



Welcome to Busby Public School



Information Booklet

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we learn, work and live the Cabrogal clan of the Darug nation and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging as history keepers, dream makers and story tellers. We know that this land is, was and always will be Aboriginal land.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I welcome you to our beautiful Busby Public School, where I am proud of our staff, students and community! We are a diverse, multicultural, warm and innovative school family.

OUR COMMITMENT

Transforming lives through learning. Every student learns, grows and belongs in an equitable and outstanding education system (Our Plan for NSW Public Education).

SCHOOL VISION

Our vision is success for every student, teacher and every member of our school community.

OUR BELIEFS

- ◆ Strive to achieve to make an impact
- ◆ Students have a voice
- ◆ We connect with each other, our community and the world
- ◆ What we do today helps prepare us for our future
- ◆ Relationships are central to knowledge and understanding each other
- ◆ Learning, Teaching and Leading is our core business

OUR OUTCOMES

- ◆ Data drives decisions for impact, reflecting improvement for all
- ◆ Student voice is heard and acted on
- ◆ Culture is acknowledged and celebrated
- ◆ All students are engaged in quality learning experiences

HERE OUR STUDENTS BELONG, ARE CONNECTED, VALUED AND CARED FOR.

Our School Values

- ◆ **UNITY**
Together we are better. Connecting with each other from our diverse multicultural backgrounds makes us unique and powerful.
- ◆ **Fire Dragon of Courage**
We show that we are brave and take on challenges. Pushing ourselves to be better.
- ◆ **Water Dragon of Kindness**
We are kind to ourselves, to others and to the environment. We help, care and love.
- ◆ **Earth Dragon of Respect**
We show respect in our interactions and relationships.
- ◆ **Air Dragon of Curiosity**
When we are curious, we dream, create, innovate and learn.



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our school offers a high-quality education that's well-rounded, providing a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success. Our professional, university-educated teachers encourage students to develop a love of learning and a desire to succeed. They maintain the highest integrity and concern for your child's wellbeing. We look forward to ensuring that your wise choice of school will be of great benefit to your child.

Our school currently has a population of 262 students, consisting of 10 mainstream and 3 special education classes. Our community is very diverse, with 68% of students coming from a non-English speaking background and 17% Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander students.

Busby Public School has a Special Education Unit for students with additional needs consisting of 3 classes and 21 students.

CONTACT DETAILS

Principal: Ms Ena Lakisoe-Mapuna

Deputy Principal (Rel): Mrs Catherine McKay

Assistant Principal CI (Rel): Mrs Nicole Brasier

Mrs Alice Teuma

Mrs Belinda Tuddenham

Assistant Principals: Special Education Ms Nand

Early Stage 1 Miss Reddy

Stage 1 Miss Peulic

Stage 2 Mrs MacRae & Mrs Parker

Stage 3 Ms Sama

ADDRESS

South Liverpool Rd BUSBY 2168 Office hours: 8:30am-3:15pm

TELEPHONE:

9607-7211

EMAIL:

busby-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Have a look at what your child is learning at school by visiting our website

Website: www.busby-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL BYTES APP

Use our School Bytes app to keep informed and to communicate with the school. The Busby Public School, School Bytes app is available to be downloaded from the Apple Store and Google Play Store.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BELL TIMES:

8:30am Supervision begins

8:55am School commences

11:00am Recess

11:30am Return to class

1:30pm Lunch

2:00pm Return to class

3:00pm Home time

ARRIVING IN THE MORNING

School begins at 8:55am. Your child should arrive between 8:30am-8:55am. Our school gates are opened from 8:30am – 9:10am. For the safety of all students the gates will be locked after this time. If you require entry to the school, you can 'buzz' gate 2 near the office and speak to our office staff for entry.

K-2 students play under the Infants cola in the mornings and 3-6 students play on the basketball court.

LEAVING IN THE AFTERNOON

School finishes at 3pm each day.

It is especially important for your child's feelings of safety and security that you are on time.

The school gates will be opened for parents and carers from 2:45pm to collect your children at 3pm from outside their classrooms.

Due to safety concerns, parents are not to drive into the school grounds at any time.

For legal reasons, if your child is late to school or needs to leave early , parents and carers are required to present at the office, so that they can be signed in or out.

OTHER TIMES, OTHER TEACHERS

Throughout the school day and from time to time, your child will have a different teacher. This will happen when the class teacher has non-teaching time for lesson preparation, for teacher professional learning, and the many other tasks required of teachers. It will also happen at Scripture time, where your child may go to another class and see other teachers.

These arrangements happen at all schools and students are not disadvantaged when there is a different teacher in their class.

CONTACT DETAILS

Sometimes we will need to contact you. It is essential that the school have up to date contact information. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details change. Please include parent/carers name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details.

