

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Success for All



We acknowledge the many diverse Aboriginal Nations of NSW, and pay respect to the Land and Waters of these Nations, and the many Ancestors who shaped and nurtured Country. We honour the Elders, the custodians of their Country, and the future generations who have a responsibility to continue their Elder's and Ancestor's legacy.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please check our planner on the website which is regularly updated.

[Home - Epping Heights Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

You can also connect it with your google calendar

[Epping Heights Parent planner \(google.com\)](#)

- 14 February – Helper Induction 1 in person
- 18 February - Online Helper Induction 2
- 20 February - Swimming Carnival
- 21 February - SRE & SEE begins
- 26 February - Kindy and New Student photos
- 27 February - Swimming Carnival backup date
- 3 March - Interrelate Stage 3
- 5 March - 3-6 Assembly led by 6SH
- 5 March - Beecroft Zone Swimming Carnival
- 10 March - Interrelate Stage 3
- 11 March Cross country carnival - 8yr olds + grades
- 12 March - NAPLAN Test Window opens
- 12 March – Yr 2-6 SRC Badge Assembly
- 13 March - NAPLAN Test Window opens
- 13 March - Selective High School Placement Test

As we embark on a new school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our students, especially our new students and Kindergarten families! It is a joy to see the bright eyes of our youngest learners as they step into this exciting chapter of their educational journey. Our dedicated teachers and staff are committed to providing a nurturing environment where every child feels valued so they can learn grow and belong.

As we begin the school year, I am pleased to report a positive start across all grades. Students have settled in well, and the atmosphere in our classrooms is buzzing with enthusiasm and curiosity. Our teaching staff have been working diligently to prepare engaging lessons that cater to the diverse needs of our students. More information about class programs will be shared at our Meet the Teacher sessions. (See information and dates later in this newsletter).

Our first few weeks have focussed on creating happy, calm classrooms. We were fortunate to have a player from the NRLW visit our school to speak to the students in Years 3-6 about growth mindset. (See later in this newsletter).

Just a friendly reminder that the front oval is closed in the morning. Please do not allow your child to play there as it will encourage others. Please support your child to move to supervised areas under the COLA, bottom asphalt and top court only. If you wish to supervise your child to play on the equipment after school, it is your responsibility. It is unsafe for children to remain in the school grounds after 3:05p.m unless they are with their supervising adult (parent/grandparent).

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association. We had a wonderful first meeting with a record 41 attendees. We hope parents will join us each month for 1 hour meetings as the P & C value your input. Many P & C services have begun thanks to our wonderful volunteers. Be sure to check the information about helper inductions and whats app groups later in this newsletter.

As we move forward, I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events, including the sessions where you can meet teachers and learn more about the curriculum and school initiatives. Your involvement is crucial to creating a vibrant school community, and we value your input and support.

Let's make this school year one to remember!



NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

MEET THE TEACHER!



'Meet the Teacher' is a much anticipated and highly valued opportunity for parents and teachers to connect. It is an important part of developing a positive and welcoming relationship with our community and an opportunity to share important school, grade and class messages.

We are excited to be able to invite parents into classrooms for these meetings.

When - all sessions will be from 3:15p.m- 4:00p.m

Kindergarten (including K/1S) Wednesday 26 February

Stage One (Year 1 and 2) Thursday 27 February

Stage Two (Year 3 and 4 including 2/3T & 3/4K) Tuesday 25 February

Stage Three (Year 5 and 6 including 4/5L) Monday 24 February

In the session you will meet your child's teacher. Information will be shared about school procedures, rules, routines, events, homework, excursions or camps, NAPLAN (Yr 3 & 5 only), High school including Selective HS process (Year 6 only), OC process (Year 4 only) teaching and learning programs, Learning and English support programs, library and other relevant information.

These sessions are to exchange general information. Individual student progress conferences will be held later this term.

These sessions are for parents and allow an opportunity for parents to ask general questions. We ask that children do not attend these sessions. Please organise alternative care for your child/children. If you are unable to provide care there will be *minimal supervision only* for EHPS children (not toddlers or babies) to read a book or play a quiet sitting down game under the large bottom COLA. Children should bring something to read or do if they are staying.

We hope to see you at this special event.

NAPLAN 2025

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is a nationwide assessment and provides information to parents/carers, teachers and schools about the development of literacy and numeracy skills in students.

