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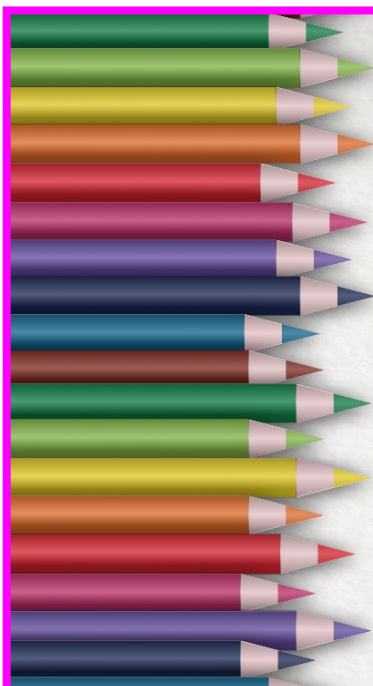
Principal Report

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

It will be lovely to see our families at the Welcome Back to School Event on Friday afternoon/evening. Our P and C have worked hard to put together some fun activities to bring our school community together at the beginning of the year, setting the scene for a great year to come. Whilst on the subject of P and C, please consider attending meetings on the second Monday of each month. Being part of P and C has many benefits for you and your children, so if possible come along to the next meeting on Monday 11 March at 7pm.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We held our annual swimming carnival on Monday. Our students were great ambassadors for our school at Hawkesbury Oasis pool, with events hotly contested as all children tried their best in their races. If your child did not attend due to being unable to swim 50m comfortably, please consider swimming lessons to enable them to be confident and competent in the water. Australia has a high level of drowning accidents. We are a water loving nation and being able to swim is a necessity for our children. We have access to an intensive swimming program later this year for a limited number of students. Next year it would be great to see more students competing at the swimming carnival.



**Welcome to
Beaumont Hills Ps**

2024

Principal Report

This is our school executive team.



Ms Welsh Ms Genesini Mrs Kadian Mrs Kirkness Miss Gregory Mrs Bates Mr Roberts Mr Copeman

Principal Deputy Principal Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction (Thurs-Fri) Assistant Principal Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal Stage 3 Assistant Principal Stage 1 Assistant Principal Stage 2

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Our specialist & support teachers.

Learning Support Team

Ms Genesini (Coordinator)
Mrs Simpson (Learning & Support)
Mrs McKie (Learning and Support)
Mr Holloway (Wellbeing)
Mrs Blazevic (EAL/D)
Mrs Seaton (EAL/D)
Miss Bell (School Psychologist)

Library

Mrs Thwaites (Librarian)
Mr Holloway

Creative & Performing Arts

Mrs Stennett
Mrs White

Office Staff

Mrs Selwood
Mrs Peisley
Mrs Rossiter
Mrs Lawton
Mrs Hunt
Mrs Morris

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Principal Report

Targeted Learning Support



Mrs Simpson



Mrs McKie

- MultiLit program (MiniLit in years 1-2 and MacqLit in years 3-6)
- Evidence based practice
- Small group instruction targeting early reading skills
 - Phonemic awareness
 - Phonics
 - Fluency
 - Vocabulary
 - Text comprehension
- Students who are referred to the Learning and Support Team can be assessed by our teachers to determine eligibility for these programs.
- Peer Play at lunch times
- Ensure you discuss any concerns with the classroom teacher/s as the first port of call

Wellbeing Support

- Zones of Regulation linked with Choice Theory
- Whole class explicit instruction about the zones of regulation to teach strategies for emotional regulation and self management
- Targeted individual support as needed and requested by the classroom teacher or Learning Support Team



Mr Holloway

What Zone Are You In?			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Disgusted Out of Control

- Ensure you discuss any concerns with the classroom teacher/s as the first port of call

Principal Report

English as an Additional Language/Dialect



Mrs B



Mrs Seaton

- Additional support to access the curriculum and develop the academic English language proficiency required for success at school
- Small group support to build English vocabulary, writing, reading and numeracy skills
- Intensive individual support as needed



Whole School Approach to Wellbeing

Choice Theory & The Get Happier Project

- Internal psychology with the understanding that we are each responsible for our own actions and choices
- Using 'open road' behaviours brings people closer together
- Using 'dead end road' behaviours disconnects people
- Explicit lessons
- Playground tokens towards collective goals



Principal Report

BEAU Awards

- 4 Blue = 1 Green
- 3 Green = 1 Bronze
- 3 Bronze = 1 Silver
- 2 Silver = 1 Gold
- 1 Silver + 1 Gold = 1 Platinum



Birthdays

- Please do not bring food items to share with the class due to allergies & intolerances
- Iceblock buckets can be purchased from the canteen via Flexischools if you would like your child to share something with the class to celebrate



Lyn Welsh
Principal

Stage 1 Parent Session Reading at Home



WEDNESDAY
6 MARCH
2024

WHEN 6:00pm - 7:00pm

WHERE In the school hall

Strengthening
learning links
between home
and school.

