

2018 School Prospectus



Maroubra Bay Public School

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Maroubra is a beachside suburb in the Eastern suburbs of Sydney.

The beautiful beaches alongside the relaxed atmosphere,
make Maroubra an ideal place to live and to learn.

'Maroubra' is a local Aboriginal word meaning place of thunder.

*Maroubra Bay Public School
was established in 1923.*

*We currently teach 370 students in
Kindergarten to Year 6.*

Our school motto is 'Play The Game'.

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Welcome to Maroubra Bay Public School



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome you to the Maroubra Bay Public School community, we look forward to our partnership in education over the years ahead.

At Maroubra Bay Public School we expect high standards in all that we do.

We encourage our students to aim high, set targets, work collaboratively and consistently to achieve outcomes. We explicitly teach our students to be respectful, responsible and caring.

We have built our reputation in the local area on quality literacy and numeracy programs and a strong focus on academic success. At the same time, long standing and highly valued creative and environmental programs including ballroom dancing, an artist in residence and a working garden program provide our school with the balance all schools seek.

Our teachers use the latest educational research in developing collaborative programs that are proven to improve the outcomes of your child in the areas of literacy, numeracy, well-being and the creative arts. Our quality teachers are trained in the most recent theories and practices that enable the most supportive, tailored and caring education for each and every one of their students.

Our 2018-2020 School Plan has three strategic directions and focused on

1. Providing a student centred learning environment with a focus on Visible Learning
2. Creating and developing collaborative and reflective teachers
3. Modelling instructional and transformational leadership in staff and in students

We also have a very strong and supportive Parents and Citizens Association, the members of which work very hard to make sure that the school is supported in its strategic directions. I would encourage you to join this amazing group of people, our school is only as strong as the sum of its parts and the P&C play a vital role in our school.

As a local community minded school, we are always open to a conversation and welcome feedback about how we are going. Parents should always feel welcome to make an appointment or catch up with me before or after school. There is always plenty of questions about school and we are happy to answer them.

Once again, welcome to our school.

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Matthew Ackerman

Principal
Maroubra Bay Public School



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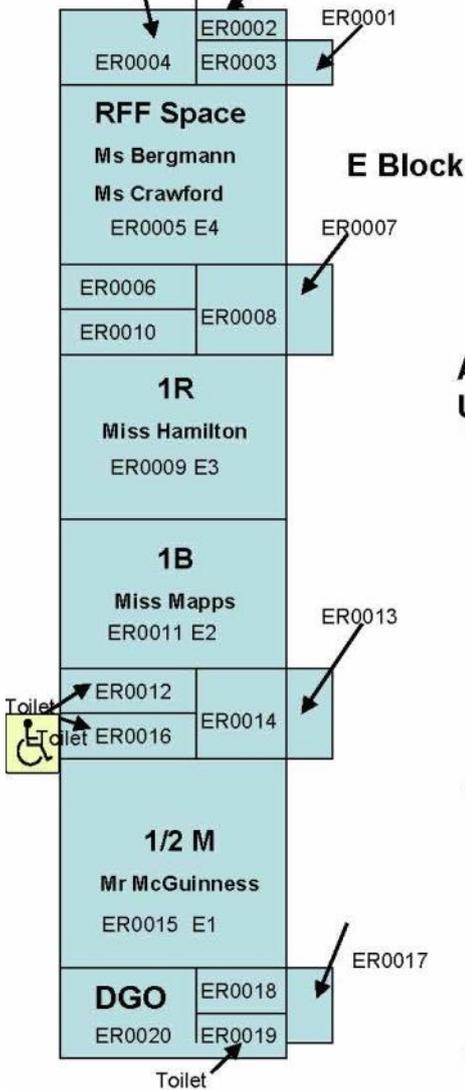
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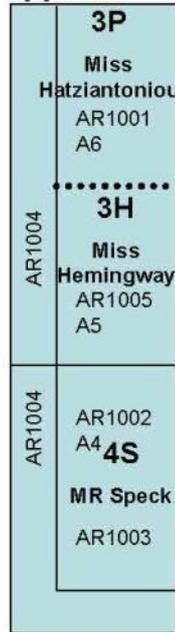
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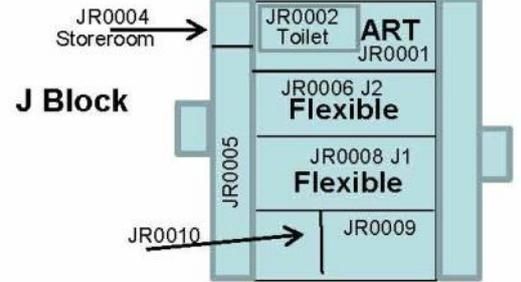
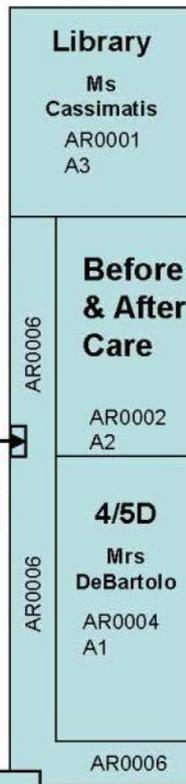


