



Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 week 10 2024

In this Buzz...

2024 has been an incredibly busy and productive year, from school camps, excursions and new initiatives such as Spark Squad to the successful implementation of the new English and Maths syllabus documents and pleasing results in NAPLAN and Check in Assessments. We should all be proud of our achievements. To our amazing students, congratulations! Your hard work, creativity, and determination has been evident in all that you do. To our dedicated staff, I appreciate everything you do for our students and the school. Your commitment to the students is unwavering, as is your connection to the school community. Thank you. I also want to thank our families and community members for your support. Your involvement makes a big difference, and we are grateful for everything you do to help our school. Thank you also to the P&C for their ongoing support of students and staff, we appreciate all of your hard work behind the scenes to organise events that bring the community together and raise funds for the school. Thank you to Miss Lara Murray and Mr Anthony Brereton for being part of the Birchgrove team this year, I wish you all the best in your new endeavours. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break. Merry Christmas.

- Kylie Mitchell, Relieving Principal



Graduating class of 2024

For your calendar

2024 Term 4

- 18 Dec Year 6 graduation assembly and clap out
- 18 Dec Students' last day term 4

2025 Term 1

- 6 Feb Students' first day term 1
- 26 Feb Swimming carnival

2025 school term dates

Term	First day for students	Last day for students
Term 1 (Eastern division)	Thursday 6 February 2025	Friday 11 April 2025
Term 1 (Western division)	Thursday 13 February 2025	Friday 11 April 2025
Term 2 (Eastern and Western division)	Wednesday 30 April 2025	Friday 4 July 2025
Term 3 (Eastern and Western division)	Tuesday 22 July 2025	Friday 26 September 2025
Term 4 (Eastern and Western division)	Tuesday 14 October 2025	Friday 19 December 2025

We acknowledge the Wangal people of the Eora Nations, the traditional custodians of the land on which we play, learn and grow. We pay respect to Elders past and present.

Proud Moments



Year 6 Farewell Assembly Awards:

Congratulations to all our graduating class of 2024, with special mention to the following Year 6 students who have been recognised with these awards.

Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus (SSCBC) Award for Excellence: Elsa M. (G.W.Sharks)

Birchgrove Creative & Performing Arts Award: Matilda H. (G.W.Sharks)

Amy Large Citizenship Award: Lotte E. (Crocodiles)

Rob Cormack Sports Award: Roscoe F. (Crocodiles)

End of Year Celebration Assemblies 2024

Each stage and preschool did a fabulous job presenting their end of year assemblies and delighting family and staff alike with their spirited performances. Well done to all!

Our featured photo is Stage 1 who performed "Graduation Song" and "Christmas Where the Gum Trees Grow".



Year 6 Farewell Arch 2024



'I Am Proud Of...' Certificates

Last week, your children took home a special certificate they have completed, explaining what they are proud of achieving this year. This is a way for students to self-reflect on the year that has been and the growth they have made in 2024.

Students should be very proud of their application, effort and achievement in their education and learning this year and we encourage students to share this joy with their families.

- Greta Sun, Assistant Principal (Relieving) - Stage 3

Year 6 Formal

Last week, Year 6 celebrated the end of their primary school journey with a dinner and dance at Barnwell Park Golf Club. The graduates had a great time enjoying a meal, dancing to the DJs songs, taking photos in the photo booth and celebrating together. During the last hour of the event, families join us for a presentation, speeches and a dance together. We hope everyone had a fantastic night!

