



Blacktown West Public School

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL RECORDS

Matthew Liu 5S for breaking the following records at the 2025 BWPS Swimming Carnival:

Matthew Liu broke the 10 years Boys 50m Free Style record with 38.10 breaking the previous record by over 5 seconds.

Matthew Liu broke the Junior Boys 50m Back Stroke record with 49.96 beating the previous record by over 4 seconds.

Matthew Liu broke the Junior Boys 50m Breaststroke with 54.82 beating the previous record by over 12 seconds.

Matthew Liu broke the Junior Boys 50m Butterfly with 54.00 breaking the previous record by over 10 seconds.

Congratulations Matthew!

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

This Friday (28th February) we will be participating in 'Clean Up Australia Day' at school. Students are invited to wear yellow and green clothing as well as donate a gold coin to support the Australian charity. Each class will be cleaning an area of the school and completing activities to learn about keeping our environment clean.

STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House envelopes will be coming home to each family. If you would like to make a donation, please

place a \$2 coin in the envelope and return it to your child's class teacher or scan the QR code on the front of the envelope.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Tuesday, 18th March. We will be sending out an email and hard copy to all families with a code to log on and order your child's photos. Once you have logged on, you can select which package you want and there will also be a section where you can order family photos.

The Year 6 and Prefect photos will be taken later in the year once the Year 6 T Shirts have arrived.

The opportunity to purchase SRC, sports captains, library monitor photos will be sent out to relevant families after the photo day.

KINDERGARTEN OT LESSONS

We have once again employed an occupational therapist to come onsite each Friday to work with each of our Kindergarten classes for an hour-long session to strengthen and develop their gross and fine motor skills through a specific program. This is funded by the school so each Kindergarten student can attend.

BLACKTOWN GIRLS & BOYS HIGH SCHOOLS

Outcome of consultation for co-educational high school options



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The NSW Department of Education has determined that Blacktown Boys High School and Blacktown Girls High School will remain as separate single-sex schools.

Adjustments will be made to surrounding intake areas to ensure all students in the Blacktown area have access to a co-educational high school option.

In response to feedback gathered during the consultation process, the department will also explore co-educational academic, sporting and extracurricular opportunities for students at Blacktown Boys and Blacktown Girls high schools and will work closely with both schools to identify and implement initiatives.

This outcome has been determined following careful review of feedback received from the Blacktown community during the consultation process and reflects the community's preference regarding local high school options.

Key changes:

The department has heard community feedback on proposed intake areas for surrounding high schools, presented during the consultation process.

The final intake areas for each school will be made available via [School Finder](#) and will be applied for any new enrolment application for 2026.

The department will explore the introduction of co-educational learning opportunities to enhance curriculum

offerings at both schools, in collaboration with staff.

How to apply for Year 7 2026

Families interested in applying for Year 7 in 2026 at their local high school or for an out of area high school placement, including for Blacktown Boys or Blacktown Girls high schools can express interest through the [high school application process on department's website](#)

Thank you to all students, parents, carers, staff and community members who took part in the consultation process, which ran from 28 October to 6 December 2024.

Your feedback has been valuable in ensuring we continue to provide the most suitable schooling arrangements for students in the Blacktown area. More information is available on the [department's website](#).

SCRIPTURE CLASSES- YEARS 1-6

Scripture classes will start from next week each Thursday. The students will be shown which room their scripture class will take place or where they will go for non-scripture during their allocated time.

CANTEEN MENU

A new canteen price list and menu is attached to this newsletter.

SRC REPRESENTATIVES

Classes from Years 2 to 6 have had their elections for SRC representatives for 2025. The students from each class



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who have been elected will receive their badges at next Monday morning's assembly (3rd March). A letter has gone home to those parents inviting them to watch the assembly. The SRC will participate in weekly meetings to organise fund raising activities and initiatives for the school.

BIRTHDAY CAKES AND FOOD

Many students at our school have food intolerances or are allergic to various foods. With that in mind we are unable to share birthday cakes or food sent in to celebrate special occasions.

YEAR 6 T SHIRTS

Year 6 sample shirts have been tried on by all year 6 students. A letter went home outlining the process for ordering a shirt via the SCHOOL BYTES APP. The orders close on **Thursday February 27th**. We will be unable to place any order after this date. Each shirt is \$35.00.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is opened each Thursday 9:15-10:30am. All sales are cash only.

LIBRARY

Please remember to bring your library bag or pillow slip if you want to borrow a book. We need to protect our books to and from school so they can be continued to be borrowed.

YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Next week, all Year 6 families need to complete an 'Expression of Interest Form' online which is the first step to organising a placement for your child for Year 7.

An email will go home to all Year 6 parents outlining the process. In the lead up to completing this form many of the local high school will hold an open afternoon/ night where parents and students can go to see what each high school offers.

We have currently received information from the following school regarding their open afternoon/night:

Evans High School- Tuesday 4th March @ 5:00pm in the common room

Blacktown Boys High School – Tuesday 4th March @ 3:30-5:30pm

Mitchell High School -Wednesday 5th March @ 5:00 – 7:00pm in the school hall

As we receive further flyers from local high school, we will place the information of the school enews APP.

M. Peel

Principal