

Penrith South Public School



Kindergarten Information Booklet 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

Penrith South Public School is a positive and dynamic place of learning. It prides itself on its close links with its community to enable a rich range of learning experiences that cater for the diverse needs of our students.

At Penrith South Public School, we offer a balanced education for the whole person; emotionally, socially, physically, morally and intellectually. Our range of subjects allows each student every opportunity to lay solid foundations for their future and to reach their individual potential.

In our classrooms at Penrith South, care and discipline are woven into the learning tasks. Students are assisted to achieve the highest possible standards in a secure and happy learning environment.

Our school has:

- an outstanding record of student achievement in literacy, numeracy, creative and practical arts and sport;
 - a positive and supportive school learning environment;
 - a productive and positive relationship with our parent body and community;
 - a wide range of technology to enhance student learning;
 - zero tolerance to bullying;
 - high expectations in respect of student achievement and behaviour; and
 - a commitment to maintaining school pride by enforcing a strong uniform code.
- The staff at Penrith South Public School take pride in the delivery of quality educational programs, are committed to student wellbeing and continually strive for excellence in student outcomes.

THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Kindergarten is the first step in a child's formal education which focuses on the interests and unique educational needs of young children. It lays the foundations for future learning and develops a child's vital skills and knowledge in the six key learning areas:

- English;
- Mathematics;
- Human Society and Its Environment (History and Geography)
- Science and Technology;
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD/H/PE); and
- Creative and Practical Arts.

The Kindergarten Program develops a child's skills in speaking, listening and interacting in meaningful and socially appropriate ways. Classroom activities are engaging and are designed to encourage hands on and active learning. At Penrith South Public School we are committed to a safe, supportive and nurturing learning environment that is responsive to every child's learning needs.



The school canteen operates each day.

School uniforms are available at:

Prestige Creations
Unit 3, 2 Peachtree Rd
Penrith 2750



OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD

- Quality teaching and learning programs in every classroom
- positive reward systems; class awards which lead to bronze, silver, gold and platinum level for good behaviour
- Starting School Playgroup in Terms 3 and 4 for transitioning students into Kindergarten. The playgroup operates each Friday in Terms 3 and 4 from 9.30am to 11.15am
- a Buddy program for Kindergarten and Year 6
- a commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education
- a proven and successful whole school Anti-Bullying Program
- advanced technology including a computer lab, iPads and interactive whiteboards in every classroom
- a Technology program for Kindergarten to Year 6
- a Public Speaking program for Kindergarten to Year 6
- a Debating program for students in Years 5 to 6
- a Gifted and Talented program
- access to specialist teachers in Reading Recovery
- specialist dance programmes including participation in district and regional festivals
- a band program for students in Years 3 to 6
- choir for junior and senior students, including performance in the Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival
- cultural performances in music, dance and drama
- gymnastics programmes for Kindergarten to Year 6
- a Student Representative Council;
- Peer Support Groups
- excursions for Kindergarten to Year 6 linked to student learning and educational outcomes
- school camps, including overnight camps for Years 5 and 6
- school sport for Kindergarten to Year 2
- school and PSSA sport for Years 3 to 6 including participation in softball, t-ball, cricket, netball, rugby league, AFL and soccer.



The P & C is the principal forum for parental discussion on matters relating to the school and plays a vital role in the functioning of the school through communication and fund raising.

At Penrith South Public School we believe that parents and the school are partners in the education of our children and the best learning occurs when the partnership is strong.

All Students at Penrith South Public School are given the best opportunity in all areas to reach their full potential.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DATES FOR 2018 STUDENTS

Wednesday, 1 November 2017
9.30am to 11.00am

Wednesday, 8 November 2017
9.30am to 11.00am

Wednesday, 15 November 2017
9.30am to 11.00am



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