



VICTORIA AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

Week 5

Monday 26 February

Gymnastics K - 6

Tuesday 27 February

2:15 K-2 Assembly – Kangaroos

Meet the Teacher

3:30 – 4:30 K – 2

4:30 – 5:30 3 - 6

Wednesday 28 February

9:00 – 11:00 Police Youth Liaison Officer Visit

Friday 1 March

PSSA Training

PSSA

Clean Up Australia Day

Saturday 2 March

11:30 – 1:30 Welcome Picnic for all new families

Positive School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents and Carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

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

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment

- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. 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. For further information you can read this brochure from the NSW Department of Education.

Please remember students are encouraged to be *In the Gate by Half-Past 8 – Attendance Matters*

Late Drop off and Early Pick Up

If you are picking up your child early, you must go to the school office and sign them out. If a student is late coming to school, you must sign them in at the front office before they go to class. Students cannot sign themselves in or out of school. Please try to avoid collecting children during our break times. Should this be unavoidable please allow enough time for us to locate them within our grounds.

Bike and Scooter Safety

Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate

All bicycle and scooter riders are required by law to wear an approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened. We are observing an increased number of students now riding bikes and scooters with their helmets. Thank you to our school community for ensuring students are riding safely to and from school.

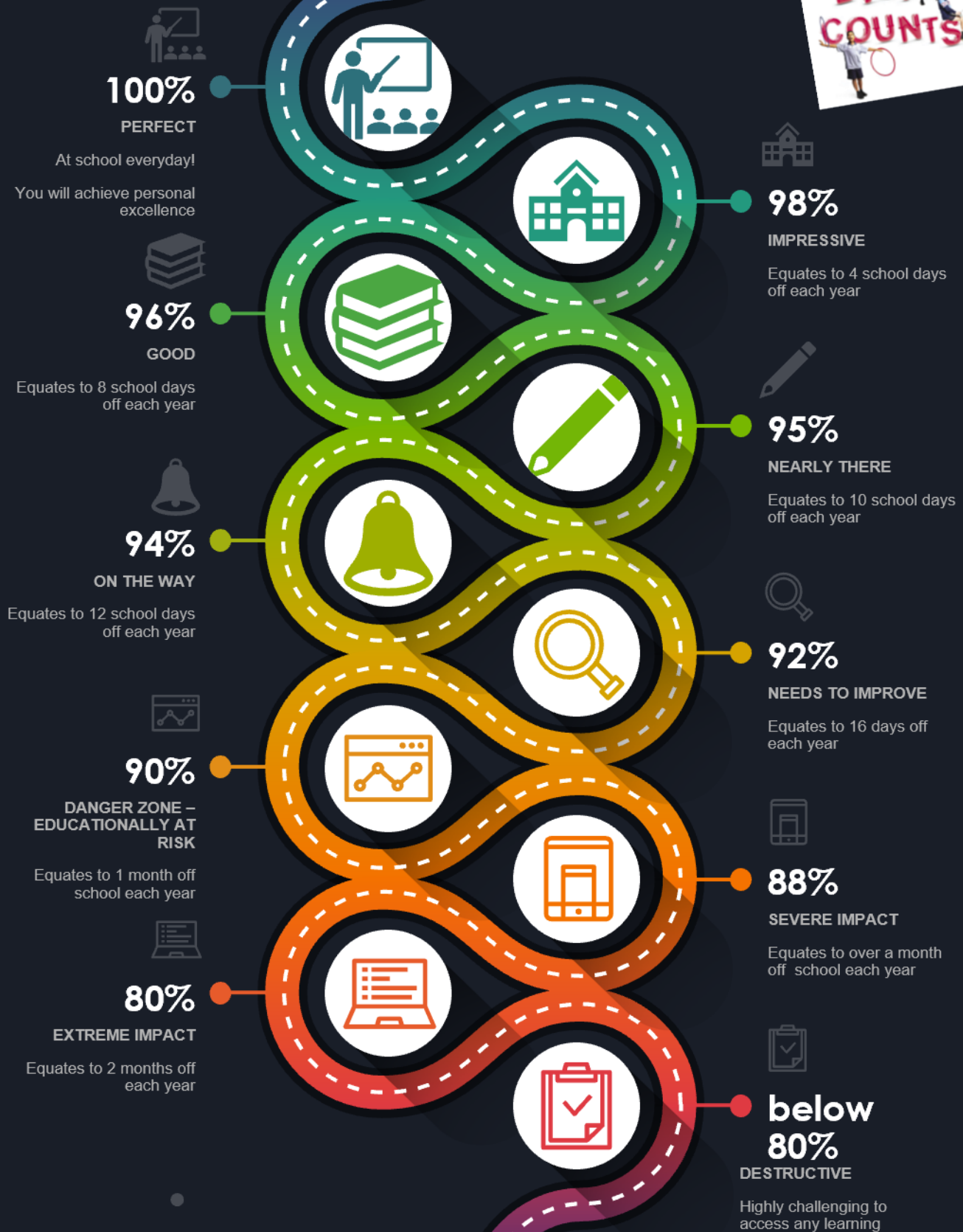
Allergies

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life threatening, severe allergic reaction which occurs after exposure to an allergen (usually to foods, insects or medicines), to which a person is already extremely sensitive. We have a number of students at Victoria Avenue Public School with anaphylaxis and similar allergic conditions and our staff undertake face-to-face and online training in providing an emergency response to this condition. The parents of our anaphylactic and allergic students work hard to educate their children about the risks of sharing food, as do our teachers. As this is a potentially life-threatening condition, we ask that you please consider these students before sending high-risk products such as peanut butter, Nutella and seafood in school lunchboxes. Please talk to your child about the potential risks of sharing food and ask them to wash their hands after eating any nut-based or seafood products. Thank you for your understanding, our anaphylactic children and their families appreciate your support.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Elisa Baker
Principal

Attendance Road Map



Based on 195 learning days per year

Victoria Avenue Medical Procedures

Prescribed 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