- Greta Sun, Assistant Principal (Relieving) - Stage 3



In the classrooms

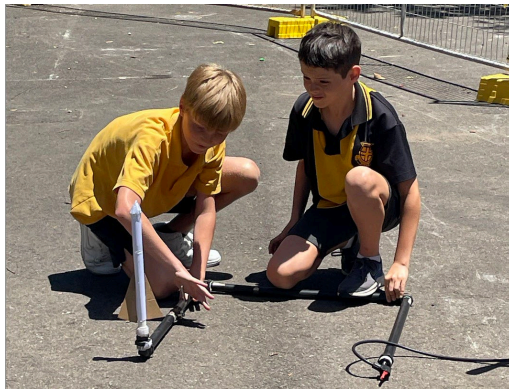
Stage 3 STEM

Stage 3 have been very fortunate to have had students from the Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Clubs at Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus (SSCBC) visit them many times this year to participate in fun STEM workshops.

Last week was their final visit, where students were involved in an 'Egg Drop', 'Build A Bridge and Get Over It' and a 'Fly A Rocket!' challenge.

Thank you to the STEM Clubs at SSCBC, Mr Maglis and Dr Brunner for running such enjoyable and interactive STEM activities. We are grateful for our partnership with SSCBC that allows these workshops to happen.

- Greta Sun, Assistant Principal (Relieving) - Stage 3



Freaky Friday

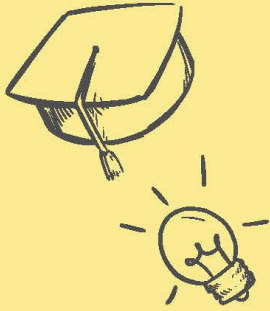
Each class went to a different classroom on a different stage to take a look at the similarities and differences and work in their classroom! The Bilbies spent time in the Stage 2 Brolgas classroom upstairs and had some fun listening to stories, colouring, doing festive maths and having discussions about the Stage 2 classrooms!

- Emma Taksa, Teacher Bilbies

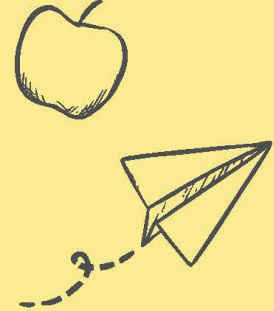


Get to know

Get to know the staff at BPS! Each fortnight, we will share a questionnaire answered by a staff member at BPS so you can get to know those working within our school community.



All About MISS SUN



TEACHER info

2024 ROLE: 5/6 STINGRAYS CLASSROOM TEACHER AND STAGE 3 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (RELIEVING)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER? 10 YEARS

WHY DID YOU WANT TO BE A TEACHER? I USED TO BE A SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR AND THIS IS WHERE I FOUND A LOVE FOR TEACHING THAT I WANTED TO EXPLORE IN A CLASSROOM.

MY Favourite THINGS:

SUBJECT TO TEACH: WRITING AND TECHNOLOGY

MUSIC ARTIST: COLDPLAY

HOLIDAY DESTINATION: HAWAII

FOOD: PASTA AND PASTRIES

BOOK: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

COLOUR: GREEN AND PURPLE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY: SUMMER HOLIDAYS

MOVIE OR TV SHOW: REALITY TV DURING THE WEEK AND A CRIME SERIES ON THE WEEKEND

SPORT CLUB/S: NSW SWIFTS, WESTS TIGERS, SYDNEY SWANS & SYDNEY FC

HOBBIES: WALKS WITH MY PUPPY

This OR THAT?

CITY / COUNTRY

SWEET / SAVOURY

EARLY BIRD / NIGHT OWL

BOOKS / MOVIES

SUMMER / WINTER

BREAKFAST / DINNER

ADVENTURE / RELAX

GLAMPING / CAMPING

SPONTANEOUS / PLANNED

OUT TO EAT / HOME-MADE MEALS

Students SAY:

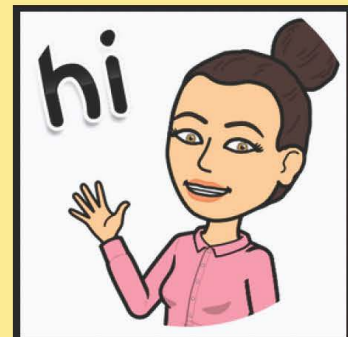
STUDENTS SAY THAT MISS SUN ALWAYS SAYS/DOES:

MISS SUN COUNTS DOWN BY GOING, "3, 2, 1, AAAAAAND 0" AND THE CLASS JOIN IN.