Diary Dates 2024

Friday 23 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome back to school event (refer to flyer further in this newsletter)
Tuesday 27 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the teacher years 3 to 6 (4.00pm)
Wednesday 28 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the teacher K to 2 (4.00pm)
Monday 4 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Day 2024 (Sport Uniform / House colour tee shirt) REDDEN - Red KNIGHT - Blue SHERWOOD - Green PEARCE - Yellow
Friday 8 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSSA Begins
Monday 11 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Castle Hill Zone Swimming P & C Meeting
Wednesday 13 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN Commences for years 3 and 5 ONLY
Thursday 14 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN
Friday 15 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN PSSA
Monday 18 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN
Tuesday 19 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN
Wednesday 20 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN
Thursday 21 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN
Friday 22 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN PSSA
Monday 25 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN Ends

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.

Term 1 PSSA Venues - 2024

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

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



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

Emma Anthony
Uniform Shop Supervisor

P & C NEWS

BHPS P&C presents:

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Friday 23rd February
5pm - 7pm
Beaumont Hills Public School

Join us for a fun evening to celebrate the start of school!
There'll be **FREE** fun for the kids and food and drink available to purchase.

* Gold coin donations for face painting kindly appreciated *

SAVE THE DATE!

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FEATURE CREATURES
REPTILE DISPLAY

The illustration shows a sausage sizzle stand on the left with a sign on top. On the right, there is a green lizard with yellow spots. The background is light blue with white clouds.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE • FAIRY FLOSS • CHIP ON A STICK

Beaumont Bites - Canteen News

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders can be placed via the flex school website (www.flexschools.com.au) or App. Cut off time will be at 9am on the date you want the lunch order. We totally understand there may be times we are busy with our morning routine as well as getting kids ready for school. If you happen to miss the cut off, please do feel free to call the school and transfer to the canteen. We will do our best to help you out.

**** Any urgent phone orders after 10am, ONLY Sandwiches or Hot Noodle Cup will be offered. ****

**** Information on how to set up your Flexschools account is at the end of the Beaumont Bites blurb ****



(Please refer to how to set up your Flex school account at end of this newsletter)

BIRTHDAY BUCKET

Birthday Bucket are offered to students to celebrate his/her birthday in the classroom with their friends.

Ice Blocks are the ONLY option

You can simply make an order via Flexischool by choosing Birthday bucket tab and the quantities of ice blocks you love to order. Due to various allergic issue now amount young children, we are not allowed to offer something else apart from Ice Blocks. Thank you for your support and understanding.



Beaumont Bites - Canteen News

CLASS LUNCH ORDER DELIVERY

At lunch time we put all students' lunches in the class bucket. Students will be asked to carry lunch orders in the bucket to the classroom even if there is only one lunch in the bucket unless it is theirs. All returned lunch buckets will be cleaned and sanitized on the spot and ready for use next day.

Please Note: No Kindergartens are allowed to explore canteen until further notice, therefore lunch orders will be brought to their classroom by lovely canteen ladies.



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.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS



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, (Click ink below for the form.)

<https://beaumonttps.schoolzineplus.com/file/szschool/newsletter/70941/attachment/Declaration%20for%20Volunteers%20and%20Non-Child-Related%20Contactors.pdf>

2. One government-issued photo identity document with full name, date of birth and current residential address.
3. A Proof of double-dose Covid-19 Vaccination

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.

Have a great start of 2024!!!!

Yukiko & Judy
Canteen Bites BHPS

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/
Email: snwchinese@gmail.com
0491 164 230



SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134

Office: (02) 9745 1170

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 for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Community News



FACTSHEET

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING RULES AND PENALTIES

COUNCIL'S COMPLIANCE OFFICERS ENFORCE PARKING SIGNS AT YOUR SCHOOL.

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. When an offence is detected, you will be fined.



NO STOPPING
You must not STOP at any time. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE
Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points



NO PARKING
You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE
Penalty from \$196 and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONES
You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE
Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points



DRIVEWAYS
You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway. You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE
Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points

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THERE ARE NOW INCREASED PENALTIES AND DEMERIT POINTS ASSOCIATED WITH ALL OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES.