- complete the Victoria Avenue Public School Medical Permission Note (please see the office for a copy of this note).

The administration of prescribed medication in schools is carried out by staff who volunteer and who are trained. Students must not carry medication unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents/carers.

Individual Health Care Plans:

An individual health care plan must be developed for:

- severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy and anaphylaxis
- any student who is diagnosed as having a condition that may require an emergency response
- any student who requires the administration of health care procedures

If your child has any health conditions and does not already have an existing individual health care plan, please contact the office to collect the required forms.

If your child has an adrenaline auto injector (EpiPen) prescribed by a medical practitioner, an Action Plan for Anaphylaxis must be completed. If the school does not have a current, Action Plan for Anaphylaxis please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

If your child has allergic reactions where no adrenaline autoinjector is prescribed by a medical practitioner, an Action Plan For Allergic Reactions must be completed. If the school does not have a current Action Plan for Allergic Reactions please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

If your child has been prescribed by a medical practitioner as having asthma, an Asthma Action Plan is required. If the school does not have a current Asthma Action Plan please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

Dropping Off and Picking Up students

A 'Kiss and Ride Zone' or 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area utilises existing 'No Parking' zones around schools. In these areas, drivers may stop to drop off or pick up children, however No Parking rules apply:

- Maximum stop time is 2 minutes
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle
- Vehicle must not be left unattended

Additional safety tips for school zones:

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area, following the school's procedures
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary
- Never double park
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

Safety Tips for Students:

- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, e.g. on the floor
- Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt
- Always get in and out of the backseat of the vehicle through the safety door - the rear footpath-side door.

No Stopping



What does it mean? You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON (including queuing or waiting for space).

Why is it there? Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children/pedestrians.

Penalty \$330 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

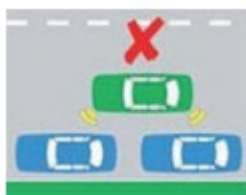
No Parking



What does it mean? You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available, you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for children/pedestrian set down and pick up.

