

Revesby Public School

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Term 1 Week 4

Newsletter Thursday, 16th February 2021



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Message from the Principal

Mrs Das Retires

It is with a heavy heart that I announce Mrs Das' retirement. She has decided to move onto greener pastures and spend more time with



her family. I would like to thank Mrs Das for her 17 years of amazing service. She has been the beating heart of Revesby Public School for a very long time. She will be missed by the staff, students and the community. Mrs Das was nothing short of remarkable. Mrs Das was our School Administration Manager which meant she was in charge of a very busy office but she made it run like clockwork and did it with ease. As a Principal I could not have asked for a better Office Manager. Mrs Das also too took care of me. She supported me both personally and professionally. She made sure that she took care of every aspect office administration. There was not a question that she could not answer. Mrs Das was a master of juggling, she would ensure our finances were in order, casuals were paid whilst answering the phone and managing the gate and these are just a few of the things that she would do within a day. She was almost the first person to arrive on a daily basis. From the time she arrived she started tending to the needs of the staff. In fact she would never stop and often putting the needs of others before her own. She also spent her days taking care of the needs of our students and their families and carers We are not sure how many bandaids Mrs Das issued or how many calls she made to families with sick children. Mrs Das connected deeply with many members of the community and was the familiar face at the counter or the comforting voice at the end of the phone. Mrs Das gave willingly of her time and was a large part of many community events. There are not enough words to express how much Mrs Das was loved, valued and appreciated. We will miss her greatly. She will leave a big whole in our school. We wish you well Mrs Das as you move into retirement. I am not sure that you are really ready to slow down yet. I have never met someone with a stronger work ethic. Thank you for your service to Revesby Public School. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Public Education. You are a true champion of Public Education. You will always be a part of the Revesby Public School community and family. You were an absolute asset to our team. You leave very big shoes to fill. We all hope that you can enjoy some time with your beautiful grand children and get some of the well earned rest and relaxation

that you deserve. We wish you well as you transition into the next part of your life. We thank you for everything you did, big and small.



Our School Leaders

Leadership Team 2021



Congratulations to our 2021 Leaders who yesterday took their leadership pledge. I can't wait to see what these students achieve.

Congratulations to our successful leadership candidates who we inducted into the 2021 Leadership Team. We are very proud of these students and know that they know the way, show the way and go the way as leaders of Revesby Public School.

Congratulations to Vincent, Ruby, Courtney, A'mirayha, Bianca and Kendall. We know that you are going to be remarkable leaders and represent our school proudly. You have big shoes to fill after last year's wonderful leaders but I am certain that you will all step up to ensure that our students, staff and community are well supported.

Classes are now in the process of electing their SRC representatives. This year we will continue to rotate the class leaders on a termly basis to broaden the opportunities across the school. This allows more students to take on a leadership role and be able to represent their peers. Students will attend meetings to share their ideas and contribute to school direction. We will live stream the assembly so that our parents and community can be involved.

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Our Sports Captains

Congratulations to all of our Sports Captains who got their badges today. We are so very proud of you. It's a leadership role that we take very seriously. We expect that our Sports Captains will model wonderful and sports like behaviour on and off the field.



Congratulations to the following students:

Flinders Captains: Geno & Tahlia

Flinders Vice Captains: Ayman & Mary

Bass Captains: Ayman & Sophia

Bass Vice Captains: Noah & Molly

Swimming Carnival

This year's Swimming Carnival was an amazing success. Students competed and gave their all in each of their events. We were lucky to have a beautiful day to celebrate this event. We also enjoyed sharing the pool and competing with Tower Street Public School. It was lovely to see two schools join together. A huge thank you to Mrs Henry for her organisation of the event which was tricky in terms of making sure that it happened safely in terms of the COVID Guidelines. We also thank Mrs White, Miss George and Mrs Poll for supporting on the day. It ran so smoothly and there were so many happy faces. A wonderful school event that will see five of our students progress through to the District level. Thank you to all of the parents also who followed our requests.





Congratulations to BASS team who won the Swimming Carnival event through the participation of the students in the events.



On 13 February 2008, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd publicly apologised, on behalf of the Federal Government, to the Stolen Generations – the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly removed from their families and communities by successive colonial and Australian governments. We wish to recognise this important event and its impact on our first people.



