupil Free Day (<b>Students return Tuesday 30 April 2024</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 30 April 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students return for Term 2</li> </ul>
<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	
<b>Tuesday 21 May 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photo Day (The School Photographer)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 4 September 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 3 Camp Narrabeen (Return Friday 6 Camp Narrabeen)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 17 December 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9.30am - 11.00am</li> <li>Year 6 Farewell</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 18 December 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last Day of school for 2024</li> </ul>

# PSSA 2024

**BUSES LEAVE SCHOOL AT 11.00AM AND RETURN AT 1.00PM**

## Term 1 PSSA Venues - 2024

	<u>Touch Football</u>	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>T-ball/Softball</u>	<u>Cricket</u>
<b>Rnd 1</b> <b>Week 5</b> 01/03/24	<b><u>Vs Samuel Gilbert</u></b> Bernie Mullane Field 1	<b><u>Vs Mathew Pearce</u></b> Bella Vista PS Fairway Drive	<b><u>Vs Oakhill Drive PS</u></b> Fred Catterson Field 2, 3 and 5.	<b><u>Vs Kellyville PS</u></b> Arnold Avenue Sporting Complex
<b>Rnd 2</b> <b>Week 6</b> 08/03/24	<b><u>Vs Bella Vista</u></b> Francesco Crescent Reserve	<b><u>Vs Bella Vista</u></b> Bella Vista PS Fairway Drive	<b><u>Vs Bella Vista PS</u></b> Caddies Creek Field 4	<b><u>Vs Excelsior PS</u></b> Arnold Avenue Sporting Complex
Break for NAPLAN				
<b>Rnd 3</b> <b>Week 10</b> 05/04/24	<b><u>Vs Glenhaven</u></b> Bernie Mullane Field 1	<b><u>Vs Murray Farm</u></b> Hills Basketball Stadium Fred Catterson Reserve	<b><u>Vs Crestwood PS</u></b> Crestwood Oval Field 3	<b><u>Vs Crestwood PS</u></b> Arnold Avenue Sporting Complex
<b>Rnd 4</b> <b>Week 11</b> 12/04/23	<b><u>Vs Sherwood Ridge</u></b> Bernie Mullane Field 1	<b><u>Vs Glenhaven</u></b> Bernie Mullane Sports Complex	<b><u>Vs Samuel Gilbert PS</u></b> Caddies Creek Field 4	<b><u>Vs Samuel Gilbert PS</u></b> Fred Catterson Field 4 & 6

# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

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Tuesday 21 May 2024 (Term 2 Week 4 2024) - School Photography  
More information will be emailed out closer to the date.



## BEAU AWARD STRUCTURE

4 **BLUE** Awards = 1 **GREEN** Award

3 **GREEN** Awards = 1 **BRONZE** Award

3 **BRONZE** Awards = 1 **SILVER** Award

2 **SILVER** Awards = 1 **GOLD** Award

1 **SILVER** + 1 **GOLD** Award = 1 **PLATINUM** Award

Please note if your child brings home an award that has been **DATE** or **ENTERED** stamped on the back this means they have already traded to receive their next award.

# UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

**Klipsta** magnetic hat clips have arrived at the Uniform Shop!

Quickly and easily attach your hat to your bag or belt using our innovative Klipsta Hat Clip. Featuring a simple design that pairs well with any accessory, our smart clip keeps your hat securely fastened using our unique lock feature. Attach, lock, clip and you're good to go! No more lost school hats!! Simple to use for school or home. For more information on these clips please visit – [www.klipsta.com](http://www.klipsta.com)

Available in store and online through Flexischools - **\$20 each.**

Limited stock of each colour – Navy, Stone, Tan, Black, Green, Pink.

When ordering online if your chosen colour is not available an alternative colour will be given.



If you have any questions please contact the Uniform Shop via email [uniformshopbhps@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshopbhps@gmail.com)

*Emma Anthony*  
*Uniform Shop Supervisor*

# P & C NEWS

## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Our EASTER EGG RAFFLE is now on sale!! Tickets can be purchased online at <https://rafflelink.com.au/bhpseaster2024>.

Tickets are 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10 and 15 for \$20 and there are 10 x Easter Baskets to be won filled with yummy Easter eggs and other sweet treats.