Double Parking



You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Why is it there? Double parking forces other cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.

Penalty \$330 Demerit points (School Zone)

Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices form the relational basis for Quality Teaching and Learning. Our Restorative Practice Framework, because of its explicit nature, offers a common language and practice capable of fostering healthy relationships. Student achievement is enhanced through Restorative values being embedded as a way of being and learning together. Our approach fosters individual responsibility and helps develop empathy. Inappropriate behaviour or choices and mistakes can be viewed as an opportunity for insight, learning and development in both the academic and social domains.

The explicit framework is inextricably linked to the Quality Teaching Framework and includes the following sets of questions to be asked by children, teachers and parents.

When Things Go Wrong.... When Someone Has Been Hurt

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you may do to make things right?
- What did you think when you realised what happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

The process is empowering as it takes students from the past to the present and gives them hope for the future. It empowers them to make things right and heal any harm that has been done. A restorative classroom setting is one that values dialogue through an inclusive approach where everyone expects to be heard and through this participatory process, students develop the capacity to learn that emotions are an important and legitimate expression of healthy dialogue. This process helps students to deal with conflict, tensions and difference in respectful ways that engender trust and foster healthy relationships.

Our Help Increase the Peace (HIP) Keys

Our school values incorporate the 'Help Increase the Peace Keys' to promote a harmonious, nurturing, and challenging living and learning environment.

The HIP program offers a whole school approach to building relationships through communication, co-operation, trust building and conflict resolution.

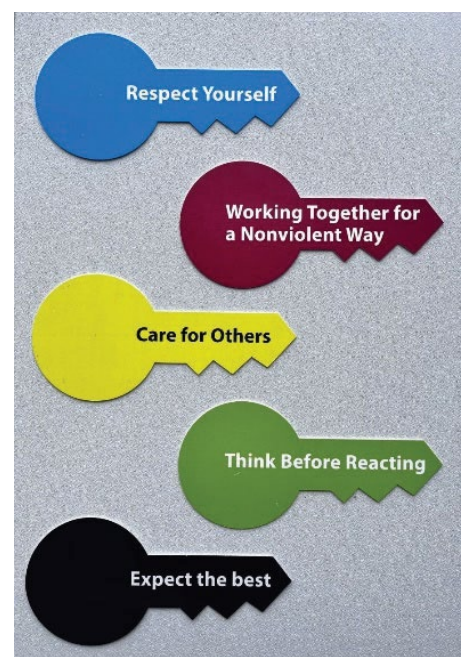
YELLOW KEY Care for Others

GREEN KEY Think Before Reacting

BLUE KEY Respect Yourself

RED KEY Work Together for a Non-Violent Way

BLACK KEY Expect the Best

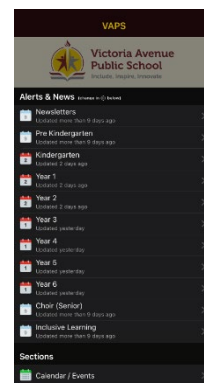


Parent Communication

We use a variety of platforms to communicate information about upcoming events and highlight the great things that happen at Victoria Avenue Public School.

School Enews App

Important notifications are posted and emailed on the School Enews App. School Enews is a free app available for all mobile devices. Just download the app from the App Store or Play Store by searching for Victoria Avenue Public School. Please ensure that push notifications alerts are turned on so that you can receive information as soon as it is distributed.



School Website

Our school website is updated frequently. Our school website is <https://victoriaav-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>



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Facebook

Victoria Avenue Public School has its own Facebook page where we celebrate student achievements. Parents are unable to post any news items but can comment on reports and photos. The page is designed to keep the community up to date regarding all the wonderful things that happen at Victoria Avenue Public School.