This term Meet the Teacher will be completed through a video where we share all of the information that we normally would on that evening. We need to make sure that all families have linked to Class Dojo as this is where you will find the video link. The link will be posted on Class Dojo on Tuesday the 23rd of February at 3.15pm. You will be able to ask questions via Class Dojo or ask for the teacher to give you a phone call. We look forward to sharing important information with you that will support a smooth year.



Ethics Classes

In New South Wales public schools there is a period of time set aside each week for teaching ethics or scripture. Following legislative changes in 2010, families can now choose for their child to go to ethics classes as an alternative to spending that time in supervised care or scripture classes.

Primary Ethics' classes support children to develop their moral reasoning capabilities. The focus is on skills development rather than the promotion of any particular view.

The focus is for children to develop the skills to identify ethical issues, a willingness to engage in respectful discussion with their families and friends about ethical issues and the ability to think widely and critically in exploring reasons and developing arguments.

Students are encouraged and supported to make their own judgments about whether something is right or wrong, good or bad and to explain why, using evidence and reason. All Primary Ethics classes are based on this approach as distinct from blind appeal to authority or moral relativist approaches.

The teachers are trained not to teach the students their own personal ethics and values. Research shows that children are capable of thinking and reasoning about ethical issues from an early age. It has been demonstrated that children as young as three can make judgments about what is right and wrong and even explain why. Introducing critical thinking and moral reasoning skills from an early age is particularly beneficial.

As a school we have one teacher ready to start teaching in Term 2 in Kindergarten. We have a second parent also looking into the teaching of Ethics. We are looking for more parent volunteers to complete the course to support the teaching of Ethics across our school.

Kindergarten will receive an updated permission slip with the Ethics option of the note. We will develop a waiting list for students wanting to attend. It would be well worthwhile for your child to attend. Please tick the ethics box if you would like to proceed. If not please tick your religion of choice.

Primary Ethics' educational approach combines two key evidence based teaching elements. The first is the explicit teaching of critical thinking (or logical reasoning) skills together with the opportunity to apply those skills. The second is a community of inquiry approach supported by teacher questioning, which underlies our curriculum and our teacher training. If you would be interested in training to become an Ethics Facilitator please contact the school office and we will provide further information.

So come and join our team of ethics teachers – you might just find that helping children develop their critical thinking skills changes you too.

Here's a testimonial from a volunteer, who's taught ethics since 2013 and covered the entire K-6 curriculum provided by Primary Ethics in that time:

"Originally I volunteered because I wanted my child to be able to join ethics classes. Since then I've watched children thinking about their answers, the reasons for their answers and whether those reasons are any good. I've seen them learn how to disagree respectfully, like the two year 6 children arguing passionately with each other about whether your fate is set at birth or whether you determine your fate by your own actions. I've heard children recognize how they've changed over a year of ethics classes – the year 3 student who said that she'd learnt it was OK to share her ideas, even if she didn't think the same as other people.

I've changed too. I find preparing for the lessons fascinating and thought-provoking, but I've also learnt how to facilitate conversations — how to bring a discussion back to the question, how to make space so that quieter people can make their voice heard, how to stay neutral so that others can express their opinions. And facilitation skills are incredibly useful for all those awkward conversations that happen with co-workers, in meetings, around the dinner table etc."

We need more volunteers so that we can expand this year's program beyond [year groups]. Training and support are provided.

Visit <u>www.primaryethics.com.au</u> or contact Carey Francis on <u>carey.francis@primaryethics.com.au</u> for more information.

Lunar New Year

Happy Lunar New Year to all of our families, friends and community who are celebrating.

The Lunar New Year is related to the Chinese



zodiac animal with this year being the year of the Ox. The Lunar New Year is a solar year related to the time that it takes for the Earth to Orbit the sun or 12 full cycles of the Moon, is roughly 354 days. We hope that this year bring you all much success, health and happiness.

Our Dedicated Staff



Our dedicated staff truly care about our students. They make sure that our students settle into their high school setting and support their transition. It was beautiful to see one of our students on Friday. Every student

known, valued and cared for even beyond our school. What a team we have. Well done Mrs Poll and Mrs West.

K/6 Sienna

K/6 Sienna have been actively engaging in maths through cooking. Students have been using concepts learnt and have applied them in the kitchen.





