

31 January 2023

BACK TO SCHOOL WELCOME LETTER

A very warm welcome to our returning families and to all of our new families in 2023. I look forward to meeting you all and working together to ensure the best outcomes for your children. As we welcome all new families and students for the first time, we recognise that joining a new community is both an exciting (and nervous) time. During the first few days and weeks, we look forward to helping you settle in, and I am sure that you will enjoy being a part of our community. The beginning of the school year holds great promise and excitement for all at Brabham PS and we look forward to sharing our priorities and successes for 2023 with you.

As an Independent Public School, we aim to provide a quality education where all children can enjoy achievement and success. As parents, and educators, it is essential that we give children the best possible tools, skills and experiences to become life-long learners. Our vision of ***'Success for all within a culture of excellence and inclusion'*** sets the benchmark for where we want to be and drives the work that we are doing.

Our core values and shared commitments underpin and guide our work, our thinking, our teaching and expectations for all who attend our school. At Brabham PS, our aspiration and our vision are also supported by our motto ***'Through community we grow'*** and we will continue to partner with parents and community groups.

I particularly welcome the new staff, who have been introduced on our Facebook page. We look forward to providing high quality professional learning as part of our ongoing induction process. We wish them all the best for a very rewarding year at Brabham PS.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

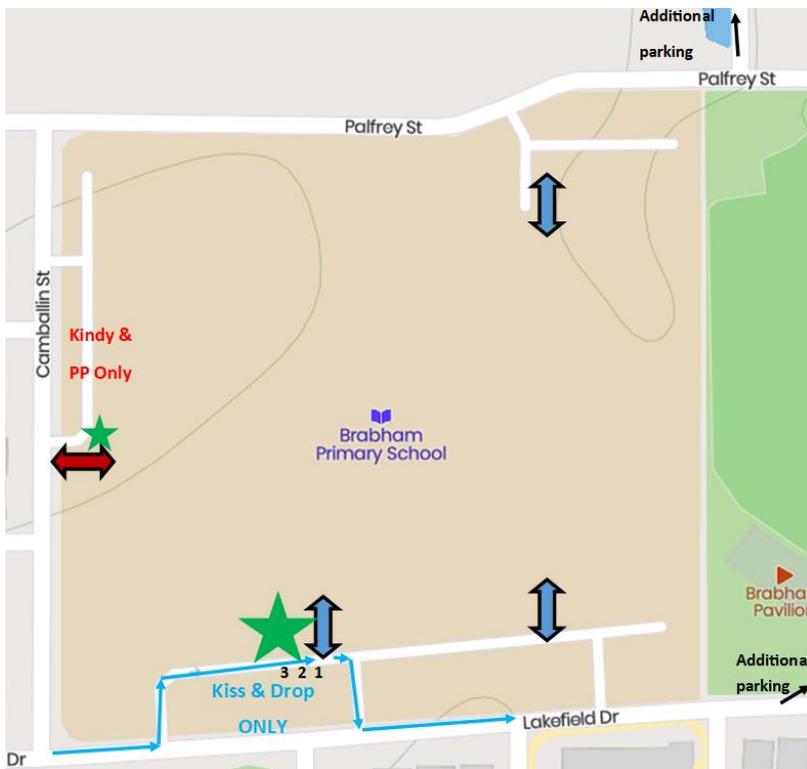
Our school's dress code assists in building our school identity; contributes to student safety, comfort and well-being and promotes team spirit and dress standards. All students are expected to wear the approved uniform. The uniform schedule is available on the school website ([Parent Handbook](#)).

Years K – 6

- Polo uniform shirt - maroon, short sleeved with school logo or Brabham PS dress
- Polo faction shirts (optional)
- Generic black shorts or skort or black tracksuit pants
- Charcoal and Maroon Microfibre zip jacket with embroidered school logo
- Plain black rain jacket (optional)
- Broad brimmed uniform hat (reversible with faction colour)
- Kindy students have the option of wearing a Kindy Tee with our logo
- Footwear: sports shoes, joggers or sneakers (preferably black) with socks (preferably school colours – maroon, black or grey) or fitted sandals with low heels and back straps. **Thongs and other open footwear should not be worn to school for reasons of safety.*

ALL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME TO PRESENT LOST PROPERTY

GETTING TO SCHOOL SAFELY



After surveying with the community and in consultation with the School Board, we have adjusted school start and finish times. We no longer have an early close and we are trialling the below school start and finish times to minimise traffic flow and parking congestion around the school.

The later start for Kindy and Pre-Primary is part of our traffic management plan to ensure that our families and students have a safe transition to and from school. The school times ensure that all students receive the required instructional time and staff are provided with collaborative time to develop quality education programs with a focus on improving your child's outcomes.

Useful resources: [How to get to Brabham Primary School guide](#)

School Video: [Parking Safely at BPS](#)

These procedures will be monitored and adjusted wherever needed to ensure the health and safety of our community.

SCHOOL TIMES

	MONDAY - FRIDAY	
	KINDERGARTEN	PRE-PRIMARY
School Gates Open	8:20 am*	8:20 am*
Classrooms Open	8:45 am	8:35 am
Teaching Time Begins	9:00 am	8:50 am
Teaching Time Finishes	3:10 pm	3:00 pm

- *Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students must remain with parents until their classroom opens. Parents and caregivers hold duty of care during this time.*

Ideally, children should arrive when classes open at or just after, as this will give them time to organise their belongings, and settle into class, for a smooth start to the day.

	MONDAY - FRIDAY
	YEAR 1 - 6
School Gates Open	8:20 am
Classrooms Open	8:30 am
Teaching Time Begins	8.45 am
Teaching Time Finishes	2:55 pm

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES: **RECESS:** 10:50 am **LUNCH TIME:** 1:20 pm

NO CANTEEN SERVICE

A reminder that we don't currently have an operational canteen at present (for at least Term 1) and will be working with the P&C to look at longer term viable options.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Informed by feedback from our parents our parent information sessions will run differently this year. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions as this is an important link in establishing a strong partnership between the home and school, as well as sharing information and expectations to support your child's learning at home. More information will be communicated soon.

IMPORTANT DATES

P&C Annual General Meeting Wednesday 15th February @ 5:30 All new members welcome

EXTRA-CURRICULAR (BEFORE & AFTERSCHOOL) PROGRAMS

We pride ourselves on providing a range of before, after and lunch time school programs. These are aimed at developing our students' diverse talents and interests. We are currently gaining feedback and renegotiating our third-party agreements to ensure these remain responsive to family and student interests. Once finalised we will communicate our extra-curricular timetable.

It has been fantastic to see the staff back at school early over the holiday break to set-up their classrooms and develop the teaching and learning program for their students. I know all of them are very enthusiastic and excited about teaching your child and the year ahead. I encourage you to take an active role in your child's learning as parent involvement plays a critical role in your child's development and our schools' success. I look forward to your support and collaboration throughout the year and we look forward to welcoming families and students back to school tomorrow!

Anika Blackmore

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