This year we are fundraising to continue enhancing our outdoor spaces and play areas by raising funds to create a Music Garden. This will be located under the shade sail near The Oval, completing a project paid for by the P&C. This exciting area will feature large musical instruments, providing another area for students to enjoy during lunch and recess. The added bonus of a musical area is that not only will it be fun for our students, it can also play a vital role in their development by helping build creativity, confidence, co-operation and listening skills. These musical play items will complement our formal music learning programs, enabling students to create their own music through play.

*BHPS P&C Executive*



Beaumont Hills Public School



# EASTER EGG RAFFLE

**Beaumont Hills Public School**

Ticket prices

1 for \$3    3 for \$5

7 for \$10    15 for \$20



<https://rafflelink.com.au/bhpseaster2024>

Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn at  
the Easter Hat Parade  
Thursday 28 March



# Beaumont Bites - Canteen News

## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

We had a great response to our Harmony Day meal deal. We appreciate your support.



Great News!!!! We are NOW allowed to have volunteers in the canteen.

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have devoted their time helping in the canteen. If you have a spare 1-2 hours a day, feel free to contact office or canteen about being as a canteen volunteer. We, especially your kids, love to see you around in the school. All volunteers need to be physically well and healthy and no pre-schoolers are allowed.

You are required to complete the following three steps:

1. A Working with Children Check - [Declaration for Volunteers and Non-Child-Related Contractors](#)
2. One government-issued photo identity document with full name, date of birth and current residential address.

Contact School Canteen for more information.

We continue to practice good hygiene in canteen and provide healthy snacks and meals. If there is any questions or feedback feel free to let us know.



*Best Regards,  
Yukiko & Judy*



# Community Users

## After School Language Class & Creativity Workshop

Fun & creative way to master Chinese language and culture



**\$25 Language Class**  
**\$32 Creativity Workshop**  
(\$52 if enrol for both classes)

Learn Chinese through culture and activities

Creativity workshop



**North Kellyville Public School**  
Language Class: Monday  
Creativity Workshop: Wednesday  
Time: 3:00-5:30pm

**Beaumont Hills Public School**  
Language Class: Tuesday  
Creativity Workshop: Friday  
Time: 3:00-5:30pm

**William Clarke College**  
Language Class: Monday & Wednesday  
Time: 3:00-5:30pm

**Riverbank Public School**  
Creativity Workshop: Monday  
Language Class: Thursday  
Time: 2:45-5:15pm

**Kings Langley Public School**  
Language Class: Friday  
Creativity Workshop: Tuesday  
Time: 3:00-5:30pm

**Saturday Chinese Classes**  
North Kellyville Public School  
1:00-3:00pm for Native Speaker  
3:15-5:15pm for Non-native Speaker

**Online Chinese Program**  
Also available

**Sydney Northwest Chinese School**  
Website: [www.sydneychinese.org.au/](http://www.sydneychinese.org.au/)  
Email: [snwchinese@gmail.com](mailto:snwchinese@gmail.com)  
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SYDNEY  
ACADEMY OF CHESS

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## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Beaumont Hills Public School (Kellyville) is held on Tuesdays from 1:10pm to 2:00pm, starting on 13 February 2024.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email [office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com](mailto:office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com) for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

# Community Users

## Welcome to the Jigsaw OOSH Community!



We are very excited to be part of the School Community.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions about Jigsaw OOSH, need any support to enrol or would like to discuss any matters in the lead up to enrolment.

### HOW TO ENROL WITH JIGSAW OOSH?

Jigsaw OOSH enrolments are done through a website called My Family Lounge. For quick access, scan the QR code or visit the link

<https://www.jigsawoosh.com.au/enrol-with-jigsaw-oosh>



Jigsaw OOSH does not currently have any waitlist and places will be confirmed once the enrolment process has been completed. Our current enrolment confirmation turn around time is 48 - 72 Hours.

### OPERATING HOURS

Before School Care | 6:30am - 9:00am  
After School Care | 3:00pm - 6:30pm  
Vacation Care | 7:00am - 6:30pm

### CENTRE FEE STRUCTURE

Before School Care | \$18.00  
Before School Care Casual | \$20.00  
After School Care | \$25.50  
After School Care Casual | \$27.50  
Vacation Care | \$58.75



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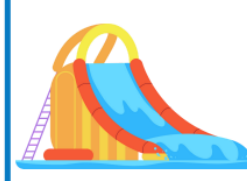