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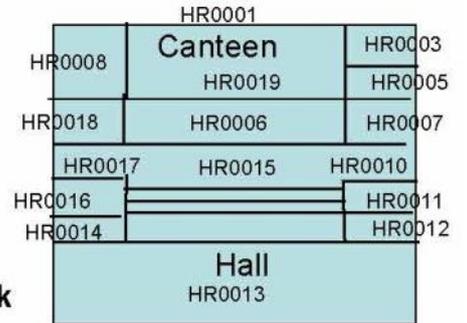
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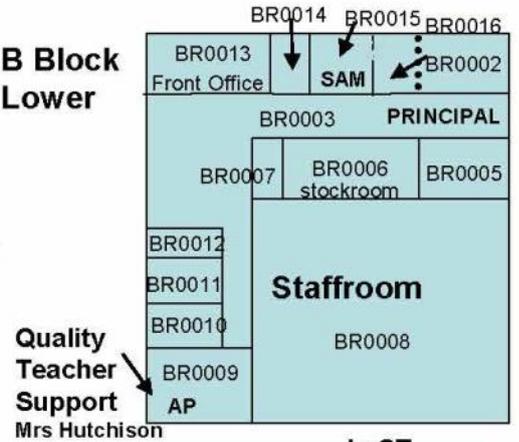


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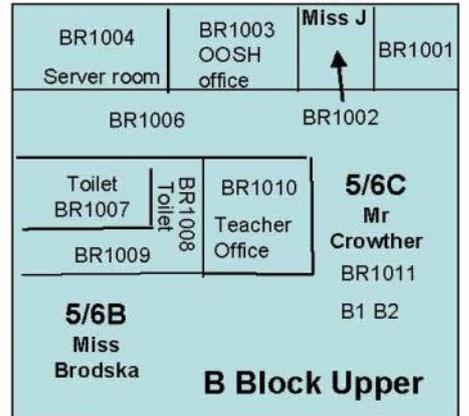


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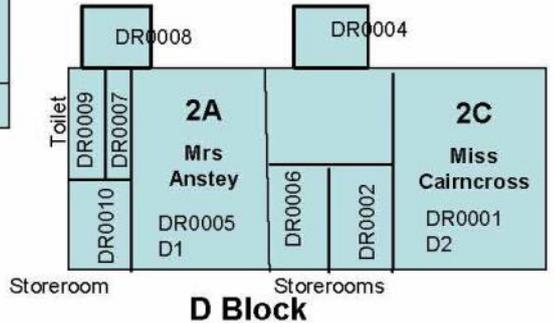
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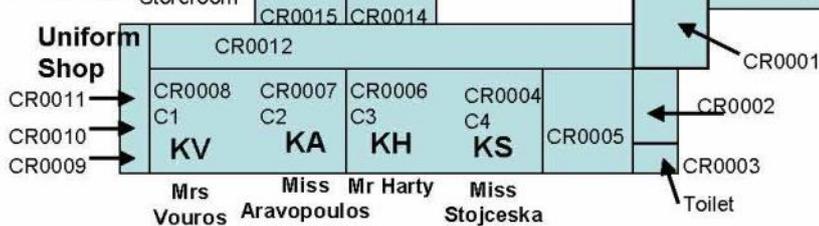
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School Map

