



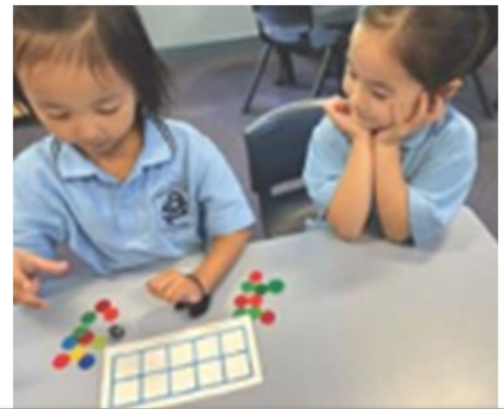
## Strathfield North Public School

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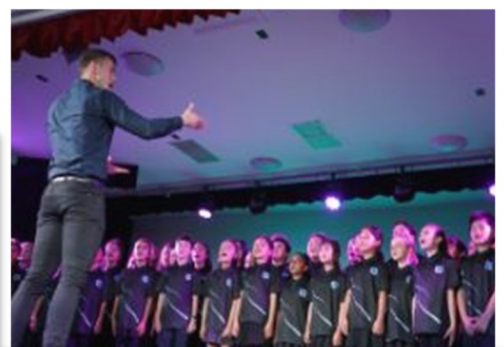
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# Information Booklet



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# About the School

## Principal's Message



Welcome to Strathfield North Public School.

My name is Pina Faggidae and I have been a principal at Strathfield North public school since 2019.

I am very excited and honored to welcome students and their parents/carers to our school.

Strathfield North public school focuses carefully on the learning needs and welfare of our students. Our experienced teachers support our students to achieve success in all areas of the curriculum.

As a parent or carer, you are an important part of our school community. We offer a range of services to support you and your family.

*Counselling for families*

*Interpreting and translations*

*Parents and citizens 'Association (P&C)*

I hope that you will work with us to create a positive, enjoyable and successful experience for your child.

With best wishes

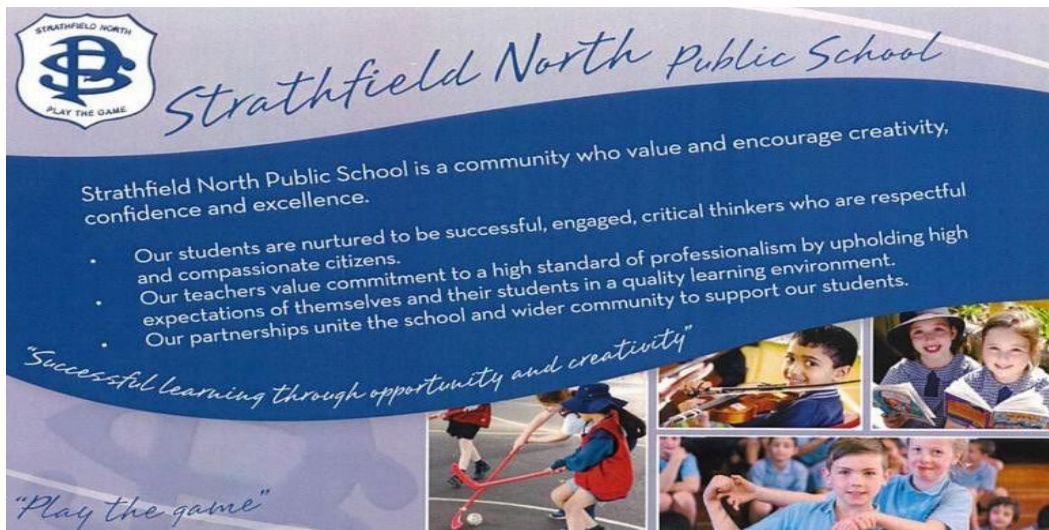
*P. Faggidae*

## School Profile

Strathfield North Public School has been providing quality education for students for over 100 years. The school has over 500 students from a wide variety of backgrounds, interests and abilities.

Strathfield North public school has a high profile in the local community with excellent community participation across all areas of the school.

It is valued for its practical commitment to supporting all students and their families in the attainment of each child's full potential. In partnership with the community, the school provides a caring, supportive learning environment in pleasant physical surroundings, where each student is encouraged to develop a positive self-image, accept responsibility for their actions and to show respect, consideration, and compassion for others. A balanced, comprehensive curriculum, catering for differences in achievement and ability which includes academic excellence and strengths in sport, performing arts, peer support, gifted and talented activities and learning support, encourages and provides opportunities for students to achieve success in many different spheres. Extra curricular activities outside school hours, provide opportunities for students to gain additional skills, interact with 'like minds' and an outlet for individual expression.




**Strathfield North Public School**

Strathfield North Public School is a community who value and encourage creativity, confidence and excellence.

- Our students are nurtured to be successful, engaged, critical thinkers who are respectful and compassionate citizens.
- Our teachers value commitment to a high standard of professionalism by upholding high expectations of themselves and their students in a quality learning environment.
- Our partnerships unite the school and wider community to support our students.

