



Important Dates

TERM 1 WEEK 2 2023

FEB

- 1-3** Kindergarten Best Start Interviews—Via Appointment
- 6** Kindergarten commence—staggered start times
- 27** Swimming Carnival—Competitors only

MAR

- 8** Zone Swimming Carnival-Qualifying students only

School caps and surf hats can be purchased from the school office:
School caps \$18— Surf hats \$20

PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

Learning Environment Cooperation Respect

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the 2023 school year. I hope you have all had a wonderful break.

School staff have been working hard during the holidays and over the 2 staff development days to prepare classrooms and learning schedules for students. Staff have also been learning about the implementation of the new K-2 English and maths syllabuses.

The new syllabuses for 3-10 English and maths are available to begin planning for 2024 implementation.

It has been wonderful to see all the students back at school, ready to learn. Fresh haircuts, impeccable school uniforms and a 'sea of coloured back packs,' greeted me this morning.

What a fantastic start to the year!!!

Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools Package

The Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful (IER) Schools package was announced in February last year by NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning, Hon Sarah Mitchell.

It centres on three new policies and procedures and a framework that together set the guidelines for how we ensure all children and young people can learn through public education in a safe and engaging way. The IER Schools package includes the:

Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability

Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures

Restrictive Practices Framework and Restrictive Practices Reduction and Elimination Policy and Procedures.

With these new policies, we want all students to:

be included in all aspects of school life and supported to learn to their fullest capability

be supported in engaging, respectful, and effective classrooms with positive and inclusive practices

feel welcomed, valued and safe in our schools and classroom

Two of the policies are new: the Inclusive Education Policy; and the Restrictive Practices

Framework and policy. Both clarify existing legal obligations, effective, appropriate and prohibited practices, and the rights of students, parents and carers.

The Student Behaviour Policy replaces the Student Discipline in Government Schools and Suspension and Expulsion Policy. The key change is the approach all NSW public schools will take to address disruptive or inappropriate behaviour by a student. The duration of a suspension will be reduced along with the number of suspensions across a school year. Every school will be able to draw on the support of a range of staff including behaviour specialists to effectively address issues resulting in these behaviours in order to prevent future escalations. We will continue to work closely with you and all our families.

It does not mean, however, that students who are violent or seriously disrupt the learning and wellbeing of others will be kept at school. Any student who puts the safety of other students, teachers and staff or visitors at risk of harm – will be suspended until it is safe for them to return.

The Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability and the Student Behaviour Policy become operational in Term 4, 2022 and the Restrictive Practices Policy becomes operational in Term 1, 2023.

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The staff and I are reviewing our current approach to all of the areas covered by these policies, and wish to share any changes we believe need to be made with you next term.

Our school already takes a strong, positive student-centred approach, but we want to work with you to ensure, together, every student has the right support at the right time to help them grow into confident, resilient adults. For more information on these policies, please visit the [NSW Department of Education website](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au/).



Kindergarten – Best Start is being conducted for all Kindergarten students this week. If you have forgotten your time or lost your notification slip from Kindergarten Orientation please contact the school office. Kindergarten students will commence school next Monday 6 February at 9:15am.

Back To School Vouchers - Please click on the link below for more information:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/initiatives/back-to-school/back-to-school-vouchers>

Clothing Pool – Mrs. Witt will open the Clothing Pool every Wednesday from 2:30pm-3:15pm.

Please ring the school office ahead on 47212158/47321142 so we can ensure numbers on the school grounds are managed.

Breakfast Club – Breakfast Club has commenced. It operates from 8:45am each morning. A big thank you to Ms Thrift who oversees the Breakfast Club Program and to Mrs. Witt who runs Breakfast Club every morning.

Camp Australia – Please register with Camp Australia to receive alerts regarding before and after school childcare and make a booking if you require your child to be looked after outside the hours of 8:45am and 3:15pm. **PLEASE REMEMBER SCHOOL SUPERVISION IS FROM 8:45AM. SCHOOL COMMENCES AT 9:15AM. SCHOOL CONCLUDES AT 3:15PM.**

Drop Off and Pick Up Times – Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information. We look forward to inviting parents of Years 1-6 students on to the school grounds for our 'Teacher Meet and Greet,' 21 February (Week 5). More information in due course

Warm regards

Sue McMahon

Relieving Principal



Penrith
Public School

Back to School Information

Term 1 2023

Years 1-6 return to school

Tuesday 31 January 2023

Kindergarten start school

Monday 6 February 2023

Drop Off: Start and finish times will be staggered for Kindergarten for the first week to reduce congestion. We ask that parents from all other years drop at the gates.