School Hours

Kindergarten to Year 6

8.30am	Playgroundsupervision
9.00am	All classes start
11.00-11.20am	Recess
1.10-1.50pm	Lunch
3.00pm	School day ends

Before and After School Care

7.00-9.00am	Before school care
3.00-6.00pm	After school care

See page 11 for more details.

School Term Dates 2018

Term 1

Monday 29 January to Friday 13 April

Term 2

Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July

Term 3

Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September

Term 4

Monday 15 October to Wednesday 19 December





Welcome to our school.

Starting school is an exciting time for both parents and children. There are many excellent resources online to help you prepare such as;

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school> as well as our school website.

On the first day of school your child will be meeting their classmates, familiarising themselves with their classroom and all of the interesting things inside it, listening to stories, singing and dancing, talking about their likes and interests, and making new friends.

The most important weekly activities to be aware of

Library

Children visit the library once a week and may borrow a book upon the return of their previous week's loan. Library bags are available from the uniform shop. They will learn library skills and this is where a love of reading can be fostered. They can choose to borrow from a wide selection of books, and we ask parents to help them remember their library bag, and to treat books with care and respect.

Home readers

As their reading skills improve in K-2, children are encouraged to borrow short story books from class to practise their reading at home. Home reader books should be swapped as often as daily and a special home reader folder will be provided.

Sport

All Classes participate in fitness activities during the week with 3-6 students also having the opportunity for PSSA and school sport on Fridays. Please check with your class teacher when your sport days are.

Assemblies

Whole school assemblies are held every Tuesday from 2:15pm - 3.00pm, and parents are always welcome to attend.



School Strategic Directions 2018-2020

Visible Learning

To provide a student centred learning environment that nurtures, guides, challenges and inspires all students to become skilled, effective, motivated learners. To develop students that are capable and confident individuals who are empowered to be successful.

Collaborative and Reflective Teachers

To create a collaborative and engaging learning environment underpinned by high expectations and evidence based teaching practices to accelerate learning with a differentiated curriculum that is flexible, reflective, relevant and dynamic to meet the diverse needs of our students, staff and community.

Instructional and Transformational Leadership

To model instructional leadership that supports a culture of high expectations and community engagement resulting in sustained and measurable whole school success.

Meet the Staff

Mrs Alyssa Anstey (Classroom Teacher)
 Miss Stephanie Aravopoulos (Classroom Teacher)
 Miss Paige Cairncross (Classroom Teacher)
 Miss Nataliya Brodska (Classroom Teacher)
 Mr Jason Speck (Classroom Teacher)

Mrs Zoe Rossiter (SLSO)
 Ms Sue De Bartolo (Classroom Teacher)
 Mr Brad McGuinness (Assistant Principal)
 Miss Bree Mapps (Classroom Teacher)

Mrs Kathleen Vouros (Classroom Teacher)
 Miss Rebecca Hemingway (Classroom Teacher)
 Mrs Sandra McAleer (SLSO)
 Miss Martina Stojceska (Classroom Teacher)
 Ms Paula Hatziantoniou (Classroom Teacher)



Ms Kym Slattery (School Admin Officer)
 Mr Dario Vilaro (School Admin Officer)
 Ms Robyn Ferguson (School Admin Manager)

Mrs Kay Spicer (EAL/D)
 Mrs Heidi Hutchison (Support Teacher)
 Mrs Penny Hozier (Support Teacher)