*"Successful learning through opportunity and creativity"*

*"Play the game"*



## School Staff

Class	Teacher	Class Name	Team Leader
Kindergarten	Ms Kim Beattie	KB	Ms Kim Beattie (Assistant Principal)
Kindergarten	Miss Abigail Jin	KJ	
Kindergarten	Miss Zabrina Li	KL	
Kindergarten	Miss Daniela Lopes	KD	
Kindergarten	Miss Shannyn Wood	KW	
Inclusive Class	Miss Natalie Christo & Mrs Ayse Yildiz (SLSO)	1C	Miss Emma Davis (Assistant Principal)
Inclusive Class	Miss Emma Davis & Mrs Angela Anastasiou (SLSO)	1D	
Inclusive Class	Miss Maggie Price & Mrs Alice Manoughian (SLSO)	K-2 P	
Year 1	Miss Regina Chu	1R	Miss Cassie Salmon (Yr 1 Assistant Principal)
Year 1	Ms Lora Cipriani	1L	
Year 1	Miss Cassie Salmon	1S	
Year 1	Mrs Esther Yang	1Y	
Year 2	Miss Seiri Bae	2B	Miss Seiri Bae (Yr 2 Assistant Principal)
Year 2	Ms Mellissa Brennan	2M	
Year 2	Ms Zoe Di Rosario	2CG	
Year 3	Miss Sarah Jones	3J	Miss Belinda Di Palma (Assistant Principal)
Year 3	Mr Simon Steggels	3S	
Year 3-4	Miss Belinda Di Palma	3-4D	
Year 4	Ms Michelle Robertson	4R	
Year 4-5	Mrs Leanne Heyward	4-5H	
Year 5	Mrs Marissa Little (M-Tu) & Ms Leah Pugh - U'Ren (W-F)	5LP	Mr Tom Cleary (Assistant Principal)
Year 5	Miss Erin Simpson	5S	
Year 5-6	Miss Sarah Francis	5-6F	
Year 6	Mr Tom Cleary	6C	
Year 6	Miss Lauren Pelaia	6P	
Specialist teachers and staff			
EAL/D English as a second language or dialect	Mrs Gursharan Jagdev - 3-6 (M -Th) Mrs Rita Sarkis - K-2	Ms Megan Saade - 3-6 (F) Mrs Jenny Wiseman - 3-6 (Tu)	
LaS Learning and support	Mrs Lauren Couri - K-2 (Tu, W) Mrs Miriana Russell - K-2 (M,W) Mrs Frances Pirrello - SLSO (W-Th) Ms Annette Clark	Mrs Pam Gors - K (M ,Tu) Miss Deborah Stevenson - 3-6 (M-F) Mrs Smruti Patel - SLSO (Tu, W) Ms Pamela Garcia – SLSO (Tu – F)	
CL Community Language (M-Th)	Miss Yi Yang (Chinese) Ms Filomena Catanzariti (Italian)	Miss Alison Hon (Chinese) Mrs Ji Hye Kim (Korean)	
RFF Release from face to face teaching	Mr Adam Kasalo - Creative & Performing Arts Mrs Amy Kang - K-2 RFF (Th & F) Mr Owen Milward - IC RFF (W)	Ms Julie Mott - Library Mr Philip Thompson - Stage Sport (F) Ms Lyndell Pym- IC RFF (M & Tu)	
Office Team	Mrs Lynda O'Leary - SAM (Rel.)		
	Mrs Paola Calvano – SAO Mrs Dora Panagopoulos - SAO (M, Tu, W) Mr Toby Prentice - GA (Mon-Wed) Mr Chris Cahill - IT (F)	Mrs Antoinette Donato - SAO (M,T,W,F) Mrs Smruti Patel - SAO (M,T) Mr Guy Russell - GA (Tu,Th-Fri)	
Counsellor - Mr Justin Whyte (M & W)			
Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction (AP C&I) - Mrs Sian Jackson			
Deputy Principal - Ms Katherine McMaster		Ms Kim Beattie (Rel)	
Principal - Mrs Pina Fanggidae			

## Support Services

Mr Whyte is the school counsellor

### **What is a School Counsellor?**

In all New South Wales government schools, there is a counsellor who is a qualified teacher and educational psychologist with special training to help students with any problems they are having, or to help them get the information they may need.

This service is free and confidential.

### **Why do students see the Counsellor?**

#### **Academic problems**

- Worries about progress
- No quiet place to study at home

#### **Personal problems**

- Sadness in missing their country/friends
- Feeling lonely at school
- Home problems such as not getting along with family members
- Feeling anxious about making friends

### **English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EALD) Support**

We offer support to students for whom English is not their first or primary language. Our specialist staff members work to support teachers and students within the classroom environment to cater for their learning needs.

### **Stage Assistant Principals**

Stage Assistant Principals are the first point of contact for any information and questions relating to wellbeing and curriculum and day to day school routines.

### **Learning and Support (LaS)**

The Learning Support staff supports and works with designated students with significant learning needs and their teachers within school settings to enhance students' participation and achievement.