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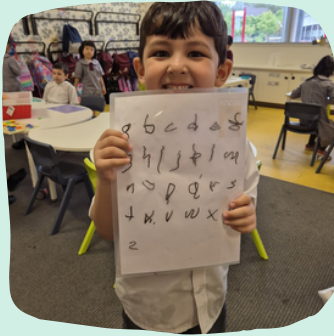
KINDY TURTLES

Term 1, Week 4



We have been learning to subitise to see different chunks in dot patterns.

We have been having lots of fun in literacy groups!



We love our gymnastics and sports lessons!

Buddies from the Lyrebirds came to help us with our first art lesson.



What does my popcorn look like?



Stage 1 - Possums
IN WEEK 3 OF SCIENCE,
STUDENTS DISCOVERED HOW
TO USE THEIR SENSES
THROUGHOUT OUR POPCORN
EXPERIMENT....

What does it feel like?



What does it smell
like?



**AND WE GOT
TO TASTE IT!
THE POPCORN
TASTES
LIKE....**

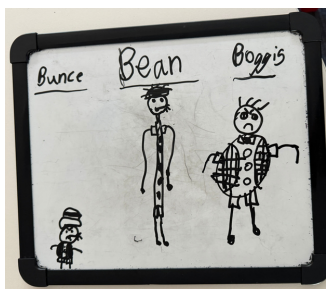
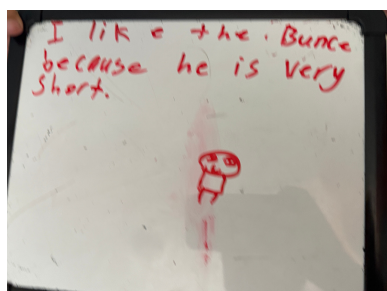
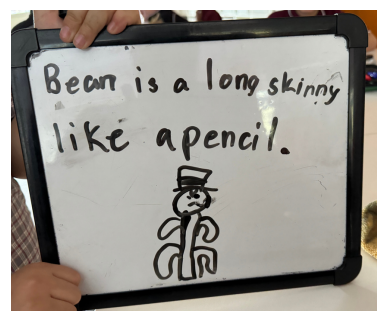
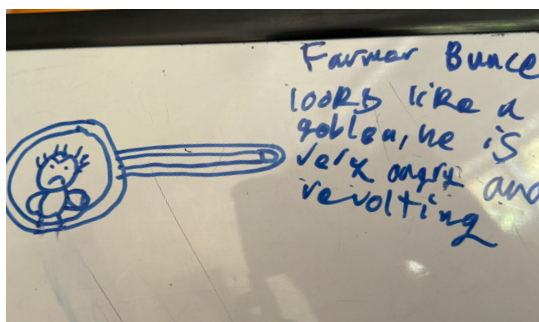
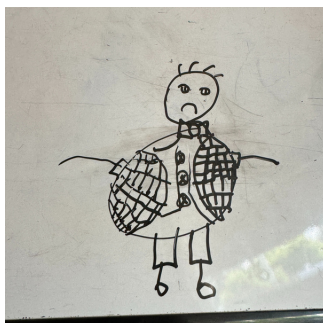
My popcorn
felt like...





KOOKABURRAS

The Kookaburras have been enjoying our book 'Fantastic Mr Fox' especially getting to know our three farmers. We have been looking at how adjectives can shape the way we view characters.



The Kookaburras have been learning lots of new skills as well as finessing their abilities in our gymnastic lessons.



Frogs

This week the Frogs have been learning how to describe different settings using our senses. We have been using these settings in our creative writing activities.



The Lyrebirds had a wonderful time visiting the Turtles to help them with their arts and crafts activity. They had a great time connecting with the Kindy students, displaying their role model qualities and building new relationships.



Victoria Avenue Public School
invites you to:

MEET THE TEACHER



TUESDAY FEB 27TH

SCHOOL HALL

K-2 3:30-4:30pm

3-6 4:30-5:30pm

Parents will attend a general information session
in the school hall, and will then visit their child's
classroom to meet their teacher.