Mrs Brenda Galvin (SLSO)
 Mrs Vasilka Jovanovska (Assistant Principal)
 Mrs Despina Cassimatis (Librarian)

Mrs Tatjana Bergmann (Support Teacher)
 Mr Matthew Ackerman (Principal)
 Ms Megan Crawford (Support Teacher)

Miss Emma Cox (SLSO)
 Mr Kevin Harty (Classroom Teacher)
 Miss Caitlin Hamilton (Classroom Teacher)
 Mr Daniel Crowther (Classroom Teacher)

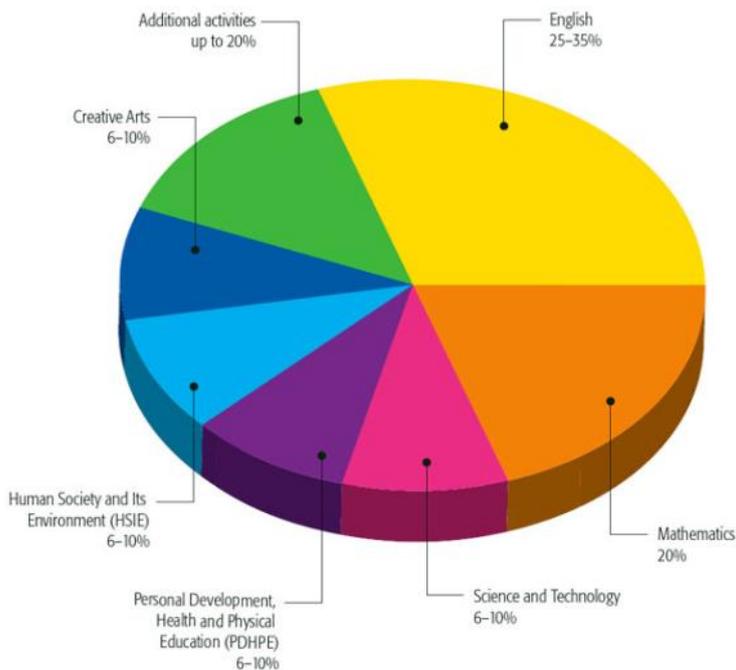
What will your child learn and do?

Key learning areas

At Maroubra Bay Public School, our core program follows the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and Department of Education (DoE) curriculum with key learning areas.

- English (reading, writing, speaking and listening)
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Creative arts (music, visual arts, drama and dance)
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

NESA recommends spending the following time on teaching each of the K-6 Key Learning Areas.



The school is split into four key learning stages

- Early stage 1 (Kindergarten)
- Stage 1 (years 1 and 2)
- Stage 2 (years 3 and 4)
- Stage 3 (years 5 and 6)

Excursions and Incursions

Teachers arrange stage-based excursions throughout the year to extend your child's understanding beyond the classroom. These range from short visits to places of interest in the local area, to school camps for years 5 and 6. Parents are asked to sign a consent form prior to all excursions.

Key Excursions each year;

Kindergarten: Taronga Zoo

Year 4: One night overnight camp at Collaroy

Year 5/6: Two night overnight camp in Canberra

Homework

Each year group are asked to complete work at home that follows the work that students are doing in their classroom. As students get older, this homework becomes more formalised and has a greater emphasis.

Parents are asked to check the school's homework policy to see what each year is asked to complete. Parents have the option of not involving their child in homework, and are encouraged to discuss this with their child's class teacher.

Parents should consult the school policy on homework, available on the school app and website. For further information.

Special religious education and special education in ethics

Upon enrolment you will be asked if you wish your child to attend religious education classes. Currently we offer religious education for Catholics and Anglicans and these lessons run for 30 minutes on Tuesday mornings.

Maroubra Bay Public School also offers Ethics classes as an alternative to Special Religious Education during the same time slot. Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. Please note that these classes are subject to teacher availability. Details of the curriculum topics are available on the website primaryethics.com.au.