- Students receive appropriate learning programmes on an ongoing basis
- Teachers can use the skills they have acquired with these students

## Rules and Policies

### Bell times

School Start	9.00am
Recess	11.00am – 11.30am
Lunch	1.10pm – 1.50pm
School Ends	3.00pm

### Homework Policy

Homework is often a revision of what was covered in class. As well as regular weekly homework, your child may have assessments such as assignments or projects with due dates. A key to success is being organised.

### Students in K-6

Homework activities are given to the class on a weekly basis. Homework tasks may include:

- A maths task designed to consolidate work in the classroom.
- A spelling task using the spelling words.
- A reading log which students should complete after their nightly reading.

All homework is discussed before it is sent home and is marked either by the class teacher or as a group in class. It is our expectation that every student shall complete the assigned tasks.



As partners in your child's learning journey, we encourage all parents to download Seesaw. This is a student-driven digital portfolio, allowing teachers and students to share what they are learning. Seesaw is a useful tool for parents/caregivers to connect with the classroom, discuss learning activities and celebrate student achievements.

If you don't already have the Seesaw app, here is the link to get ready [Seesaw APP](#)

## Uniform

Uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Shop located on the school grounds near the COLA. The Uniform Shop is part of the P&C and is entirely run by parent volunteers. All proceeds from uniform sales are used by the P&C to fund school projects.

### **Opening hours** (school terms only)

Tuesdays 8:30am - 9:30am

### **Ordering**

Purchases can be made online at any time through our website:

**<https://snpspandc-uniformshop.square.site/>**

If you want to pay by cash or cheque outside opening hours, you can complete the paper order form. A copy of the price list and order form can be downloaded and printed out from the link located below. Completed order forms together with your exact cash or cheque payment can be put in an envelope and posted in the red box in the school office. Receipts will be sent via text or email.

### **Delivery**

All orders are processed during shop hours (school terms only) and are delivered to your child's class to take home.

If your child is starting Kindergarten the following year, you can stop by the shop during opening hours, during orientation days, or order online and your order will be delivered to the school office for collection.

***Remember to label all uniform items clearly.***

Second - hand uniform items are available in store only.

### **Volunteers**

The Uniform Shop operates by our parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping us in the shop, you can help one day a month or during orientation times etc. Please come see us during opening hours, or send us an **email** if you are interested. We appreciate your support!

Email **[uniform@snpspandc.com](mailto:uniform@snpspandc.com)** for any questions, assistance or feedback regarding the ordering of uniforms.



# SNPS UNIFORM

## Summer Uniform

**Boys -** Short sleeve polo and gabardine shorts



**Girls -** *Option 1:* Summer tunic (front and back view)



*Option 2:* Short sleeve polo and culottes (skort)



**Shoes and Socks** - Navy blue socks must be worn with black school shoes, or black sneakers on sports days.

## Sports Uniform

One day a week classes will have sport. On sports day children are required to wear their sports uniform, which is a polo shirt in their House colour and sports shorts.

### House Names & Colours:

*Correy - Green Walker - Red Wellbank - Yellow Yaralla - Blue*



## Warm Options and School Hat

On cooler days, there is the option of wearing a bomber jacket, sloppy joe (jumper), or a fleece vest.

Students are also required to wear a school hat in the playground at break times.



# S.N.P.S. UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

DATE        /        /

PLEASE WRITE THE NUMBER OF ITEMS REQUIRED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SIZE

SUMMER UNIFORMS	SIZE 4	SIZE 6	SIZE 8	SIZE 10	SIZE 12	SIZE 14	SIZE 16	SIZE 18	UNIT PRICE	SUB TOTAL	
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve (unisex)									\$28		
Gabardine Shorts (boys)									\$26		
Culottes (girls)									\$30		
Summer Tunic Dress									\$50		
SPORTS UNIFORMS	SIZE 4	SIZE 6	SIZE 8	SIZE 10	SIZE 12	SIZE 14	SIZE 16	SIZE 18			
Sports Shorts (rugby knit unisex)									\$28		
Sports Polo* (rugby knit unisex)									\$25		
*Circle Required Colour	BLUE		GREEN		RED		YELLOW				
PSSA Football Socks (Yrs. 3-6)	Small 13-3			Med 2-7			Lge 7-11			\$10	
WINTER UNIFORMS	SIZE 4	SIZE 6	SIZE 8	SIZE 10	SIZE 12	SIZE 14	SIZE 16	SIZE 18			
Bomber Jacket									\$48		
Sloppy Joe	N/A								\$30		
Polo Shirt - Long Sleeve (unisex)									\$30		
Trousers (boys)									\$35		
Pants (girls)									\$28		
Cuffed leg Track Pant (unisex)									\$28		
Straight leg Track Pant (unisex)									\$28		
Winter Tunic Dress									\$55		
Fleece Vest									\$28		
GENERAL											
Backpack Medium									\$45		
Backpack Large									\$50		
Hat	(57cm)				(59cm)				\$25		
Library / Excursion Bag									\$12		
Reader Folder (circle colour)		Red		Purple		Navy	Blue		\$10		
School Badges									\$7.50		
Rain Jackets - half lined	4-6			8-10			12-14			\$45	
Scarves- polar fleece with fringe									\$5		
Scrunchies / Hair Accessories									\$4		
Navy Blue Socks (3 Pack)	Size 9-12			Size 13-3			Size 2-8			\$15	
<b>CHILDS NAME</b>				<b>CLASS</b>					<b>TOTAL SUM OF ORDER</b>  <b>\$</b>		
<b>PARENTS NAME</b>				<b>PHONE or EMAIL</b>							