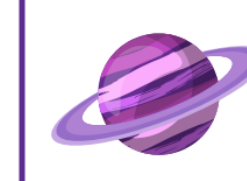
## Beaumont Hills Public School

Operating Hours

7:00am - 6:30pm

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### WEEK 1

MONDAY 15 APRIL	TUESDAY 16 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL	THURSDAY 18 APRIL	FRIDAY 19 APRIL
				
<b>SENSORY SILLY'S</b>	<b>WARMTH &amp; KINDNESS</b>	<b>TEAM SHOWDOWN &amp; SPLASHDOWN</b>	<b>INFLATABLE WORLD</b>	<b>PLANETARIUM</b>
<b>WEEK 1 CENTRE DAY</b>	<b>WEEK 1 CENTRE DAY</b>	<b>WEEK 1 CENTRE WORKSHOP</b>	<b>WEEK 1 EXCURSION</b>	<b>WEEK 1 CENTRE WORKSHOP</b>
Get ready for the messiest day ever filled with creative chaos! From squishy textures to vibrant colours, this day is designed to ensure you get SUPER messy! Dive into gooey experiments, vibrant colours, finger painting, and squishy textures where messiness is no boundary! Don't forget to wear clothes that can get messy, and bring a change of clothes too!	A perfect blend of creativity and compassion! Today we learn the art of arranging flower bouquets, and then spread the love by delivering them to a local nursing home with some hand written cards. To continue the day of spreading smiles and kindness we will learn how to make fondant cookies to take home to those who matter most.	A dynamic blend of mind bending challenges and water relay races. This day is designed for maximum competitions! We have brought in a 5m high double lane racer waterslide and will be running mini games and relay races throughout the day. So get your team ready and bring your game faces as we take it to the field for a showdown and a splashdown! Don't forget sun safe swimmers, hat, towel, and a change of clothes!	Today we visit the biggest inflatable playground in Australia! Join us for a day trip to Inflatible World in Blacktown. Get ready to bounce, slide, and laugh your way through inflatable obstacles, slides, and games.	Get ready to unravel the mysteries of the cosmos! Star's Planetarium will engage, amaze, and inspire as it takes you on a Space adventure. Take a trip through the Solar System and onwards to the very edge of our Galaxy and then come back down to Earth to find out what's in the sky tonight.

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### WEEK 2

MONDAY 22 APRIL	TUESDAY 23 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL	THURSDAY 25 APRIL	FRIDAY 26 APRIL
<b>GIANT GAMES DAY</b>	<b>ROCK CLIMBING</b>	<b>CALMSEY CITY FARM</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>ANYTHING ARTY</b>
WEEK 2 CENTRE WORKSHOP	WEEK 2 CENTRE WORKSHOP	WEEK 2 EXCURSION		WEEK 2 CENTRE DAY
Gear up for a day filled with oversized fun! Become the game pieces in an inflatable life sized Human Hungry Hippos! Today we immerse ourselves in life size games and video games. Bring along your favourite board game to challenge your friends in!	An 8 metre high rock climbing wall in our backyard??? You read that right! Experience the thrill of reaching new heights as you conquer the vertical rock climbing wall challenge. A day filled with fun and fitness that will leave everyone feeling on top of the world!	Today we hop on the bus to head to Calmsey City Farm to get up close to a range of native and farmyard animals. You will have the opportunity to feed the animals, as well as hop on a tractor for a ride around the farm! We will have a picnic for lunch before we head back!		Dive into a kaleidoscope of colours, shapes, and textures through various artistic activities! From canvas paintings to collaborative murals, this day is designed to ignite creativity, express yourself, and get creative! Our day will be topped with a guided paint and sip with retro milkshakes! Wear clothes that might get a little bit messy!