MISS SUN WILL RING THE BELL AND SAY, "AAAAAALRIGHT.."

STUDENTS DESCRIBE MISS SUN AS:

KIND, CALM, HAPPY, PATIENT, EASY-GOING AND FUNNY.



A message from our P&C: BPS Music 2025

Every time I hear a Christmas song I am reminded of the wonderful concert performed by the students in Birchgrove's music program at the end of last month at St John's church.

For many years there have been at times nearly 70% of the school enrolled in the music program as we have a huge range of instruments that we own (for student hire) and 10 different ensembles to support first time learners to experienced performers.

Covid knocked us around a bit, however it's exciting to say that we are on the way back up again with lots of returning students and new students joining every day.

Good news....

- All the ensemble groups are confirmed for 2025 (see attached schedule)
- Tutors are secured for the students needing private lessons.
- Ensembles and tutoring commences from Monday 17 Feb.

Music Fees

We have looked into streamlining the fee structure, making it easier and more equitable plus taken on feedback. This entire program requires additional admin fees to cover all the costs associated so we have made it fair and created a music program fee to ensure we can stabilise and continue to offer this music program.

- Junior Ensembles = \$250 per semester.
- Senior Ensembles = \$270 per semester.
- Music Program Fee (all students) = \$50 per semester.

FAQ's

1. **Can my child be in more than one ensemble?** - Yes if the scheduling works for your child. Please complete a new enrolment for each child and each ensemble. [2025 Form](#)
2. **If my child has never played, can they join the training ensembles?** - Yes absolutely we encourage kids to join in and the conductors are aware of the various experiences.
3. **Rock Band auditions** - Ally our rock band conductor will be in touch and arrange auditions and we will confirm in the New Year.
4. **Tutoring** - In the New Year When current requests for tutoring go to the tutor who will begin to make arrangements directly with you.
5. **When's the cut off?** - Week 2, Term 1 - however we highly encourage parents to enrol now so we can be clear on our numbers and make any necessary adjustments.

Birchgrove Music Ensemble Rehearsals 2025 (Starts Mon 17th Feb 2025)

Monday

Senior Concert Strings 7:45 - 8:50am (hall)

TBC Senior Percussion - 3:10 - 4:10pm (hall)

Tuesday

Junior Training Band - 7:45 - 8:50am (hall)

Wednesday

Senior Concert Band - 7:45 - 8:50am (hall)

Junior Beginner Recorders 8:00 - 8:50am (classroom)

Junior Training Strings - 3:10 - 4:10pm (hall)

Thursday

Junior Percussion - 8.15 - 8.45am (classroom)

Junior Rock Band 7:45 - 8:50am (hall)

Senior Consort Recorders 8:00 - 8:50am (classroom)

Friday

Senior Rock Band - 7:45 - 8:50am (hall)

For a school our size to have such a comprehensive music program is rare and not one we take lightly. We make sure the kids have lots of opportunities throughout the year to perform so they can put their hard work on show with lots of support and encouragement from the rest of the school. We try to offer something for a broad range of music taste and experience so hopefully there is something for your child/ren.

We thank the school for their continued support in providing the school hall and classrooms so our ensembles and tutoring can be onsite which helps us successfully run this program.

Reach out if you have any questions.... Enjoy the summer break and we look forward to kickstarting the 2025 music program!

[2025 Enrolment Form](#)

Yvonne Hilsz - Birchgrove P&C Music Coordinator
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music@bpspandc.com

BPS after hours 2025

New to BPS after hours activities, Italian classes! These will be run 4.00 – 6.00 pm Tuesdays. If your child is interested, please contact Casa d'Italia directly.