Next year the NAPLAN test window runs from Wednesday 12 March 2025 to Monday 24 March 2025. Parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5 in 2025 may like to note these days to ensure school attendance for the tests.

For more information visit the ACARA webpage [NAP - NAPLAN](#)



NEWSLETTER

Helper Inductions 2025

Thank you to the 36 parent and community helpers who attended our first induction today.

Parents and community members are valued as an integral part of Epping Heights Public School. There are numerous roles that parent and community volunteers can be involved in to support the school in its core business of improving learning outcomes for students. This includes being a parent helper in classrooms, on excursions, at sports carnivals, at school events, for band etc.

Our thorough helper induction process helps reassure all parents that everyone who volunteers in our school has been through a rigorous process and is safe, before working with our students.

Helpers are required to:

1. Complete a school-based induction (approx 40 minutes). Final planned sessions for this term are on:
18 February at 7p.m via zoom.

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/63281018366?pwd=gzrf5WPnQQfhZbxtF8yq1LqZc8bHKq.1>

Meeting ID 632 8101 8366 Passcode 628028

OR

21 February at 8:30a.m in person at school.

Note- there are no further inductions planned at this stage.

2. Complete the Declaration for Child Related Workers. Parent volunteers are exempt from the Working with Children Check (WWCC) requirement and should complete all relevant sections in this form, including part 1, part 3 and part 4 (section C).

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/public/implementation-documents/pd-2024-0484-05-03.pdf>

3. Present photo identification to our office team to verify (e.g. drivers licence).

4. Complete the EHPS Helper Agreement- online at <https://forms.gle/mD5FkEBRQUvJbHpf8> or via hard copy at our office.

If you have any questions about this process, please call our friendly office staff on 02 9876 2791.

We look forward to working with you.



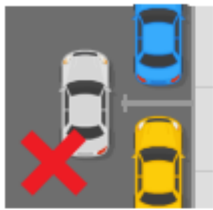


On Wednesday afternoon students in 3-6 were privileged to have a Wellbeing presentation, “Simply Your Best”, from Kristal Weekes who plays for in the NRLW for the Canberra Raiders. She was joined by Joel Dempsey who is a Game Development Officer with the NRL. They explained that Simply Your Best means being yourself and doing your best, working well with others, having fun, having a growth mindset and demonstrating resilience and sportsmanship. They also had videos from NRL and NRLW players saying that you need to have a healthy diet, get sleep and exercise and spend time with friends and family to be your best. They used the phrase ‘Teamwork makes the Dream Work’ to highlight how important it is to work with our classmates who are like our team. It was a really fun and informative presentation, and we answered questions, and some students got prizes.

Arietta and Siddhi

Thorpe House Captains

NSW ROAD RULES & PARKING GUIDE



DOUBLE PARKING

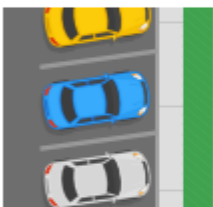
A driver must **NOT STOP** on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time. Passengers should not leave a vehicle that is double parked. Drop your child and passengers to the kerb only.



PARALLEL PARKING

This is the usual way to park, unless a sign says otherwise. You must park:

- in the same direction as traffic
- parallel and as close as possible to kerb
- within any line markings
- at least 1m in front of and back from any other parked vehicle.



45-DEGREE ANGLE FRONT TO KERB VEHICLES

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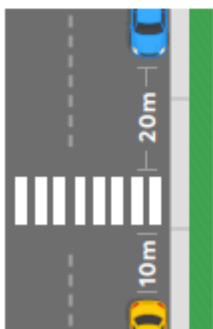
- at a 45-degree angle
- with the front of the vehicle to the kerb



U-TURNS

You must not make a U-turn:

- at intersections without traffic lights where there's a 'No U-turn' sign
- at intersections with traffic lights, unless there's a 'U-turn permitted' sign
- across a single unbroken dividing line or double unbroken dividing line
- across double dividing lines with an unbroken line closer to you



CROSSINGS

You must not stop or park within 20m before and 10m after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing unless a sign says you can.

PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES & KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE



STOPPING OR PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED within the direction of arrows at any time or during the time indicated. **DO NOT** set-down/pick-up passengers. *Fines and demerit points apply.*



You **CAN** stop to set-down/pick-up passengers/goods within a 'No Parking' restriction for:

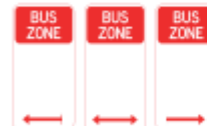
- A maximum stay of 2 minutes and
- The driver must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle

Holders of a Mobility Parking Scheme permit are able to stay for 5 minutes. *Fines and demerit points apply.*



STOPPING OR PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON OR WITHIN

- 20 meters before or
 - 10 meters after a pedestrian crossing
- Fines and demerit points apply.*



STOPPING OR PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED within the direction of the arrows at any time or during the time indicated unless you are driving a bus. *Fines and demerit points apply.*

All road users should know the road rules to keep themselves and others safe. Read parking signs carefully to check for restrictions and other areas where you must not park.



Welcome BACK to SCHOOL

Dear EHPS Parents and Carers,

We hope this finds you well and filled with the excitement of a new school year! The EHPS P&C Committee extends a warm welcome to new and returning families this 2025.

The P&C has a number of fun and exciting events and activities lined up for the year that will not only be a great opportunity to foster friendships and unite the community, but will also greatly contribute to the holistic growth of the students. You can access our annual events planner on

the school website under **Epping Heights Parent Planner**.

We wish you all an amazing school year ahead!

Sincerely yours,

EHPS P&C Committee

[Volunteering at School](#)

We encourage every family to get involved in our various volunteer programs. Joining the P&C is a great way to get to know your teachers, the school principal and staff and more importantly, you be a part of your child's school life. It is also an opportunity to meet other like-minded parents and foster long lasting friendships! Our school values student safety as its highest priority, and in order to ensure the security of our children, all volunteers have to go through the **Helper Induction** program.

The P&C requests you to attend one of the many helper induction sessions organised by the school. Even if you completed the induction last year, a refresher is necessary for the current year. Should you encounter any challenges, or need assistance in completing the induction, please reach out to the school or to the P&C at ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com.

[Join the Class Parents Network](#)

As we navigate through the school year, **effective communication** and **community engagement** play a crucial role in keeping everyone informed and connected. To facilitate seamless communication, the **P&C has established a school-wide WhatsApp**

broadcast channel as a central hub for important updates and announcements (as decided after thorough discussions during P&C monthly general meetings and Class Parents termly meeting) and respective class whatsapp groups.

The school-wide channel and class groups will be used to share:

- ✓ Reminders for upcoming events
- ✓ Important deadlines and changes
- ✓ P&C updates and class-specific information
- ✓ Class social events
- ✓ A platform to connect with other parents and ask questions

School-wide WhatsApp Broadcast Channel

If you wish to receive official school-wide P&C and school updates/reminders, please join the **school-wide WhatsApp community** using the **QR code** or the **link provided below**.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/J9km9rXzLH7ArFeoipiFFB>



📌 Key Points:

- This is a **one-way communication channel**, meaning only the **P&C Executive Team** can send messages.
- For **privacy reasons**, all members will be **hidden** from each other. Only the **group admin (P&C Executive Team)** will have access to contact details.

School Lunch Service Update

Menu Update

Due to an increase in prices by the supplier, the P&C canteen is required to increase the prices of a number of menu items this Term. We understand that this impacts our families and we do try to avoid price increases as much as possible. Unfortunately for the canteen to remain operable this slight price increase is a necessity. We apologise for the inconvenience and appreciate the support of the EHPS community. Please approach us if you need any financial support.

Paid Canteen Staff

Our school lunch service currently is run by a number of volunteers. However there had been times over the year when everyone was busy and the operation of the service was at risk. To make the continue operation, casual workers are to be hired to work one hour a day to fill in the gap when we do not have enough volunteers. The cost will be covered by the canteen benefit. This motion was submitted at the P&C meeting on 11 Feb, and will be voted on at the next P&C meeting on March 11th. All current P&C members are eligible to vote.

Volunteering Opportunity

We also urge more parents to volunteer at the Lunch Service. It is a great place to make new friends while giving back to the community. **Children of parents who volunteer at the canteen will receive a complimentary Ice Block on the same day!** Kindly consider signing up for a service that aligns with your schedule, allowing you to witness the joy in your child's eyes as they spot you at the school canteen and walk away with a free snack!