Support Unit

The Support Unit have been learning about social skills through structured play.

Australia Day Honours List

Congratulations again to our selfless Gloria on being recognised on the 2021 Australia Day Honours Roll. Yesterday we celebrated with members of Parliaments including David Coleman, Wendy Linsay and Glenn Brookes. Congratulations dear Gloria, we are so very proud of you. What an outstanding and well deserved achievement. You are an outstanding member of our community.



Mrs Nies & The RPS

Stage Two 2021

Stage Two have made a great start to the new year. We have been working hard in English lessons. We have been working together reading and writing narratives. In maths we have been working together to improve our number strategies.



We have been starting to decorate our classroom by making some wonderful artwork.



We had a great time at the AFL clinic last week. Thank you to Mrs Henry for organising this for us.





School Resource Package and Fees Schedule 2021

Parents/Caregivers,

Please find below the notification of School Fees, Resource Pack and Mathletics requirements for 2021 Pencils and coloured pencils will be provided by the school to all infants children -(Kindergarten to Year 2). All children in Year 3 and above are expected to supply their own pencil case, pens and pencils, etc. to participate in all lessons. The students will be required to bring it to school each day. Each stage group teacher will send home the list of items required.

Book Packs The school has pre-ordered all of the exercise books, folders, scrapbooks, pencils, whiteboard markers etc. that your child will need throughout the year. (Year 3 to 6 will be required to supply their own pencil case, pens and pencils etc. so these items will not be provided for years 3 to 6 in the Resource Pack)	Book Pack Not Optional cost for Years K - 6 \$25.00
Mathletics This is a very popular website that we are able to access at a reduced price through the school. It will be offered to all parents as it caters for all stage groups. Children in Kindergarten – Year 6 will access the program in class and can access the website at home at any time to consolidate skills. It will cost \$13.00 per child. If you were to register privately it is closer to \$100.00 per child.	Mathletics Not Optional Access per child \$13.00
Wushka This is a reading program that we are able to access at a reduced price through the school. It will be offered to all parents as it caters for all stage groups. Children in Kindergarten – Year 6 will access the program in class and can access the website at home at any time to consolidate skills. It will cost \$13.00 per child. If you were to register privately it is closer to \$100.00 per child.	Wushka Not Optional Access per child \$10.00
School Contribution The school contribution scheme enables the school to acquire much needed classroom supplies. These funds are used to purchase items including class sets of calculators, dictionaries, class reference books, home reading resources, sporting equipment, structured play equipment and art and craft supplies. Your support in contributing to this scheme is much appreciated and valued.	School Contribution Optional Each student \$50.00

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HOW TO PAY THE SCHOOL PAYMENTS

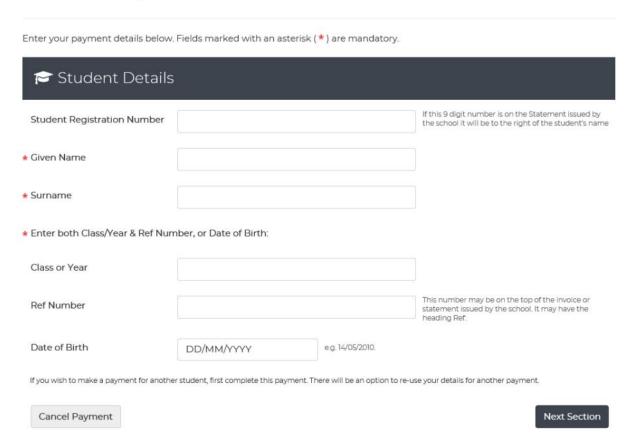
Log into the school website: http://www.revesby-p.schools.nsw.gov.au
 on your mobile device.