FOOD

We encourage all students to bring in healthy recess, lunch and a water bottle to school.

Recess 11:00am—11:30am

Lunch 1:30pm – 2:00pm.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are fortunate to have a Breakfast Club open every morning from 8:30am. This is located at our Community Room. Students can sit and enjoy some cereal, toast and fruit. Some mornings, special items are available!

CANTEEN

Our canteen is open 5 days, offering a variety of snacks and hot and cold lunch foods. Lunch orders are to be placed in the tubs located in the classroom by 9am. Please write your child's name, class and order on a paper bag with the correct money inside. There is no EFTPOS available.

FIRST AID

If your child is sick, please keep them home. If your child becomes sick or injured during the school day, essential care and first aid is administered by the staff in the front office. If necessary, parents will be contacted to come and pick up their injured or sick child.

If your child has a medical condition, it is essential that you talk to the office, so that arrangements for their care are known. Medical Action Plans for Asthma and Anaphylaxis must be given to the office with Asthma puffers or epipens.

Busby does not have spare uniforms or underwear for children who have 'toilet accidents' so it is recommended that you put a spare pair of pants and underwear in your child's bag.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you wish to purchase uniforms, complete the order form which you can get from the office or online at our school website, hand in your order Monday - Friday before 9:30am and your order should be processed the same day and available for collection after 2pm. Alternatively the uniform shop is available 8:30 – 9:15am and 2:45 – 3pm Monday – Friday. Please be aware that EFTPOS payments can not be taken after 1pm.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all articles of clothing and all belongings brought to school are labelled with your child's name, not just initials. Check labels regularly as they fade with washing. This will minimise lost clothing and avoid hefty costs in replacing school jumpers, jackets etc.

SCHOOL RULES

Our school has three rules: 1. Stay Safe 2. Be respectful and 3. Be an Active Learner. We promote these rules consistently, to ensure the safety and progress of your child at Busby Public School.

COMMUNICATION

At Busby, we endeavour to keep parents informed about events that are happening. We have a newsletter, the School Bytes app, school website, and the Busby Facebook page. We also send communication via email.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Throughout the year, we will inform you about your child's progress. A written report will be sent home twice a year and a formal interview will be held at the end of Term 2. If you have any concerns about your child's behaviour or progress at school, in the classroom or playground, your first point of call is your child's class teacher. If you would like to see them, call the office on 9607 7211 and you can make an appointment.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have many opportunities to explore their culture and heritage here at Busby Public School. Our Aboriginal Education Officer, Mrs Daniel, engages our students through NAIDOC Week celebrations, Kindaimanna Day, Indigenous camps, Aboriginal Dance, Sistaspeak and our Aboriginal Culture group, which meets weekly. Once a week Culture classes are run, where our students can connect, share and learn about their culture and heritage.

SPORT

Every fortnight on a Wednesday, Sports in School Australia (SISA) attend our school and all students participate in sports and skill activities.

LIBRARY

All students have an opportunity to visit the Library once per week to borrow. Children are able to borrow books with a library bag. Any kind of bag can be used to safeguard our valuable books. We encourage all students to borrow from our large range of books.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Twice a term Scholastic Book Club catalogues are sent home with students. There are a large range of quality texts available from as little as \$2. All purchases also reward the school to be able to purchase valuable resources.

COMPUTER LAB

Our students learn various technology skills, through the use of our school lap tops. Here students gain digital literacy skills through learning how to log on and off a computer, typing skills, opening a word document, and inserting text and pictures, research skills, collaboration with peers and problem-solving. Students gain independence and confidence when learning to use a computer in a controlled environment with teachers guiding the way.

INNOVATION ROOM

The innovation room is a physical space and mindset that supports creativity, problem solving and innovation. Learners will experiment, build, take risks, make mistakes and learn as they go.

Students begin the process by thinking through the problem, project or challenge that they have been presented. They then put their thinking into making; depending on what their project is, this is the heart of their work, and the practical and exploratory application of their ideas generated during the first stage. As their making progresses, so does their analysis of their product or project. Students constantly continue to think about improvements as the project evolves or shifts.

Encouraging this growth mindset within students allows them to build on what they know, and to be open to new ideas, approaches, concepts, and experiences. When students let go of their assumptions and pre-conceived ideas, they make room for new knowledge, perspectives, and experiences to be built. It is through this process that Busby Public School believes its students will discover that they have valuable ideas, insights, and contributions that could benefit others!

CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT – LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Parliament is an initiative of the schools within the '2168' postcode area. The idea is that primary school students in this area have a voice and their voices are heard, and that they will have the opportunity to influence decision making at a local level and beyond. Our students will be the leaders of the future and the area will be a better place for them to live, study and grow through the sharing of ideas and opinions with local council representatives. Students in Stage 3 at Busby Public School, attend meetings and research how to make improvements of an identified area of need at school.