PAYMENT        CASH / CHQ / CREDIT CARD

<b>Please debit my:</b>	<b>VISA / Mastercard</b>	
<b>Credit Card Number:</b>	_____	_____
<b>Exp:</b> ____ / ____	<b>CVV:</b> _____	
<b>Name on card:</b>		<b>Signature:</b>



## Canteen

Our school canteen operates every day. The canteen staff prepare and dispense food that is both nutritional and appetising. Our canteen adheres to the Government's 'Healthy Choices' policy. It is staffed by a Canteen Manager and 2 assistants. Volunteers are always welcome.



**Online ordering process:** Recess and lunches can be ordered via the [QKR for schools app](#).

Order cut off time is 8.30am for the current day and orders can be placed in advance.

If ordering your child's lunch on a Friday and they do PSSA or leave the school for other sports, please remember to choose 'YES' for PSSA in the Qkr app. This will ensure that their lunches are ready in time.



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For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



## Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

### Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'





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## Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select  
'Add student profile'



Add each  
child's details



Manage each  
child's details in  
Student Profiles

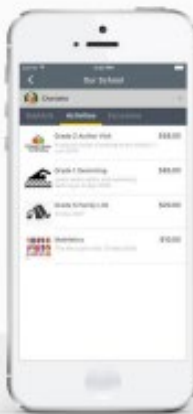


## Purchase school items

Select a menu  
from our school



Select child  
you are  
ordering for



Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'  
then confirm and pay



## Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to  
pay with.


Pay with any cards accepted  
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you  
can continue to the home page, or  
view your receipt.





Strathfield North Public School  
CANTEEN PRICE LIST - 2023

<b>WEEK DAY OPTIONS -</b>		<b>DAILY LUNCHES</b>	
<b><u>MONDAY - BURGER DAY</u></b>		<b>COLD</b>	
E	<b>BEEF BURGER -</b> 4.50 lean beef pattie, lettuce, tomato & sauce	<b>SALAD ON A PLATE</b>	
E	<b>CHEESE BURGER -</b> 4.50 lean beef pattie, cheese & sauce	Includes- Lettuce, grated carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, cheese, bread & a piece of seasonal fruit with your choice of one of the following,	
E	<b>CHICKEN BURGER -</b> 4.50 grilled chicken breast, lettuce & mayo	E	Chicken or Ham or Egg 7.00
O	<b>VEGE BURGER -</b> 4.50 vegetarian pattie, lettuce & mayo	O	Salami 7.50
<b><u>TUESDAY -</u></b>		E	Tuna 7.50
E	<b>SUSHI HAND ROLLS -</b> 4.00 choice of avocado, cucumber, cooked tuna, tempura prawn or teriyaki chicken	<b>DRINKS - Available Recess &amp; Lunch</b>	
E	<b>CHICKEN COMBO -</b> 6.00 a roasted chicken piece, corn & dinner roll	E	Milk - Plain - Mini Bottle 150ml 1.00
<b><u>WEDNESDAY -</u></b>		E	Milk - Plain 300ml 2.00
E	<b>CHICKEN WRAPS -</b> 4.50 lean chicken with lettuce, tomato, carrot, mayo and sweet chilli sauce in a wrap	E	Milk - Chocolate or Strawberry 300ml 2.20
O	<b>STONE BAKED PIZZA -</b>	E	Water - 300ml 1.00
	Margarita 4.50	E	Water - 600ml 2.00
	BBQ Chicken or Ham & Pineapple 4.80	E	Sipahh Flavoured Straw 0.50
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>		E	Harvey Fresh Juice 250ml 100% Juice Popper - Apple, Apple Blackcurrant or Orange 1.60
E	<b>SUSHI BABY ROLLS -</b> 4.00 choice of either avocado, cucumber, carrot, egg or cooked tuna	O	Chill Ice Tea 250ml - Peach or Lemon 2.30
E	<b>WEEKLY SPECIAL -</b> 6.00 Prepared fresh in the canteen. Watch the newsletter for details.	E	Chill Sparkling Juice 250ml - Raspberry, Orange Passio or Lemon 2.30
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>		<b>FROZEN TREATS</b>	
E	<b>FRIDAY LUNCH DEAL -</b> 5.50 chicken <u>or</u> ham <u>or</u> cheese <u>or</u> salad sandwich with a Harvey Fresh Juice and and a Quelch Frozen Fruit Tube	E	Frozen Orange Segments 0.20
<b>PIES</b>		E	Frozen Pineapple Rings 0.50
O	Lite'n Up Beef Cruiser Pie 180g 4.00	E	Frozen Grapes 1.00
O	Mini Lite Travelers Pie 100g 3.00	E	Quelch Fruit Tube 0.50
O	Lite'n Up Sausage Roll 120g 3.50	E	Blizzard - Frozen Drink 2.20
O	FISH FINGER 0.90	E	Nippy's Frozen Juice Cup 110ml - Apple Blackcurrant 1.00
		O	Twisted Frozen Yogurt 2.50
		O	Everest Cup - Vanilla or Strawberry 1.50
		O	Twisted Licks - Fruit Ice 2.00
		O	Moose - Chocolate or Blue Heaven 1.50
			
		Order Lunch and Recess through the Qkr App.	