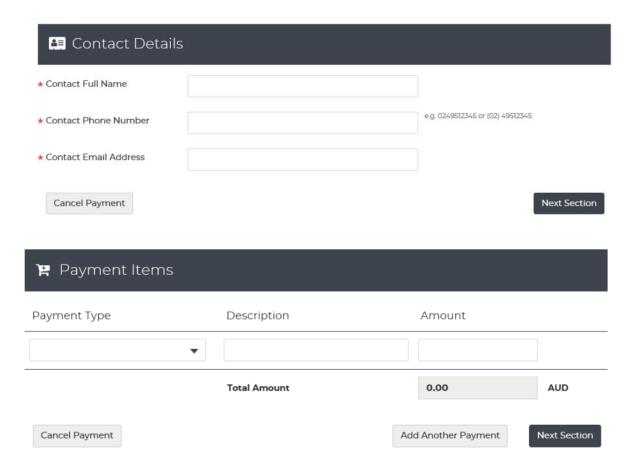
Click on MAKE A PAYMENT button

2. This will take you to the Westpac Site:

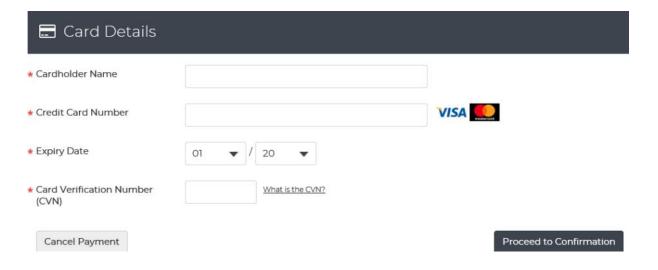
Make a Payment



No need for student Registration Number



Use the drop down box to pick what you would like to pay for. You can add another payment for multiple payments



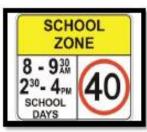
PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- If you are using a MAC computer please use FIREFOX browser Westpac does NOT function on the Safari browser.
- All payments for P&C (Uniform Shop) are *NOT* to be paid into the school account. P&C bank information is on the top of the Uniform order form.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Office.



Penalties that apply in School Zones - Parking and Traffic Rules
Choosing Safety over convenience



What does it mean? Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop in this area. Why is it there? To keep sight line clear for drivers AND Children so both have more time to avoid crashes.	Penalty \$344 2 demerit points
NO PARKING	
What does it mean? You are permitted to park for no more than 2 minutes to drop-off/pick-up and you must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	Penalty \$191 2 demerit points
Why is it there? To provide a safe place for children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.	
BUS ZONE	The second second
What does it mean? You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.	Penalty \$344 2 demerit points
Why is it there? To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (INCLUDING CHILDREN'S CROSSING)	Penalty \$457
You must NOT stop within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a Pedestrian Crossing.	2 demerit points
Why is it there? To ensure children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.	
DOUBLE PARKING	10-1 1001 1000
You must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop off and pick up.	Penalty \$344 2 demerit points
Why is it there? Double parking forces cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.	
Mobile Phone Use	Penalty \$457
Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving	5 demerit points
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Disobey 'No Parking' Sign



- ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
- Stay within 3 meters of your car
- Stay less than 2 minutes



With your help, a safer community.

DRIVING OFFENCES SCHOOL ZONES

SCHOOL



SCHOOL

'KISS & DROP' ZONE

Fine =

Child or Passenger Not Restrained

(Not wearing a seat belt or not in a child seat)

Sections 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014

& Lose 5 Points

Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law

> DO NOT talk, text or view your phone while driving.

Section 300 Road Rules 2014



Fine = & Lose 2 Points DO NOT STOP for ANY reason

Section 167 Road Rules 2014

For more information see: Road Rules 2014 http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/index.html

*Fines are current as of July 2020 Fine amounts change regularly. For up-to-clate fine amounts see: http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/index.html



DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES

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Sections 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014



Disobey 'No Stopping' Sign



Revesby Public School Victoria St, Revesby, 2212

You are cordially invited to become a member of the Revesby Public School Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C). Parents of students attending this school and other interested community members aged 18 years or over (including staff members) are eligible to become members of the P&C.

The Annual Membership Fee of \$1 is payable with this application and entitles you to full voting rights as a Financial Member at the meeting, following the one at which your membership fee was paid. Should you choose not to pay the membership fee, you can still participate as an observer but not vote or hold office.

You may join the P&C at any time during the year, however all memberships are due for renewal in March each year.