2025

Out-Of-School Hours Italian Language & Cultural Program

Children who learn languages today take on the world tomorrow

(02) 9564 0744
coasit.org.au



Co.As.It.

Why learn Italian?

The benefits of learning a second language go beyond the skills gained in speaking and writing a new language. Our year-long course provides your child with an extensive range of learning benefits including:

- an increased ability to communicate with people from other cultures
- a deeper understanding of global diversity
- a sense of personal achievement, satisfaction and confidence
- transferable skills useful in many sectors and professions including hospitality, tourism, customer service and commerce

The Co.As.It. OSH program will immerse your child in Italian language and culture. Students will:

- Enjoy free supplementary educational aids
- Participate in competitions
- Have the chance to win a Minister's Award for excellence

About the curriculum and the teachers

This program is supported by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation through the Italian Consulate General in Sydney and the Embassy of Italy in Canberra, as well as the NSW Department of Education – Community Languages Program. Co.As.It. teachers are friendly, dedicated, experienced and approved to teach by the Department of Education – Community Languages Program. Our teachers follow the OSH teaching program developed by Co.As.It. in conjunction with the K-10 Italian Syllabus of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

How to enrol



Online
coasit.org.au



By email
learning@coasit.org.au



In person
Casa d'Italia
67 Norton Street
Leichhardt NSW 2040

Scan here to visit our website.



Online learning

Your child can learn Italian from any location via online lessons and enjoy all the benefits and opportunities of face to face classes.

Where and when are the courses held?

Classes are held outside normal school hours (Monday to Saturday) in 18 centres across NSW. Classes commence on Monday 10th February 2025.

What is included in the cost?

The annual program provides each student with 37 weeks of quality Italian lessons, a textbook and interactive activities starting from \$595.

As a registered provider of the Creative Kids Program you can redeem your voucher when you enrol in our program. For less than \$9 per hour, students engage in fun, educational experiences that allow them to explore the wonders of all things Italian.

Our **Basic K-12 program** will engage your child in fun Italian language and cultural activities.

Our **Premium K-5 program** will give your child the edge and deepen their knowledge of the Italian language through the use of our digital resources and full immersion days.

Our **Premium 6-12 program** is your child's passport to Italy. Our full immersion days will give them a leading advantage when sitting the internationally recognised CILS exams.

*See table for all program inclusions

For further information regarding enrolments, terms & conditions, times, classes, early bird and sibling discounts, please call (02) 9564 0744 or visit our website (scan QR code on back page).

Program Inclusions	Basic K-12 \$595	Premium K-5 \$700	Premium 6-12 \$1250
2-hour weekly lessons (Total 37 weeks)	✓	✓	✓
Textbook	✓	✓	✓
Access to Minister's Awards competition	✓	✓	✓
Access to Co.As.It's Settimana della Lingua Italiana competition	✓	✓	✓
Unlimited access to on-line activities		✓	✓
Exam preparatory materials			✓
Dedicated educational channel with digital resources	✓	✓	✓
Three Italian language experiences in Meadowbank during school holidays		✓	
Six Italian language development days in Leichhardt during school holidays			✓



Who can participate in this course?

Classes cater for:

- Children aged 5 to 17 currently enrolled in a day school;
- All levels from absolute beginners to advanced learners.

Classes are organised according to the following levels:

Primary (Kindergarten to Year 6)

- Primary Classes: Early Stage 1 – Stage 3
- Italian Club (Advanced level. Subject to entry examination)

Secondary (Year 7 to Year 12)

- Secondary Classes
- Stages 4 – 6
- HSC Support (Year 11 & 12)

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Birchgrove Public School

BPS after hours 2025



START NOW OR REGISTER FOR 2025

LEARN MUSIC AT SCHOOL

MUSIC KEYBOARD CLASSES AT BIRCHGROVE PS LESSON ON WED 8.05-8.50AM

- 45-minute weekly sessions in small groups.
- Instrument not required initially.
- \$33 per session – follows the school term. New students are welcome to join mid-term.
- Ideal for beginners!