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### WEEK 3

MONDAY 29 APRIL	IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING VACATION CARE
	<p><b>BOOKING DEADLINE</b> Please note all bookings made by <b>Tuesday 26 March 2024 to ensure statements can be sent by Thursday 28 March 2024</b>. After this date, all dates will be capped and bookings with availability will need to be requested through email at <a href="mailto:admin@jigsawoosh.com.au">admin@jigsawoosh.com.au</a> - bookings will incur a late booking fee as shown below.</p> <p><b>LATE BOOKING FEE</b> Bookings added after the booking deadline date will incur a \$5.00 late booking fee per late booking. To avoid late surcharges in bookings, we encourage families to book by the closing date so that Jigsaw OOSH can plan staffing, activities, meals and resources accordingly.</p> <p><b>CHILD CARE SUBSIDY</b> Please note that if you have not attended the service in the last 14 weeks you must re-confirm your enrolment on your MyGov account to receive CCS rebates. Jigsaw OOSH cannot do this on your behalf.</p> <p><b>CANCELLATIONS OF BOOKINGS</b> Fees will apply if Jigsaw has not received sufficient written notice.                      Cancelling your booking with less than a weeks' notice - The booking will be removed and replaced with a \$20.00 fee.                      Cancelling your booking with 24 hours' notice or less - The booking will be removed and is replaced with a fee that is half of the non-subsidised cost for the booking on that day.                      Cancelling on the day - The booking will be marked as absent and full fees will apply. Please email all cancellations to <a href="mailto:admin@jigsawoosh.com.au">admin@jigsawoosh.com.au</a></p> <p><b>TERMS AND CONDITIONS</b> Please refer to your enrolment forms Terms and conditions for further details regarding our T&amp;Cs</p>
<b>WHEELY GOOD DAY</b>	
WEEK 3 CENTRE DAY	
Its race day at Beaumont Hills! Today we invite you to bring your favourite bike or scooter to participate in a day filled with riding around the school. We will end our wheels day with the ultimate race. Who will be crowned the winner? Don't forget your helmet!	
	<p><b>BOOKING VACATION CARE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Log Onto your My Family Lounge App.</li> <li>2) Go to your Sessions Tab with the calendar icon and choose the "VAC" roll.</li> <li>3) Go to the Vacation Care Period and select your desired date.</li> <li>4) Once you select your desired date, a pop up will appear. This holds information for the day and T&amp;Cs. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and select "Book Session"</li> <li>5) Once you have successfully booked in your Vacation Care booking, on the calendar the desired date will appear with a "Purple" underline.</li> <li>6) Repeat step Four and Five for all other desired dates.</li> </ol>

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# Community News



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## **Beaumont Hills PS Band Program – 2024**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, and a very special welcome to our new students and parents! We are looking forward to another great year of making music. Correspondence will be via email: please ensure TSA has your current email address and check your junk/spam folder for communications.

### **NEW BEGINNERS** *(those learning an instrument for the first time in 2024)*

There are two components to the Band Program: group lessons and a full band rehearsal both held on the same day. **Please note, all group lessons take place after school.** Your band director will email you with further details.

- **Group lessons:** Start Thursday 8 February (a timetable will be emailed to parents by your band director)
- **What to bring:** Instrument if already purchased; items ordered through TSA will be distributed in the first lesson.
- **Full Band Rehearsal:** Beginners will not be required at band rehearsal **until Term 2**. Training Band rehearsals will be on Thursdays at lunchtime.

The first lesson will focus on showing new students how to set-up and care for their instruments.

### **EXISTING BAND STUDENTS** *(those who already learned an instrument in 2023)*

- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Thursday 8 February at 2:00-2:45pm in the Hall
- **Group lessons:** Start Thursday 8 February (after school). A timetable will be emailed to parents.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and band folder.

The first lesson will focus on finalising grouping and assessing how continuing students have progressed across the summer holiday break.

### **IMPORTANT ITEMS**

**Fees** – In 2024, band and group tuition fees will be \$220 per term plus \$10 resource levy. TSA will email invoices/process direct debits at the beginning of each school term and needs to be finalised within 2 weeks of issue or late fees will apply.

**Absence from Band** – if your child will be absent from band or lessons please notify the band director. In particular, absences outside of school hours must be communicated clearly so we can confirm your child is safe and accounted for.

**Creative Kids Vouchers** – TSA is a registered provider and families with Creative Kids Vouchers can apply them to term fees by entering voucher details via the TSA website here: <https://teachingservices.com.au/creative-kids/>.

**Exiting the Band Program** – TSA requires notice by the end of any term if your child wishes to exit from the program in the next term.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Band Director: Mr Joshua McNulty [joshua@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:joshua@teachingservices.com.au) (timetabling, groups, band rehearsals)  
TSA Administration: 9651 7333 ext 2 (enrolments, billing, instrument hire and service)  
[tsaoffice@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:tsaoffice@teachingservices.com.au)

*We wish your child all the best in the Band Program! Please let us know if we can help you in any way.*

[www.teachingservicesaustralia.com.au](http://www.teachingservicesaustralia.com.au)

# Community News



## Get Active with Scouts!

Scouts welcomes children and young people from Kindy to Year 12, offering a safe and supportive environment where your child can make new friends, learn life skills and embark on new adventures!

### Your local Scout Group is:

1st Gordon, End of Cawarra Place, Gordon (for 11 to 15 year old)  
<https://www.1st-gordon.group.scoutsnsw.com.au>



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