Please return your completed form to the office or Email revesbypnc@gmail.com

Ren	newing Membership		New Membership		
NAME:				-	
ADDRESS: _					
PHONE: _				-	
EMAIL:					
I am a parent of a student attending Revesby Public School					
OR					
I am an int	erested community me	mber and I am	aged 18 years or over		
, , , ,	for Membership of Reve e bound by the Constitu	•			
SIGNATURE OF A	APPLICANT:	Date	:		
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Date Applicatio	n Received:	Date Membersh	ip Commenced:		
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Please make sure that all lunch orders are in before 9am as hot food can not be prepared in time for lunch.

All online orders need to be in before 8am.

Just a reminder that this week we are running a Scholastic Book Fair on Friday the 19th of February. Due to Covid regulations things will have to be a little different from usual. Classes are invited to schedule a visit to the fair during Friday. Mrs Boyce will be in the library on that day so she will be able to help the students record what they would like, and with sales on the day.

Small printed wish list forms will be available in the library. If your child returns either of these with a receipt number, we can give them their books.



Clean up Revesby Public School Day

On Friday 5th March 2021 the students at Revesby Public School will be

involved in cleaning up the school grounds as part of Clean Up Australia Day. It's a great community event where students learn about the importance of looking after our environment. We ask that students bring a pair of

disposable gloves on the day.

Thank you Mrs Radic

Dear Parents of our Muslim families,

We are unable to source any Muslim Scripture teachers again this year for our whole school Scripture lessons on Fridays for half an hour.

Are you able to help? We have 4 groups in need of a Muslim teacher:

Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6.

We can put you in contact with the local Islamic Special Religious Education office who can provide you with all the materials and accreditation needed.



"Mum, Dad can you volunteer to teach me Islamic scripture at my public school please?"

ISRE - Islamic Special Religious Education can help you teach your own kids. They will supply you with everything you need. You don't have to be a qualified teacher.

Please contact Revesby Public School's office on 9773-8255 if you are able to come and teach Muslim Scripture on Fridays for half an hour.









East Hills Girls Technology High School

Educating Girls for a Technological Future

Year 7 ENROLMENTS for 2022

Open Night – Monday 1st March, 2021 6 pm to 7.30 pm

An invitation is extended to all parents of Year 6 girls to attend an Open Night on Monday 1st March 2021, 6 pm to 7.30 pm. Information about our Out of Area Technology enrolments for 2022 will be presented at this evening.

East Hills Girls Technology High School combines a strong tradition of high student achievement with a wide range of opportunities for students in learning and leadership. Our school is a supportive learning community in which girls achieve high personal standards of learning and behaviour.

Lucas Road, Panania

Phone: 9773 9160 - Fax: 9792 3853 - Email: easthillsg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



High School Intake Areas Key information

- The intake areas for Picnic Point HS, Menai HS, Sir Joseph Banks HS, East Hills Girls Technology HS and East Hills Boys HS will change for prospective Year 7 students in the East Hills area to provide a choice of both co-ed and single-sex options in 2022.
- The changes will affect Year 6 students completing the High School Expression of Interest (EOI) process in Term 1, 2021 for high school entry in Term 1, 2022 in the following primary schools:

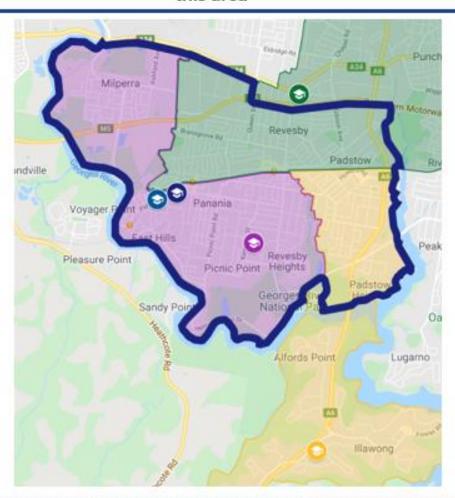
Milperra PS	East Hills PS
Panania PS	Picnic Point PS
Tower Street PS	Revesby South PS
Padstow Heights PS	Padstow Park PS
Panania North PS	Revesby PS
Padstow North PS	

- The new intake areas apply to Year 7 enrolments in 2022 and will gradually extend to all grades by 2025.
- Existing 2021 intake areas will remain in place for Years 8 to 12 in 2022.
- Enrolment applications for older students or students living outside of the new intake area, will be considered on a case-by-case basis in line with the Department's enrolment policy.
- Parents with children in Year 6 completing the High School Expression of Interest (EOI) process in Term 1, 2021 for high school entry in Term 1, 2022 will need to know about these changes.
- High School Expressions of Interest (EOIs) will be open from March 10, 2021.
- Year 6 & 7 coordinators in Primary Schools must also know about these changes to assist parents and carers.
- Everyone can visit schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au from 18 February for updated information.