Kindy: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Years 1- 6 and Support: 9:15am - 3:15pm

Pick up: Children will be dismissed from the top gates of an afternoon. If your child attends Kiss and Drop in the afternoon, please inform your child and their class teacher.

Surnames A-F dismissed from the Doonmore Street gate.

Surnames G-M dismissed from the Cnr High Street gate.

**Surnames N-Z dismissed from the High Street gate
(near Penrith High School).**

**Support, Taxi or Kiss and Drop dismissed from the canteen gate on
Doonmore Street.**

UNIFORMS

BACK TO SCHOOL 2023



BACK TO BASICS SCHOOLWEAR
52 COX AVENUE
KINGSWOOD NSW

Our Website



SHOP INSTORE OR ONLINE

Monday to Friday - 8:00AM to 4:30PM

Saturday - 9:00AM to 12:00PM

Our stores will be closed from December 21ST 2022
and will reopen on January 4TH 2023

JANUARY TRADING HOURS 2023

Monday to Friday - 8:00AM to 5:00PM
(Closed Australia Day - Thursday 26TH of January)

Saturdays 9AM - 3PM	SAT 7 TH	SAT 14 TH	SAT 21 ST	SAT 28 TH
Sundays 10AM - 1PM	SUN 8 TH	SUN 15 TH	SUN 22 ND	SUN 29 TH

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2022-2023 Price List



PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL

POLO SHIRT	\$ 38.00
BOYS 08 NAVY SHORTS	\$ 28.00
BOYS 05 NAVY TROUSERS	\$ 38.00
SUMMER DRESS	\$ 63.00
BLOUSE	\$ 43.00
SKORT	\$ 36.00
NAVY SLACKS	\$ 45.00
GIRLS PULL-ON NAVY SHORTS	\$ 31.00
NAVY SLOPPY JOE	\$ 43.00
NAVY ZIP JACKET	\$ 48.00
NAVY FLEECE TRACKPANTS	\$ 35.00
MICROFIBRE JACKET	\$ 68.00
MICROFIBRE TRACKPANTS	\$ 50.00
SPORT SHORTS	\$ 30.00
CAP	\$ 18.00
SURF HAT	\$ 20.00
SCRUNCHIES	\$ 5.00
LIBRARY BAG	\$ 15.00
WHITE SOCKS	\$ 5.00 EACH
	or
	\$ 15.00 for 4
NAVY COTTON TIGHTS (PRIMARY)	\$ 12.00 EACH
	or
	\$ 30.00 for 3

Prices effective 15/08/22 ~ Subject to change without notice ~ Includes 10% GST

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The Skool Loop App



TIME TO UPDATE!

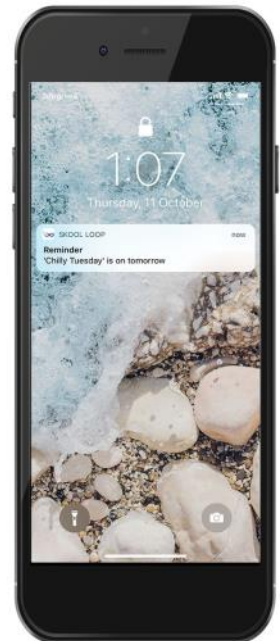
Our school uses **The Skool Loop App** to communicate and send important information. **Please check** your app store to ensure your phone is running the **latest** version and receiving **all school news**.

The app undergoes regular maintenance and updates throughout the year. **Check your app store** to ensure your phone is running the **latest version!**



Here's some tips to ensure you receive notices and push notifications

- When you download the Skool Loop App you will be asked if you would like notifications please **tap yes**. Some devices don't ask this question and automatically tick yes for you. This can be changed in your settings
- If your notifications are turned off in your device settings, some phones apply that to all apps when downloading. In the phone settings please make sure your notifications are turned on
- Check your App Store or Google Play regularly for any outstanding updates
- There are 2 different notices school will send out: **push notification** (banner and ding) or a **notice** (visual alert only)
- You will only receive a push notification if you are not using the app at the time
- If your volume is off you will not hear an alert
- You will see a visual alert if a **notice** has been posted. You will not hear a ding
- You will only hear a ding if the school sends a **push notification**.



Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.