### Allergies and asthma / Anaphylaxis

It is important for you to inform the principal and the school if your child has asthma or allergies – not just those diagnosed as severe or food allergies. Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction to allergens such as nuts or shellfish, or insect bites.

If your child is diagnosed with asthma or at risk of an anaphylactic reaction, you must provide the school with information from your child's doctor, including an Action Plan for Anaphylaxis in accordance with the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA).

The school will develop an individual health care plan to describe your child's needs and how the school plans to meet these needs during the school day, on excursions and in other school activities such as sport.

Schools and parents work together to put arrangements in place for health care support. Information from the child's doctor that you provide will inform the planning process.

### On-going Medication

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents/carers must:

- Notify the school
- Provide up to date information as required
- Supply the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way

The administration of such medication forms part of the Department's common law duty of care to take reasonable steps to keep students safe while they attend school.

The administration of prescribed medication in schools is carried out by staff who volunteer and who are trained. Except in an emergency, only individual staff members who have volunteered and been trained will administer prescribed medication to students.

Parents/carers of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request document.

Students must not carry medications unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents/carers.

## Policies and procedures on absences, lateness or leave requests

### Student Leave During the Term

Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. Holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods are included as absences.

Accepting or declining an application for leave is at the discretion of the principal. Section 14 of the Student Attendance procedures states, 'a principal should not accept a reason for travel during school term if it is not in the best interests of the student. This includes educational, social and participation reasons.'

If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student's best interests and does not accept the reason, the absence will be recorded as 'A'. In this case, a Certificate of Extended Leave – Holiday will not be issued.

If the period of absence is in excess of 50 days, the student may be eligible to enrol in Distance Education. Please contact the school to enable us to help you.

### Extended Leave of Absence/Travel

Since 2015 family holidays and travel during school terms are no longer considered under the Exemption from School procedures. Travel outside a vacation period is now counted as an absence.

Parents may apply for a Certificate of Extended Leave by completing an application form stating the reasons for the leave and including relevant travel documentation. This is required for leave of 5 or more days.

Application for Extended Leave of Absence/Travel forms are available from the office.

### Attendance and absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 6 must ensure their children attend school every day. 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 recognized religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances eg attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Strathfield North Public School rejects all forms of bullying behaviour including online (or cyber) bullying. Bullying of any kind is not acceptable in NSW schools.

The **NSW anti-bullying** website brings together information and resources for teachers, students, parents and carers. It helps to identify, prevent and respond effectively to student bullying, including online bullying. It provides information about online safety and what you can do if your child has been bullied, witnessed bullying or been involved in bullying.

For more information on anti-bullying strategies for NSW public schools refer to the department's **Bullying of Students – Prevention and Response Policy**.

For information on racial bullying and anti-racism education for NSW public schools refer to:

- **Anti-Racism Policy**
- **Anti-racism education**
- **Racism. No way.**

### **Behaviour Code for Students**

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

#### **In NSW public schools students are expected to:**

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

## Merit system

### Merit awards

Merit awards are given in recognition of student achievement and/or effort in class. One certificate each week is linked to the "Connector Focus of the Week". Presentation of school Merit awards (blue) is made at the Stage assemblies.



### Honour awards

When four merit awards are earned in the same year an Honour award (gold) is presented at a formal K-6 assembly. Parents/students are responsible for the safety and storage of the blue merit cards as they must be handed to the office before the award of an Honour award is given.



Parents are advised that lost merit awards cannot be replaced.

# Connector Merits



## How?

Students display our Connector rules at any time during the school day.

## Why?

To promote positive behaviours and develop house pride.

## What?

SNPS is implementing a sports house colour reward point system for positive behaviour on the playground and inside the classroom.

At each assembly, house points will be revealed which contribute to winning the overall house at the end of the year.

## Where?

Students will receive a small coloured card for their house after the positive behaviour. Students are to then place the card in their house-coloured letter box located near the library stairs.



### English

English study is mandatory in NSW from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Students learn about the English language through written, spoken and visual texts of increasing complexity as they progress through their schooling.

An understanding of the English language is central to how we communicate and essential for intellectual, social and emotional development.

The study of English should develop a love of literature and learning and be challenging and enjoyable. It develops skills to enable students to experiment with ideas and expression, to become active, independent and lifelong learners, to work with each other and to reflect on their learning.

### Mathematics

The study of mathematics is mandatory from Kindergarten to Year 10.

By studying mathematics, students learn to work mathematically – developing fluency, understanding, problem-solving, reasoning and communication skills.