Primary School	Current High School	NEW High School Options
Revesby PS	Sir Joseph Banks <u>HS</u> only	Sir Joseph Banks HS + All addresses south of the M5 to have East Hills Girls Technology HS + East Hills Boys as well as SJBHS

Map showing intake update

East Hills Boys and East Hills Girls Technology intake area expansion highlighted by a dark blue outline to provide single-sex options to all in this area



Co-ed option Picnic Point HS

- Milperra PS
- East Hills PS
- Panania PS
- · Picnic Point PS
- Tower Street PS
- Revesby South PS

Co-ed Option Menai HS

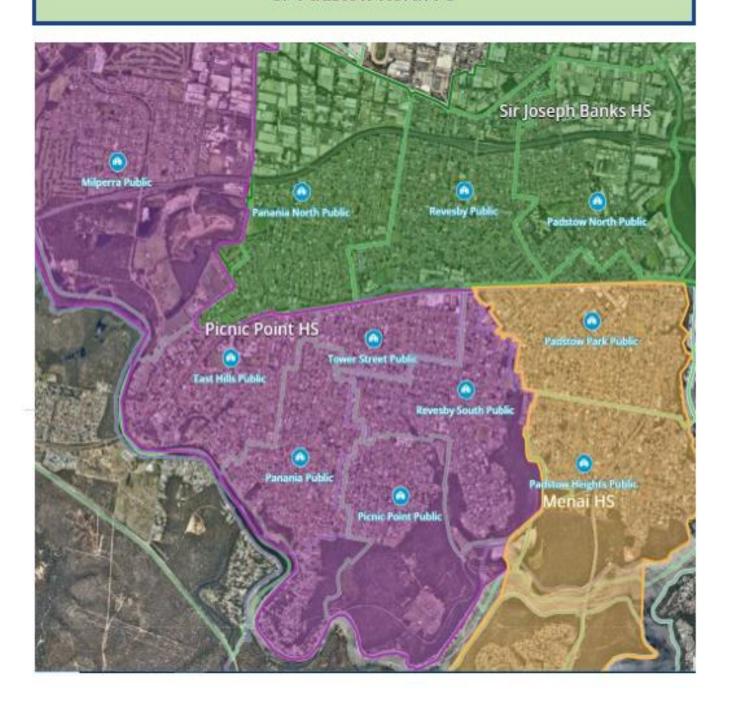
- Padstow Heights PS
- Padstow Park PS (south of railway only)

Co-ed Option Sir Joseph Banks HS

- Panania North PS
- Revesby PS
- Padstow North PS
- Padstow Park PS (north of railway only)

Sir Joseph Banks HS will be the co-ed option with many families also having East Hills Boys and East Hills Girls Technology high schools as single-sex options for:

- 1. Panania North PS
 - 2. Revesby PS
- 3. Padstow North PS



Why have the intake areas changed for our school?

Historically, families living in the East Hills area were offered a choice of either co-educational or single-sex high schools, not both. After an analysis of demographic and enrolment trends with consideration given to each school's permanent accommodation size, intake areas are being adjusted to ultimately offer both co-educational and single sex options, beginning with Year 7 enrolments in 2022.

What is the new intake area? How do I find out which one I live in?

The <u>School Finder</u> website has been updated with the new intake area boundaries. Go to <u>schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au</u> to view them.

Will my child/children need to transfer to a different school because of this change?

No.

Who does the change apply to?

The new intake area **only** applies to Year 7 enrolments in 2022 but will gradually extend to all grades by 2025. The existing 2021 intake area remains in place for Years 8-12 in 2022.

Will siblings have to attend different schools?

Enrolment applications for older students or students living outside of the new intake area, will be considered on a case-by-case basis in line with the Department's enrolment policy.

Other circumstances involving siblings will be considered in line with the Department's enrolment policy guidelines.

If you require any assistance please contact the school office 9773 8255

Kind regards

Narelle Nies

Principal