Welcome Picnic



SATURDAY, MARCH 2

11:30am - 1:30pm

**FREE
EVENT**

**ALL NEW
FAMILIES
WELCOME**

Victoria Avenue Public School together with
the P & C, would like to invite all new 2024
students and their families to our school
Welcome Picnic.

**Come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle, meet our
wonderful P & C, teachers and other new families.**

VICTORIA AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP - REGULAR OPENING HOURS

Mondays during school terms from 2.00pm to 3.15pm

If you are able to volunteer some time to help out, please email vapsuniforms@gmail.com. No prior experience necessary!

FEBRUARY 2024 - UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE

We have welcomed many new families in the uniform shop this year. Thank you for your patience if you have visited the shop in a busy time. Due to increasing manufacturing costs, a new price list was issued on January 1, 2024. QKR has been updated to reflect price changes. The new class structure has been updated on QKR, please update your child(ren)'s profile next time you order online.

SECOND HAND ITEM DONATIONS

The Uniform shop is able to accept only good quality, clean and intact items of clothing to resell to other families.

We require that all items must be washed and clean prior to donation, with no rips/tears or stains of any kind.

We are unable to accept items purchased from other stores for resale.

Recently, there has been an increase in unsuitable items being donated to the Uniform shop. Sorting through items takes up valuable time of volunteers as well as needing to finding suitable ways to dispose of these items.

Please don't donate stained, damaged, dirty or non-standard items.



For all enquiries, please contact us at:
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VICTORIA AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C UNIFORM SHOP

SEVERAL CLOTHING LINES ARE BEING DISCONTINUED.

This is part of a transition to a more streamlined Uniform Shop.

Several sizes/items remain available across discontinued lines.

They can still be used as a part of the uniform even if they are no longer sold by the Uniform Shop.

If you are keen to purchase these discontinued items for your child, please get in quick before they are gone.

- Art smocks: there are limited numbers of Medium and Large remaining.
Small art smocks have sold out.
Remaining smocks are now \$10 each.
- Fleece track pants have very limited numbers remaining in sizes 4 to 16.
Remaining track pants have been reduced to \$20 each.
- Girl's winter grey pants – the decision to discontinue this particular item has been made as they require a large custom order to stock them (which increases the price) and have a very limited size range.
The girls winter pants have now been reduced to \$25 a pair to clear remaining stock.

In the future:

Microfibre trackpants will be the winter sports option to match the sports jacket.

A standard single knee, unisex pull on long grey pant will eventually replace both the boys double knee winter pant and the girls winter pant.



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VICTORIA AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C UNIFORM SHOP

HOW TO ORDER OUTSIDE OF UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

QKR app: Uniform shop orders are available on QKR. Cut off for orders is midnight Sunday.

Paper forms: Completed order forms and payment can be left at the school office.

Where to collect orders: Orders are available for pick up from Tuesday mornings at the school office.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second hand uniforms are subject to availability only.

Second hand uniforms are all \$5, except sports jackets, jumpers, school backpacks, girls' summer and winter tunics – these are all \$10 per item.

Donations of good quality second hand VAPS uniform items are gratefully accepted.

We do not accept donations of damaged or stained items, items with broken zippers, or from other retailers. These items cannot be resold as second-hand items in the uniform shop.

CONDITIONS OF SALE FOR ALL ITEMS

Refunds **cannot** be issued on any purchases, either made in person or online via QKR.

Exchange for suitable items is available, provided all items are presented as new in the original packaging with all tags attached and proof of purchase included.

For exchange of online orders or out of uniform shop hours, please leave with front office in as new condition as outlined above. Please include your email address or contact phone number if we need to contact you for further information.

No exchanges or refunds are available on second hand items; free/damaged items available as is, no returns and exchanges accepted.