For more information please contact our school's ethics coordinator at mbpsethics@gmail.com

Extra-curricular activities

As your child moves through the school, they will have the chance to develop their interest and skills in many other areas, including:

- Public speaking
- Debating
- Public Speaking
- Chess
- Student Representative Council

Creative Arts

In the creative arts areas, opportunities include;

- Ballroom dancing K-6
- DanceSport Challenge Year 5
- Visual arts programs
- Choir

Sport

On the sporting field, we offer participation in;

- PSSA and non PSSA sport for students in Years 3-6
- Athletics / Swimming / Cross Country carnivals
- Maroubra Fun Run

Environmental sustainability

This area is important to students at Maroubra Bay. Students participate in;

- Gardening and sustainability classes throughout the year K-6
- Environmental awareness in all teaching programs K-6
- Reduction in rubbish campaigns in the playground

Languages

- Optional Years 1-4 Spanish language through the Spanish consulate through an expression of interest process
- Compulsory Spanish for Years 5-6 through South Sydney High School, connecting our local High School and involving visits each semester.

Before and After School Care

The Maroubra Bay Care Centre program aims to provide children with the opportunity to play and have fun in a supervised and challenging environment.

The staff aim to build a trusting and secure environment for both the children and parents. The children are free to choose the areas of interest in which they want to participate in, as an individual and as part of a group. The experienced staff collaborate with children to provide play and leisure activities that are meaningful to children and support their wellbeing, learning and development.

Current fee structures and enquiries can be made via 9344 9512 or email maroubrabaycare@hotmail.com





Getting organised

How to get to school

There is no onsite parking, and limited parking on nearby streets. Directly out the front of the school is the 'Kiss and Go' drop off and pick up zone. All parents can use this in the morning however you must be registered to use the space after school. Details can be found in the office.

There are also short term parking bays located outside the school on Duncan Street. If possible, it's easiest to walk to and from school.

What to bring

Recess and lunch, a water bottle, a school hat and a glue stick. There is no need to pack a pencil case as all pencils, scissors etc, will be provided in class.

Please don't include any nut products or items that have traces of nuts in your child's lunch. This includes peanut butter, Nutella and most muesli bars.

Each day your child will need:

- A water bottle
- A healthy snack for recess.
- Your child will be able to have a snack and some water during class time as part of 'Crunch n Sip' between 9am and 11am.
- A healthy lunch – no nut products or nut spreads. Make sure any packaged items are easy to open.

The school operates a five day a week Canteen with counter and online sales.



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Maroubra Bay Public School Canteen
accepts online orders using MunchMonitor



Setting up an online account is easy!

1. Go to www.munchmonitor.com
2. Click **LOGIN**
3. Click **REGISTER**
4. Enter

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5. Click **Submit**
6. Enter your email address
7. Enter the password you want. Make sure you can remember your password
8. Review and tick on the Terms of use
9. Click **Create your Account**
10. Click on the **Activation Link** in the email we sent
11. Follow the steps to **create your Parent Profile**
12. **Add Students** to your account
13. Click on **Account Top-up** to transfer money into your account
14. **You are now ready to order online!**

Quick Information

Using MunchMonitor Online Ordering

- You can place orders online up to 4 weeks in advance
- Top-up your account online using VISA/MasterCard
- List allergies to alert canteen staff
- You can order anytime you want using web browsers such as Chrome or Safari
- You can use desktops, laptops, tablets or smart phone with internet access
- It only cost \$ 2.50 per school term for the family account
- No sign up fee
- No transaction fee

Call us at 1300 796 190 or email us at help@munchmonitor.com
if you require further assistance.

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What to wear—School Uniform

The Uniform Shop opens Tuesdays 2.50-3:20pm and on Fridays from 8:30-9:10am. The shop is located at the end of Block C near the top car park. Second hand items are also available.