The syllabus consists of the following strands:

- number and algebra
- measurement and geometry
- statistics and probability.

### Science and Technology

Science and technology is mandatory for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

In science and technology, students explore the natural and made worlds. They learn how to apply scientific and technological skills, knowledge and understanding across a broad range of contexts.

Science provides a way of inquiring about the world around us. It explores evidence and investigates ways to discover, develop and produce solutions to real world problems. The inquiry and skill-based nature of science opens doors to ideas and discoveries.

## **Creative Arts**

In creative arts, students discover a variety of art forms through a study of dance, drama, music and visual arts where they learn to appreciate, compose, listen, make and perform.

Each art form has its own unique knowledge and skills, elements or concepts as well as a capacity to inspire and enrich lives.

## **Personal development, health and physical education**

Personal development, health and physical education (PDHPE) is mandatory from Kindergarten to Year 10.

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), expect students to participate in PDHPE for between 1.5 and 2.5 hours per week in Kindergarten to Year 6.

PDHPE provides students with opportunities to explore issues that are likely to impact on the health, safety and wellbeing of themselves and others – now and in the future. Students also participate in challenging and enjoyable physical activity, improving their capacity to move with skill and confidence.

## **Human society and its environment (HSIE)**

The subjects of history and geography are mandatory from Kindergarten to Year 10, where students study specific historical and geographical concepts and skills.

In HSIE, students explore varied subjects in human society and its environment to learn about history, geography, people, societies and culture.

Students also have an opportunity to learn more about people and the societies and environments in which they live through elective subjects.

A large number of individual subjects make up the key learning area of HSIE in which students:

- research, gather and analyse information
- question and make judgements
- write for a variety of purposes.



## **Community Languages**

Strathfield North Public School offers 3 community languages. All students will have the opportunity to learn either **Chinese**, **Korean** or **Italian**. Students of these backgrounds are given priority.

These languages form the school's community language program which supports the maintenance, development and acquisition of community languages and assists communities to improve the language learning of children and young people from K-12

## **Religion and ethics**

At Strathfield North Public School, Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) are delivered on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm-2.30pm for K-2 students and 2.30pm-3.00pm for 3-6 students.

On enrolment parents/carers are given the SRE and SEE participation letter to complete and return to indicate their preference for religion or ethics class. After the initial enrolment, notification of changes to a child's enrolment in SRE/SEE should be given to the school office in writing.

### **The following SRE classes are offered at Strathfield North Public School:**

**Catholic SRE** is provided by the Catholic Diocese of Sydney. For more information about Catholic SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit the Catholic Diocese of Sydney website <http://www.sydneycatholic.org/> <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/publications/curriculum-resources/>

**Protestant SRE** is provided by Anglican Diocese of Sydney. For more information about Protestant SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit website <https://whysre.com.au>

**Orthodox SRE** is provided by the Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia. For more information about Greek Orthodox SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia website: <http://www.greekorthodox.org.au/>

**Islamic SRE** is provided by Islamic Council of NSW. For more information about Islamic SRE, including the authorised curriculum and sequence, please visit the Islamic website <https://www.isre.org.au/our-program/>

**Hindu SRE** is provided by Chinmaya. For more information about Hindu SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit website <https://www.chinmaya.com.au/our-centres/sydney/>

**SEE** is provided by Primary Ethics when Teachers are available. For more information about SEE, including the authorised curriculum and sequence, please visit the Primary Ethics website <https://primaryethics.com.au>

During the time the SRE/SEE classes are being held, students not attending will be supervised and will participate in independent, meaningful activities which include reading, private study or completing homework.

## School Activities

### Friday PSSA

Strathfield North Public School offers a variety of sports as part of the Western Suburbs Zone. Each Friday students selected catch a bus to a park in the local area and play another school in their chosen sport.

#### Winter Sports

Boys Touch Football

Girls Touch Football

Boys Soccer

Girls Soccer

Mixed Netball

#### Summer Sports

Boys T-Ball

Girls T-Ball

Boys Softball

Girls Softball

Mixed AFL

Mixed Cricket

Before each season begins coaches hold tryouts to determine team selection. Students are encouraged to try out even if they don't play the sport outside of school.



## **Friday School Sport Program**

Students not attending PSSA will be a part of the Friday School Sport Program. This runs on Friday afternoons and students participate in a range of sports which help students to develop skills and try out for a PSSA team the following year.

We have developed partnerships with Briars Sports Club so that students can learn to play lawn bowls with volunteer coaches. Students have the option to participate in **Friday Dance Sport**. Students in Years 2 to 6 can elect to be a part of the Learn to Swim program at Cabarita Pool on Friday afternoons starting in September through to December.

## **Critical and Creative Thinking Groups**

Critical and Creative thinking groups are part of the school's program for students who do not attend PSSA games on Friday. Students work in small groups where they solve problems or tasks that prepare them with skills and strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## **Dance Fitness**

Strathfield North Public School offers Years 3-6 the option of participating in dance class to be held during Friday sport. This program gives students in Years 3-6 the opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills through explicit dance instruction. The 1-hour sessions include several dance class activities including a warm-up, core/floor/centre/corner work and learning a short dance routine to consolidate skills during the summer and winter PSSA season.