Music Shapes Minds!
Learning music enhances cognitive skills, builds discipline and boosts confidence!



To enrol, call 9411 3122 or visit:
www.learnmusicatschool.com.au




VIP Music - Bringing music culture to primary schools since 1984



AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA CLASSES

BIRCHGROVE SCHOOL HALL

Join our fun and engaging drama classes where children explore creativity, build confidence, and develop self-expression through storytelling and performance!





3-4pm Years 1-3
4-5pm Years 4-6

\$17.5 A CLASS PAID TERMLY

CONTACT LAURA ON 0431136177 / DANCEARAMA01@YAHOO.COM

ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

JOIN THE KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY 3PM - 5PM AT BIRCHGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR LOTS OF CREATIVE FUN AND ART MAKING.

ALL STUDENTS K - 6 ENROL NOW!
CONTACT SABINA
m: 0403768282
sabina.carney1@gmail.com



CREATIVE KIDS PROVIDER

Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

Combines learning with fun!



Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Birchgrove Public School Chess Classes, 2024 Fridays 8:00AM - 9:00AM in Mrs Karnaros' Room

Term	Cost	Dates
Term 1	Cost: \$129.50	23rd Feb - 12th Apr*
Term 2	Cost: \$185	3rd May - 5th Jul
Term 3	Cost: \$185	26th Jul - 27th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$148	18th Oct - 6th Dec

*No chess on 29th March (Public Holiday)

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code 99R51.5TWOU and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

*There are no credits or refunds for missed classes, clashing activities, sickness, school excursions, staff development days, teacher strikes or change of mind. Any missed classes can be made up at one of our online chess classes. Please visit <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/online> for more information. Payment must be made the day before attending the first lesson of the commencing term. The participant will not be allowed to join the class until payment has been received. Joining midway through the term is welcome. Use the payment code above and follow the online instructions.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery)

To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment

Workbook 1 - Cost: \$25 <small>(For Beginner/Rookie Players)</small>	Workbook 2 - Cost: \$25 <small>(For Intermediate Players)</small>	Workbook 1 & 2 - Cost: \$40 <small>(SPECIAL OFFER)</small>
Exploration in Chess Beauty - Cost: \$33 <small>(For Advanced Players)</small>	Chess Set & Roll-up Board - Cost: \$35 <small>(Recommended for All Ages)</small>	Chess Cloak DGT1002 Bonus - Cost: \$55 <small>(Recommended for All Ages)</small>

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a free chess set or workbook 2. Offer expires 31st March, 2024.



SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS

Sydney Academy of Chess Pty Ltd
ABN: 14 138 982 004
Suite 2, Level 2, 1-17 Elsie Street Burwood, NSW
PO Box 1325, Burwood, NSW 1505
P: 9745 1170 F: 9745 1176 E: info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

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Dept of Education Information

Opportunity class applications for Year 5 2026 are now open

What is selective education?

Selective education is one of the ways that the department supports students with high academic potential. Selective education includes [selective high schools and opportunity classes](#).

Selective education has many benefits, including:

- Students learn alongside, and form friendships with, other high potential and gifted classmates.
- Special teaching methods allow students to learn at a quicker pace and in more detail.
- Research shows that students benefit both academically and socially when learning with classmates who have similar abilities.

Opportunity classes and selective high schools are not zoned so you can apply to any of them, even those outside your local enrolment area.

Use the following maps to find your closest: [opportunity classes](#)

What are opportunity classes?

[Opportunity classes](#) are offered in primary school from Years 5 to 6.

There is also an [online opportunity class](#) for students in rural and remote areas. Students attend a local host school and complete their maths and science and technology lessons online through Aurora College.