NO PARKING
You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty from \$196 and 2 demerit points



NO STOPPING
Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONE
You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points

Double parking	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Stop on path or nature strip	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing	\$469 & 2 demerit points
Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely	\$587 & 4 demerit points
Illegal U turns	\$469 & 4 demerit points
Stop across driveway	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Drive using a hand held mobile phone	\$469 & 5 demerit points
Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line	\$352 & 2 demerit points

FINES CURRENT AS OF DECEMBER 2021
For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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FACTSHEET

ROAD RULES FOR SCHOOL ZONES

The Hills Shire Council receives a high volume of concerns regarding illegal parking in school zones. It's important to understand the NSW Road Rules and signage in school zone areas.

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools carrying out on foot patrols and using Licence Plate Recognition Vehicles to detect parking offences. Parking illegally and disregarding posted signage can lead to safety hazards, traffic congestion, hefty fines and demerit point loss for drivers.

COMMON ROAD RULES IN SCHOOL ZONES

- A 'No Stopping' sign means that the driver of a vehicle must not stop at any time on a length of road or in an area to which the 'No Stopping' sign applies - not for a minute, not for a second, not at all.
- A 'Yellow kerb line' painted near the edge of the road means 'no stopping'. A driver must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line.
- A 'No Parking' sign means that you can only stop on a length of road or in an area to which the 'No Parking' sign applies to drop off or pick up passengers. Around schools these are commonly called 'kiss and drop zones'. You can't stay in the zone longer than two minutes and the driver has to be within three metres of the vehicle at all times.



- A 'bus zone' sign means that you must not stop or park in a bus zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus.



TIPS FOR DRIVERS

- Plan your school commute, give yourself extra time in school zones
- It is always recommended you park your vehicle legally in a school zone and walk
- Do not arrive early to the school and sit in your car in the kiss and drop area. If you are in the kiss and drop area for over 2 minutes, it's an offence and attracts a hefty fine and 2 demerit points.
- If motorists use the 'No Parking' zones correctly, it will improve traffic flow, relieving congestion and create a safer environment.

Park legally to ensure our school zones are safe for everyone.

FURTHER INFORMATION

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE
3 Columbia Court, Norwest NSW 2153
PHONE 9843 0555
HOURS 8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday
WEBSITE www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

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Community News

Did Your Child Join Us at the Dance Extravaganza Yesterday?

Want to do more?

FREE TRIAL WEEK

NEXT LEVEL PERFORMING ARTS

Beaumont Hills Community Centre
(next door to School)

Try Any or All Classes FREE for a whole week!!

MONDAY

4pm – 4.45pm Ballet
4.45pm – 5.30pm Lyrical
5.30 pm – 6.15 pm Acrobatics

WEDNESDAY

4pm – 4.45pm Jazz
4.45pm – 5.30pm Hip Hop
5.30pm – 6.15pm Cheerleading
7.15pm – 8pm Adults Mums Class Jazz/Hiphop

THURSDAY

4.45pm – 5.30pm BOYS ONLY Hip Hop
5.30pm – 6.15pm BOYS ONLY Acrobatics

SATURDAY

10am - 10.45pm Ballet
10.45am – 11.30am Jazz
11.30am – 12.15pm Acrobatics
12.15pm – 1pm Hiphop
1pm – 1.45pm Tap



BHPS Exclusive Offer

Enrol in ANY of our classes and receive a FREE T-Shirt

Classes Available from 2 Years to Adults



nextlevelpa.com.au

Classes Run School Terms ONLY

Come visit us at the BHPSP&C Welcome Back to School Event on Friday

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Community News



Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School

Audition Information for Parents and Students

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.

CAPA Auditions Semester 1 – Apply online via School website.

Audition dates: Monday 8th – Friday 12th April 2024

AUDITIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2025 (AND FOR YEARS 8-11, 2024)

Talented students in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Music and Circus are encouraged to apply for positions in the specialised pathways in either Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts or Circus.

Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program **MUST** also audition.

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has a long tradition as a centre of excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts. An exciting opportunity is available for talented students to audition for placement in our outstanding CAPA programs.

Students in the specialised streams are afforded a wide range of opportunities to excel in their chosen field with extensive co-curricular programs and a whole school approach to fostering our gifted students' talents.

Auditions will be held for Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Circus. The cost of auditions is \$50.00.