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VICTORIA AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST (FEBRUARY 2024)

PRODUCT	NEW ITEM PRICE	SECOND HAND ITEM PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
HATS AND ACCESSORIES					
VAPS SCHOOL HAT (MEDIUM OR LARGE)	AUD 20.00	AUD 5.00			
GIRLS TIE	AUD 15.00	AUD 5.00			
BOYS PRE-MADE TIE	AUD 15.00	AUD 5.00			
BOYS STANDARD TIE	AUD 15.00	AUD 5.00			
3 PACK SOCKS (SIZES 9-12, 13-3, 2-8)	AUD 15.00	N/A			
TIGHTS (SIZES 4-6, 7-10, 10-12, 12-14)	AUD 15.00	N/A			
SUMMER SCRUNCHIE (HANDMADE X 1)	AUD 5.00	N/A			
WINTER SCRUNCHIES (PACK OF 2)	AUD 5.00	N/A			
HEADBAND (PACK OF 2)	AUD 5.00	N/A			
BAGS					
VAPS LOGO EXCURSION BAGS	AUD 15.00	AUD 5.00			
VAPS LOGO LIBRARY BAGS	AUD 15.00	AUD 5.00			
VAPS LOGO BACKPACK	AUD 50.00	AUD 10.00			
SUMMER UNIFORM					
BOYS SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT	AUD 30.00	AUD 5.00			
BOYS GREY SHORTS	AUD 25.00	AUD 5.00			
GIRLS SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT	AUD 30.00	AUD 5.00			
GIRLS SUMMER SKORT	AUD 25.00	AUD 5.00			
GIRLS SUMMER DRESS	AUD 70.00	AUD 10.00			
WINTER UNIFORM					
VAPS LOGO V-NECK JUMPER	AUD 50.00	AUD 10.00			
BOYS LONG SLEEVE SHIRT	AUD 30.00	AUD 5.00			
BOYS GREY WINTER PANTS	AUD 30.00	AUD 5.00			
GIRLS LONG SLEEVE SHIRT	AUD 30.00	AUD 5.00			
GIRLS TAILORED FLEXIWAIST PANTS	AUD 25.00	AUD 5.00			
GIRLS WINTER TUNIC	AUD 70.00	AUD 10.00			
SPORTS UNIFORM					
SPORTS SHIRT SHORT SLEEVE	AUD 30.00	AUD 5.00			
SPORTS SHORTS	AUD 25.00	AUD 5.00			
SPORTS SHIRT LONG SLEEVE	AUD 35.00	AUD 5.00			
SPORTS MICROFIBRE LONG PANTS w/CUFF	AUD 30.00	AUD 5.00			
SPORTS JACKET	AUD 55.00	AUD 10.00			

DATE: _____

ORDER TOTAL: _____

FILLED BY: _____

STUDENT NAME AND CLASS: _____

NOTES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

- THE UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS EACH MONDAY BETWEEN 2.00PM AND 3.15PM
- ONLINE ORDER CUTOFF IS MIDNIGHT SUNDAY. COMPLETED ORDERS AT SCHOOL OFFICE FOR PICK UP FROM TUESDAY.
- PLEASE NOTE: REFUNDS CANNOT BE ISSUED ON ANY PURCHASES, EITHER PLACED IN PERSON OR ONLINE VIA QKR.
- EXCHANGE FOR SUITABLE ITEMS IS AVAILABLE, PROVIDED ALL ITEMS ARE PRESENTED AS NEW IN THE ORIGINAL PACKAGING WITH ALL TAGS ATTACHED AND PROOF OF PURCHASE INCLUDED.
- FOR EXCHANGE OF ONLINE ORDERS OR OUT OF UNIFORM SHOP HOURS, PLEASE LEAVE WITH FRONT OFFICE IN AS NEW CONDITION AS OUTLINED ABOVE.
- NO EXCHANGES OR REFUNDS AVAILABLE ON SECOND HAND ITEMS OR FREE/DAMAGED ITEMS - AVAILABLE AS IS.
- FOR ALL UNIFORM SHOP QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS EMAIL US AT vapsuniforms@gmail.com

Open Night 2024

Tuesday 5 March

5:30 - 6:pm Principal's address

6:00 - 7pm

- High Potential and Gifted Education presentation
- Discovery tours led by student leaders
- Interactive displays with student leaders
- View displays of student work
- Students will engage in interactive activities

Parents and prospective Year 7 2025 and 2026 students and their parents are warmly invited to attend our Open Night.