Parents/carers apply for opportunity class placement when their child is in Year 3 and can apply up until 21 February 2025, when their child is in Year 4.

You can include up to 4 school choices when you are applying for an opportunity class.

Is selective education the right fit for my child?

High potential and gifted students can be found across diverse family, socio-economic, language, cultural backgrounds and geographic locations.

Your child may have high academic potential if they demonstrate some of the following:

- enjoy learning
- have intense curiosity
- display a good memory
- ask complex questions
- enjoy learning new and often complex ideas or skills
- require fewer repetitions when learning new things
- are creative
- become intensely focused in their area/s of interest.

Note: Not all high potential and gifted students will display all of these characteristics, for example, due to disability, disadvantage and/or lack of opportunity.

Learn more about the department's [High Potential and Gifted Education Policy](#).

How do I apply for entry into an opportunity class or selective high school for my child?

Parents/carers should visit the [selective high schools and opportunity classes website](#) to learn more about opportunity classes and selective high schools and complete an [online application](#).

Dept of Education Notice

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Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents and carers

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child had to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school, what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Telephone interpreter service

Please contact the school if you would like more information. If you need interpreter assistance to contact the school, please call 131 450, tell them what language you need and ask the operator to phone the school. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

education.nsw.gov.au

Compulsory school attendance - English 1



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Compulsory school attendance - English 2

NSW Department of Education

Calendar 2025



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Key dates

* Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.

- Term 1**
 - First day for students in Eastern division schools: 6 February
 - First day for students in Western division schools: 13 February
 - Last day for all schools: 11 April
- Term 2, 3 and 4**
 - First to last days for all students
 - Term 2: 30 April to 4 July
 - Term 3: 22 July to 26 September
 - Term 4: 14 October to 19 December
- School development days (students do not attend)**
 - Eastern division schools: 31 January to 5 February
 - Western division schools: 7 February to 12 February
 - All schools: 28 April, 29 April, 21 July, 13 Oct
- School holidays**
 - All Schools
 - Summer 2024-25: 22 December 2024 to 30 January 2025
- Additional summer holidays for Western division schools**
 - 31 January to 6 February 2025
- Public holidays**
 - Autumn: 14 April to 26 April
 - Winter: 7 July to 19 July
 - Spring: 29 September to 11 October
 - Summer 2025-26: 22 December 2025 to 26 January 2026



School development days

The dates are determined by the department. Always check with your local school as dates may change. Parents and Carers should not send their children to school on school development days.
education.nsw.gov.au/school-development-days



Scan for key dates

education.nsw.gov.au/calendars

Contact us and useful links

Please contact the school with any queries:

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Email: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

You can find important updates and further information on our website, via the Sentral app, and the BPS Facebook page:

Website: <https://birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Facebook: [@BirchgrovePS](https://www.facebook.com/BirchgrovePS)

Useful Links:

NSW school term dates inc. Staff Development Days (pupil free):

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/calendars/2024>

Camp Australia before and after school care: Phone: 1 300 105 343

<https://campaustalia.com.au/school/?accessCode=9F7B>

The School Canteen: An external company supplying canteen service to our school Wed-Fri each week:

<https://www.theschoolcanteen.com.au/>

Extended Leave form: To apply for leave beyond what is available in the school holiday periods please fill and return this form for Principal approval prior to travel:

https://birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doi/sws/schools/b/birchgrove-p/forms/Extended_Leave_Travel_notification.pdf

Administration of medication at school: Information and paperwork required for support at school

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/health-and-physical-care/health-care-procedures/administering-medication>

Prior Newsletters: <https://birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/newsletter.html>



BPS P&C contacts and sponsors

BPS P&C contacts and further information, including the second-hand uniform store, can be found here:

Website: <https://www.bpspandc.com/>

Or by scanning the QR code below. Our P&C would like to thank our local sponsors for their ongoing support.

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