Boys

Regular Uniform

- Yellow short or long sleeved polo shirt with logo
- Bottle green shorts or cargo shorts
- Yellow long sleeved skivvy
- Bottle Green zip-front tracksuit jumper with logo
- Bottle Green tracksuit pants
- Bottle Green zip-front fleecy vest
- White socks, black shoes

Sports Uniform

- Short sleeve polo shirt with logo
- Rugby Shorts
- White socks and runners

Girls

Regular Uniform

- Summer tunic
- Bottle green cargo trousers or shorts
- Yellow short or long sleeved polo shirt with logo
- Winter tunic or skirt
- Yellow long sleeved skivvy
- Bottle Green zip-front tracksuit jumper with logo
- Bottle Green tracksuit pants
- Bottle Green zip-front fleecy vest
- White socks, black shoes

Sports Uniform

- Bottle green skort, shorts or skirt
- Short sleeve polo shirt with logo
- White socks and runners

All students

- Dark coloured school bag or Bottle green bag with logo
- Bottle Green baseball cap or broad brimmed hat with logo

Annual School Events

Please look in the school newsletter for more information on these events as they come up.

Term One

- Staff Development Day
- Kindergarten Best Start
- Swimming Carnival
- Parent Information Evenings
- Zone Swimming Carnival
- School Welcome Night
- School photos
- Term 1 Disco
- Parent Interviews
- Cross Country Carnival @ school
- Easter Hat Parade
- Year 4 Camp at Collaroy (1 night)
- Year 5/6 Camp in Canberra (2 night)



Term Two

- Staff Development Day
- Open Day for preschool children
- NAPLAN
- Mothers Day High Tea
- Ballroom dancing
- Zone Cross Country
- Book Fair
- Year 3/4 Bike Wise
- Athletics Carnival at Hensley Field
- NAIDOC activities
- Student Reports



Term Three

- Staff Development Day
- Kindergarten Interviews for next year
- Education Week
- ICAS English / Maths
- Dance Concert
- Book Week parade
- Zone Athletics Carnival
- Fathers Day BBQ
- Deadly Kids Award

Term Four

- Year 5 Leadership Training
- Big Start Kindergarten transition
- Maroubra Fun Run
- Year 6 Day Out
- Year 6 Fun Day at School
- Captain Speeches for next year
- Student Reports
- Presentation Day
- K-6 Picnic Day



Get involved with the school community

Maroubra Bay Public School's P&C association is a very active and social group dedicated to supporting our children and their school.

We plan and run regular events and fundraising activities, from gardening bees to discos and movie nights. We also work behind the scenes, supporting school activities. It's a great way to meet parents at the school and form lifelong friendships.

There are many ways to support our P&C. Here are a few ways to get started:

- Become a member – fill in the membership form from the P&C web site and pay your \$2 membership fee
- Help out with P&C events and activities, including your child's class activities
- Come along to meetings – meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the School Library
- Join a sub-committee and help co-ordinate an activity or issue of interest.

Contact Us

The President Maroubra Bay Public School Parents & Citizens Association c/- Principal, Duncan Street, Maroubra
Phone 02 9349 1569

Email

maroubrabaypandc@gmail.com

Weblink

<http://www.maroubra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c-news-uniforms-canteen>

Examples of P&C initiatives in 2017

INSPIRE!

Our amazing Indigenous students produced this artwork with our Artist in Residence for the Sydney Children's Hospital Inspire fundraiser. The P&C bought this artwork at the Opening Event and donated it back to the school to be proudly displayed in the office foyer



GARDEN FUNDRAISER

Happy chickens = lots of eggs!

Garden club are having a

SILENT AUCTION

Receive 6 eggs every week in term 4!!

That's 60 fresh delicious eggs!!!



OUR AMAZING RACE!





Handy things to know

School communications

There's always a lot going on in your child's school, and we encourage you to be part of it all. That's why it's good to stay in touch. Here are a few ways to do that:



1. The Maroubra Bay PS app

Search for our school in the app store and stay up to date with alerts, newsletters, policies and other information.