Applications close and forms need to be submitted to NCAPAHS by Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

Please register your interest via our school website or contact the school

Email: northmead-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

CAPA Audition applications are to be submitted with all documentation, portfolios and video submissions online. (Video submissions are for Visual Arts only)

Principal: Narelle Vazquez
www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
28 Campbell St, Northmead NSW 2152
Ph: 9630 4116

Ph: 9630 4116 www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au email: northmead-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Campbell St, Northmead NSW 2152 *Imagine, endeavour, achieve.*



Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School

The Principal

Our school is a Creative and Performing Arts High School, and the school will hold auditions for talented students in Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Circus.

The auditions for Year 6 students (Year 7, 2025) and Years 8 – 11 (for placement in 2024) are now open.

Audition dates – Monday 8th – Friday 12th April 2024

Talented students with a strong interest in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Music and Circus are encouraged to apply. Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program **MUST** also audition.

Students who gain selection into our school benefit from a range of curriculum and welfare initiatives. Our school also offers modern performance and technical production facilities, specialist teachers and a supportive whole school ethos, which promote excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts.

Many of our Creative and Performing Arts students are multi-talented and have interest in several Creative Arts areas. Our school offers a broad comprehensive curriculum and Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Circus work together under the banner of the Creative and Performing Arts.

We kindly ask that your school publish the attached information sheet for parents and students in your next school communication with your parents.

CAPA Audition applications are to be submitted with all documentation, portfolio and video submissions online via a link on the school's website, where parents can also register their interest.

www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

Closing date for submissions is Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Should you have any further questions about the auditions, please do not hesitate to contact the school: northmead-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Ms Narelle Vazquez

Principal

Quality Learning and Creativity in a Caring Environment



OLMC PARRAMATTA OPEN DAY

Sunday, 3 March | 9.00am – 3.00pm

Courageous Advocates. Limitless Possibilities.



Northmead Creative And Performing Arts High School

CAPA Auditions Now Open

Apply via the School Website

www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.gov.au



Auditions
8th - 12th April

Enrolments
ph: 9630 4116

COMMUNITY NEWS



How to enrol?

If your child is starting kindergarten, you should be given an SRE/SEE enrolment form. Otherwise, contact your school office to inform them that you want your child to attend ethics classes.

What if my school doesn't offer ethics?

Ethics classes depend on having enough trained volunteers to run the classes. We always welcome new volunteers and offer free training workshops throughout the year, both online and face to face, to suit your schedule.

Contact us to find out how to start ethics classes at your school and how to become an ethics teacher.

Primary ETHICS

primaryethics.com.au

(02) 8068 7752



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Primary ETHICS

Why choose ethics classes for your child?

Ethics classes for all age groups run in the SRE/SEE* timeslot in schools each week.

Classes are free and are run by specially trained volunteers, who are often parents and grandparents.

The lessons are prepared by experts in the fields of childhood education and ethics. Our curriculum is reviewed by the Department of Education.

Ethics classes are for children of all faiths and none.

Ethics classes are designed to get children thinking, deeply and well.

*Special Religious Education/Special Education in Ethics



"Ethics classes help me think about things more carefully and try to make better choices"

What happens if you send your child to a weekly ethics class?

Ethics lessons explore everyday ethical issues pitched at your child's age level.

Ethics teachers present stories and questions that encourage children to consider what they would do - and what they ought to do - in that situation. The teachers don't give their own opinions - they help the children to discuss amongst themselves issues such as:

- what if I hurt someone without meaning to?
- what if I break a promise?
- when, if ever, should we tell on someone?
- is bragging wrong?
- what is fairness?



Every ethics class follows 6 rules.

- 1 Only one person speaks at a time.
- 2 Pay attention to the person who is speaking.
- 3 Speak to the other students, not just the teacher.
- 4 Give others a chance to speak.
- 5 Build on others' ideas.
- 6 No put downs.

"I realise that I can still like someone who has a different opinion"

"It really helps with your personal confidence to know your opinion is valued in ethics"

Which skills will my child develop in ethics classes?

- careful listening to all points of view
- being able to disagree without put-downs
- resisting peer pressure without losing friends
- understanding other children's problems
- giving evidence-based reasons for their opinions.

These are essential skills as they grow up in our complex and pressurised world.

What do children say about ethics?

"I learned that it is okay to be honest about what you think"

"I learned how to tell friends I didn't want to do things they tried to make me do"

Why not volunteer as an ethics teacher?

- it's a rewarding way to get involved and learn new skills yourself
- you can have a positive impact for the future generation
- we offer comprehensive free training and ongoing support
- join a community of volunteers from all walks of life and all ages.