School dance is taught by Sally Dangar. Sally is an experienced professional dance teacher who has knowledge of the school through her involvement in SNPS' Wakakirri program. Friday dance is offered in both the Summer and Winter PSSA seasons.

## **Lawn Bowls (winter)**

The Lawn bowls program is an extra program run by volunteers at Greenlees bowling club. This program runs in our Winter PSSA season. Students attend a lawn bowl lesson week each Friday. This program is open to 30 students who are not in a winter PSSA team.

## **Swimming Lessons (summer)**

Each Friday afternoon in line with our Summer PSSA programs students are invited to express interest in the learn to swim program. Students take a bus to Cabarita pool and have a 40minute swimming lesson. This program is subject to interest.

## Strathfield North Public School Performing Arts



### Classroom Performing Arts Program

Strathfield North Public School provides students with an inclusive and supportive specialist performing arts program. The school provides specialist instruction in music, drama, visual arts and dance to support their attainment of the Creative Arts K–6 primary curriculum.

### Music Program

All students at Strathfield North Public School participate in music lessons allowing students to develop their playing, singing, listening and composing independently and within a class ensemble. These lessons are taught by a music specialist and are aligned with the mandatory Creative Arts K–6 primary curriculum.

### Dance Program

The SNPS dance program provides all students with the opportunity to learn and participate in dance. Students receive quality dance instruction from an industry professional focusing on the elements of dance, fundamental movement and performance. Students consolidate their learning by performing their group dance with lighting and sound on our newly renovated school stage.



### Visual Arts

The Visual Arts is a valued and integral learning area, with students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participating in visual arts lesson with their classroom teachers. Students learn about the visual elements of art through practical hands on activities that develop skills, techniques and processes. Students respond to artists and their artworks, talking and thinking about art within and beyond their own region and culture.

### Drama Program

Drama involves students making, performing and appreciating through various roles, dramatic contexts, elements and forms. Students are provided with instructions in

script writing, filmmaking and digital content creation to express ideas and concepts in a variety of key learning areas.

## Extra Curricular Programs



### Strathfield North Public School Wakakirri

Wakakirri is a creative and performing arts initiative whereby students combine their skills and talents in movement, drama, dance and acting by taking the stage to tell stories. Wakakirri is a wonderful opportunity for kids to develop teamwork and performing skills, culminating in an exciting performance in front of thousands of people. Wakakirri participation includes an audition process and a fee for participation.



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### **Choir and Vocal Groups**

Strathfield North Public School offers a variety of choirs for students in Years 1 to 6. The program aims to facilitate a love of singing and music by allowing students to perform in a choral environment. In addition to school-based performances, students in Years 3 to 6 may be able to participate in a number of music festivals held at the Sydney Town Hall. These are provided by the Arts Unit. The following choirs and performance opportunities are currently offered:

#### **Training Choir**

- School performances including scripture services, presentation day etc.

#### **Senior Choir**

- The Arts Unit Festival of Choral Music concert series at the Sydney Town Hall
- Schools Spectacular Combined Choir
- Department of Education events
- The Arts Unit Primary Proms concert series at the Sydney Town Hall



## **Recorder Ensemble**

Strathfield North Public School offers a recorder group for Years 3 to 6. The program aims to facilitate a love of performing and music by allowing students to perform in a recorder ensemble. In addition to school-based performances advanced students may be able to participate in the Arts Unit Festival of Instrumental Music held at the Sydney Town Hall.

### **Years 3 - 6**

- The Arts Unit Festival of Instrumental Music concert series at the Sydney Town Hall

## **Art Pod**

Art Pod is an extracurricular program for students in Years K-6. It welcomes students who want to explore their creativity through a variety of mediums such as oil pastels, paints, water colours and clay. Students learn about different artists, artworks and techniques.

## **Drama Ensemble**

Drama is an amazing ensemble where students from Years 3 to 6 work on developing characters and performing recreations and scripts written by them. They have a great time acting and working together, developing public speaking skills, parts of scripts, stage directions and what is involved in a performance.

## **Debating**

At Strathfield North there are a range of extracurricular debating programs for students to participate in. Stage 2 and Stage 3 Public Speaking and Debating clubs provide students with opportunities to develop their public speaking skills in a supportive environment. They welcome all students however numbers are capped at 30 students per club.

Students in Stage 3 have the opportunity to try out for the Premiers Debating Team.

The team represents the school in debates against other schools. This team is capped at 6 students.

## **Ukulele Ensemble**

The ukulele ensemble is an extracurricular program for students in Years 4-6. It welcomes students who have played the instrument before through to complete beginners. No audition is required. Students learn different playing techniques and perform at a variety of school events.





## Dance Ensembles

The Dance Ensembles are High Potential and Gifted Education extra-curricular activities that allow students to experience a range of dance performance opportunities. Students participate in performances both at school and externally. Performance opportunities may include Arts Unit performances, primary school dance festivals, school performances or community performances.