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FADAB2CA1F4C07-55022515-2025>

Uniform Shop

All Uniform Shop orders are made via Qkr with orders fulfilled within 7 business days. Our Parent Volunteers pack at least once a week. If there is a significant influx of orders, they pack twice a week. More information can be found on the school website at <https://eppinghtsp.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/what-we-offer.html#Uniforms1>

Volunteer Appreciation: Many thanks to **Xin** and **Jennifer** for all their hard work and continuous efforts in servicing the school community through Uniform Shop.

Harmony Day Concert - March 21st

Epping Heights is excited to celebrate Harmony Day early next year! The P&C will once again host the Harmony Day Concert, and we are thrilled to announce that preparations are already underway. This promises to be a vibrant celebration of diversity, inclusion, and unity, featuring music, dance, and storytelling from cultures around the world.

We are currently seeking performers to express their interest in participating in this exciting event. Whether you wish to promote your culture through dance, music, singing, or drama, we would love to hear from you!

We would love to have you join! Please submit your **Expression of Interest** by filling out the form below:

<https://forms.gle/6XtxQCwxVsJMA8do7>

Let's come together to celebrate what makes us unique and united!

Community Hirers



Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134

Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Epping Heights Public School is held on Mondays from 3:10pm to 4:10pm, starting on 10 February 2025.

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.

Term 1/2025

Epping Heights Public School After-school Art Program

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- ▶ Build resilience
- ▶ Make new friends
- ▶ Great for relaxation and more!



- **Day & time:** Wednesday 3.15pm-4.15pm
- **Location:** Inside the school
- **Starting:** Term 1/2025
- **Fees:** \$208 (8 weeks)
 - ✓ All materials are included.
 - ✓ NSW Creative Kids vouchers accepted



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EVENT DATE: 18 TH FEB 2025

TIME: AFTER SCHOOL

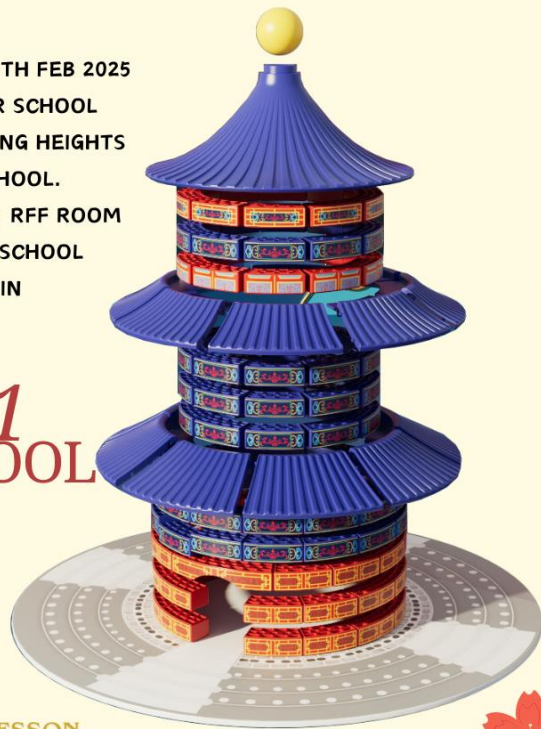
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DRAMA ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

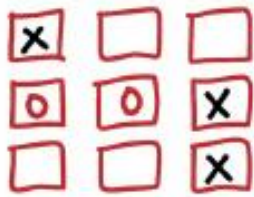
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call Halina on 0422 542 166
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OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

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Aspirations for Asquith Girls High School moving to a Co-Educational setting Community Consultation Forum



Date: Thursday, 20 February

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: AGHS Hall

In November 2024, it was announced that Asquith Boys High School and Asquith Girls High School will transition to two standalone co-educational high schools for Years 7–12 from 2026.

Since then, we have been working towards this co-educational transition to ensure our school honours our past and embraces new beginnings.

To capture our community's voice, you are invited to a **Community Consultation Forum**. Our aim is to acknowledge our achievements to date and plan for the future.