This is a unique opportunity to view the excellent academic, sporting and cultural programs we offer to our students.

Concord High School has been recognised at State level for many of its initiatives including:

- an innovative, connected curriculum designed to enhance pastoral care, reduce the number of Year 7 teachers and support a smooth transition to high school
- A High Potential and Gifted Education program taught by highly skilled teachers with additional training in gifted education
- A range of programs in Years 9/10/11 to further engage students

A whole school philosophy of "every student will be known, valued and cared for to achieve their potential within a context of high expectations".

Concord High School

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HOMEBUSH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

ON THURSDAY 14 MARCH, HOMEBUSH
BOYS HIGH SCHOOL WILL HOST AN OPEN
NIGHT FOR FAMILIES OF YEAR 7
STUDENTS COMMENCING IN 2025.
FAMILIES WILL HEAR FROM OUR
PRINCIPAL, TOUR THE SCHOOL,
EXPERIENCE FACULTY WORKSHOPS AND
HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO ASK STAFF AND
STUDENTS QUESTIONS.

**A PRESENTATION IN THE HALL
WILL START AT 5PM
FOLLOWED BY SCHOOL TOURS AT
5:30 PM
EVENING CONCLUDES AT APPROX
6:30 PM**

BOOKINGS ARE ONLINE AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CPHRA](https://www.trybooking.com/CPHRA)
OR YOU MAY CONTACT US ON 9764 3611





CANTEEN MENU - TERM ONE 2024

RECESS/SNACKS

Yoghurt Cup	\$3.00
Mixed Berries with Yoghurt	\$3.50
Fruit Cup	\$3.00
Vege & Hummus Cup	\$3.00
Homemade Muffins	\$2.50
Homemade Cookies	\$1.50
Hash Browns	\$2.00
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Cheese and Crackers	\$2.00
Jelly Cup	\$2.00

SANDWICHES

Available At Lunch Everyday

All Served on Wholemeal Bread

Wrap	50c
Toasted	50c
Gluten Free Bread	\$2.00
Vegemite	

	\$3.00
Tasty Cheese or One Salad Item	\$3.00
Egg with Mayonnaise & Lettuce	\$4.50
	from
Ham/Chicken/Tuna	\$4.00
With Salad	\$6.00

Salad - Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber & Carrot	\$5.00
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SALAD BOXES

Salad Box -Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot	\$5.00
	From
Add Chicken, Tuna or Egg	\$1.00
add avocado	\$1.50

DAILY HOT FOOD (Available Everyday)

Beef Burger	\$6.00
Beef, Lettuce & Tomato with tomato sauce	
Chicken Burger	\$6.00
Crumber Breast Tender, lettuce & whole egg mayo	
Falafel Burger	\$6.00
Hummus, Lettuce & Tomato	
Lean Beef Pie	\$5.00
Lean Sausage Roll	\$5.00
Oven Baked Wedges	\$5.00
Oven Baked Fish Fingers	\$5.00
Add Oven Baked Chips	\$3.00

Daily Specials (Only Available on each specific day)

TUESDAY

Penne Napolitana	\$5.00
Cheese Quesadillas	\$5.00

WEDNESDAY

Nachos	\$5.00
Beef, Chicken or Bean	
Butter Chicken	\$5.00
Served with Boiled Rice	

THURSDAY

Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets (6 Pieces)	\$5.00
- Add Oven Baked Chips	\$3.00
Pizza	\$5.00
- Margherita	
- Hawaiian	
- BBQ Chicken	

DRINKS

Water Bottles	\$2.00
Juice box	\$2.50
Milk (Choc & Strawberry)	\$3.00
Chill J - (Sparkling Fruit Juice)	\$3.00

FROZEN TREATS

Ice-blocks	From \$2.00
Frozen Yoghurt	\$3.00
Vanilla Ice-cream Cup	\$3.00