If you are interested in enrolling in our programs, please email: [snpscapa@gmail.com](mailto:snpscapa@gmail.com)

### Kindy Dance Ensemble

- Kindergarten

### Junior Dance Ensemble

- Years 1 – 2

### Senior Dance Ensemble

- Years 3 – 6

### Junior Tap Dance Ensemble

- Years 1 – 2

### Senior Tap Dance Ensemble

- Years 3 – 6

### Boys Hip Hop Dance Ensemble

- Years 1 – 6

### Girls Hip Hop Dance Ensemble

- Years 3 – 6

### Competition Troupe

- Years 3 – 6



## **Classroom Program**

Strathfield North Public School ensures that all students participate in 150 minutes of physical activity each week. Years 3 to 6 engage in a weekly lesson which focuses on consolidation and application of skills through sports and games. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 participate in grade PE lessons which focus on fundamental movement skills and an introduction to sports. All students participate in skipping after lunch on Thursday.

## **Extra curricular External Providers**

SNPS offers extra curricular activities within and outside school hours, providing opportunities for students to gain additional skills, interact with 'like minds' and an outlet for individual expression. These extra curricular activities are run by external providers.

<https://directionsinmusic.com.au/>

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/>

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

## **House Groups**

Each student belongs to one of the Sport Houses

**YARALLA WALKER CORREY WELLBANK.**

## **Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C)**

Our Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) is made up of parents and carers, teachers and community members. The P&C meets regularly to contribute to decision-making, developing policies and management plans as well as fundraising.



# School Enews

## Connecting with our Community

Please follow the guide to download this app or subscribe to email Enews to be kept up to date with everything happening at SNPS!

Regular NSW Health and Department of Education updates are being shared through Enews as well as the weekly Learning from Home overviews and IT tips such as using Zoom.

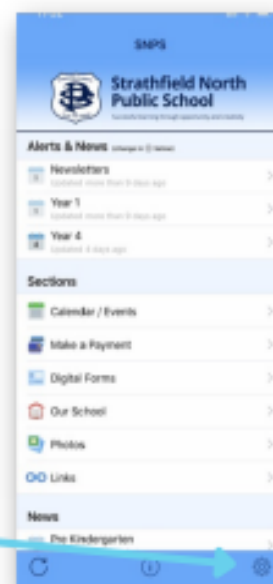
### 1. SNPS School Enews App

iPhone & iPad: Open the App Store on your device, search for your school name and download the app.

Android: Open the Play Store on your device, search for your school name and download the app.

#### Please ensure notifications are turned on...

- Open the app on your device
- Inside the app, press the settings icon (cog)
- Turn on the lists / groups that are important to you
- Press "Done" or "Save".
- Note: The next time your school sends a message, you should get an alert.



### 2. Enews School Website and Email Subscription

<https://strathfien-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/newsletters-notes.html>

## Payments to School



To ensure efficient payment of all school accounts, we ask that you pay online through the secure Parent Online Payment (POP). Please see our school website: <https://strathfien-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Select the \$ Make a payment on the blue ribbon on the home page. By selecting this link you will be taken to a secure Westpac payment page. You will no longer be in the school's website.

You DO NOT need to enter your child's SRN. We can identify your child by their name, class and date of birth, which must be entered.

Enter your own details, then choose a box that best describes what you are paying and fill in a description of the fee (eg Museum Excursion) and how much you are paying.

Then click NEXT. This will take you to the secure screen to enter your credit card details and will provide you with a receipt number on completion. If you have any questions please contact the school administration office on 02 97432126

# **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

**Cubby College** – 9739-6960

81-83 Correys Ave, Concord

Email: [info@cubbycollege.com.au](mailto:info@cubbycollege.com.au)

**KICKS** – 0468 854 257

99 Queen Street North Strathfield

Email: [northstrathfield@kicksafterschool.com](mailto:northstrathfield@kicksafterschool.com)

**Kids @ Weldon** - 8765-0388 / 0429 290 075

132 Davidson Ave, North Strathfield

Email: [nsmcs@weldon.com.au](mailto:nsmcs@weldon.com.au)

**Kids @ Weldon** – 9743-6395 / 0418 372 594

345 Queen Street, Concord West

Email: [cwmcs@weldon.com.au](mailto:cwmcs@weldon.com.au)

**Papilio Childcare** - 9746-5311

11 George St, North Strathfield

Email: [northstrathfield@papilio.com.au](mailto:northstrathfield@papilio.com.au)

**Shiny Star Play Centre** – 0424 261 500

1 George St, North Strathfield

Email: [oshc@shinystarplaycentre.com.au](mailto:oshc@shinystarplaycentre.com.au)

**The Athletic Buddha** - 0451 932 013

1/2A Rothwell Ave, Concord West

Email: [kids@theathleticbuddha.com.au](mailto:kids@theathleticbuddha.com.au)

**World Jujitsu Federation** – 0467 931 158

317 Concord Road Concord West (Tues/Thurs)

Email: [info@worldjujitsuaustralia.com.au](mailto:info@worldjujitsuaustralia.com.au)