We need your input in the following areas:

- The School Name
- The School Logo
- The School Uniform

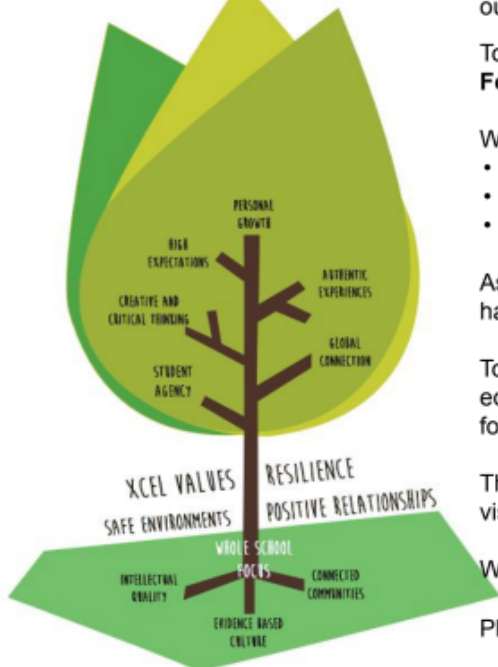
As we prepare for our next adventure cycle, we encourage you to be involved and have a say in this planning.

Together, parents/carers, students, school staff, community leaders, and other education stakeholders will have an opportunity to articulate the future aspirations for our school via the Community Consultation Forum on 20 February 2025.

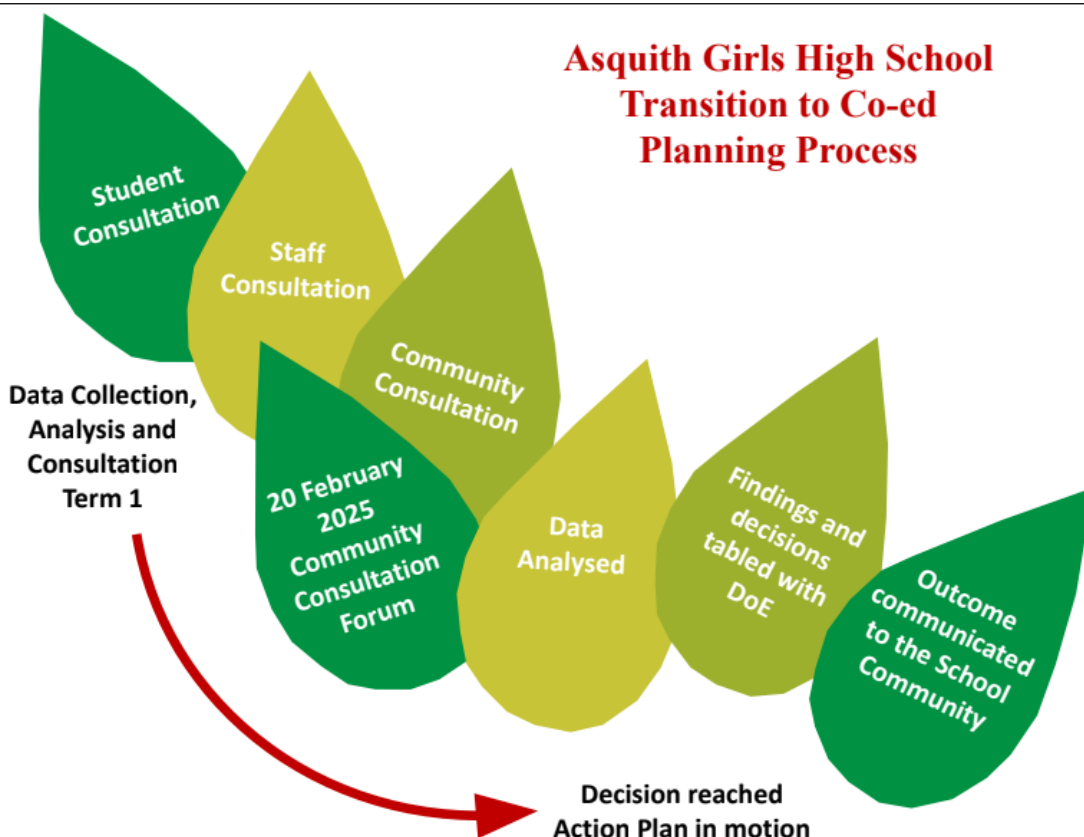
This is a unique opportunity for all stakeholders to have their say, create a shared vision and help shape our school's future.

We are looking forward to your participation.

Please register via this link [RSVP Community Consultation Forum](#)



Asquith Girls High School Transition to Co-ed Planning Process



RSVP link for attendees - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfA_ca7d3-fgkcv8jPVVmfleflyKsNSMKK9fVtAimfsNojIdA/viewform