Click on 'More' in the lower right of the app, then 'Setup'. Toggle the push categories suitable for you.

To receive Email communications such as newsletters and notifications – go to the school website and click on "Our School" then "Communication".

On the school app picture click on the 'sign up' button and complete the online form.

Communication at The Bay



2. The school website

<http://www.maroubra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au//>



3. Follow us on Instagram

Search for maroubrabay



4. Like us on Facebook

Search for Maroubra Bay Public School

5. The Office

for paper copies of notes and newsletters

Phone 02 9349 1569

Email

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



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Caring**

Follow us on



Handy things to know

Teacher contact

If you'd like to arrange a face to face meeting with your child's teacher about anything at all, please ask the school office for an appointment. It's usually possible to organise a quick meeting at fairly short notice, either before or after school.

Sometimes teachers are comfortable sharing their work email address to parents for school related information, however parents can always use the school email below if they do not have their direct teacher address.

School email

If you have any feedback on school activities, or need to make a time to see the Principal, you are also welcome to email the school directly at

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

School website

Need to check newsletters, photo galleries, enrolment information, school policies or information about the P&C? Visit the school website at

<http://www.maroubra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home>

Facebook page

If you're on Facebook and you'd like real-time information on the school community – as well as P&C events and reminders – checkout our official Facebook page. Visit [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/maroubra-p.school) and search Maroubra Bay Public School.

Fees and contributions

As a public school, Maroubra Bay has no compulsory fees. However, government funding is limited so we ask families to pay a voluntary contribution fund. This is determined at the beginning of the school year, and can be paid in one sum or as regular payments. You will receive a receipt for any contribution made.

Extra-curricular activities, such as excursions, music and performance programs, typically involve a cost to families. We do try to keep this to a minimum. If you have any concerns, you are welcome to contact the school office at any time.

We encourage parents to use our payments online portal (POP) for all payments to the school. This is easy to use through the school website.

Absences and holidays

If your child is unwell, home is the best place to be. It's important for all members of our school community that we try to reduce the risk of passing on infections, and we have limited space to care for sick children at school. If your child is ill at school, the office staff will call you to request that you collect and take him/her home.



You do not need to call the office to let them know if your child is going to miss school for the day due to illness. However, it is essential that you send a sick note for the teacher when your child returns to school, explaining the reason for the absence.

If your child is late to school, or needs to leave school early, please visit the school office to get a late note (or leave note) for the class teacher.

In accordance with Department of Education policy, you must request a Certificate of Leave or a Certificate of Exemption from the Principal if you intend to take your child away from the school during term time for any reason other than illness. This is usually for periods of 10 school days or more being missed. This is at the Principal's discretion and there are strict policy guidelines in place that mean the leave may not be granted. Every day of learning is important, and we encourage families to take their holidays during school holiday time.

Staff development days

There are five student-free days during the school year, usually adjacent to the school holidays. These days enable all members of staff to participate in professional learning and program development.

Usually the first 3 occur on the first day back to school in terms 1, 2 and 3. The last day are often at the end of the school year after students have finished for the year, although often these days have been held at other times during the year but do not impact on student learning.

School Assessment and Student Reports

You will receive a student progress report at the end of Term 2, and an end of year report at the end of Term 4. Your child will be assessed on an ongoing basis during class time.

Parent teacher interviews are held during Term 1 or Term 2 to ensure we catch any potential problems early in the year. You are welcome to request a follow up parent teacher interview at any time during the year.

Additional external student assessments also include:

- National assessments (NAPLAN) for year 3 and 5 students
- International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) for students in Years 3-6

If your child has any learning difficulties, or is learning English as a Second Language, their report will be written by the specialist teacher.



School Counsellor

School counsellors utilise their psychological expertise to strengthen student wellbeing. They work collaboratively with school learning and support teams, parents and carers, and other agencies to enhance learning and wellbeing outcomes for students. School counsellors provide counselling and psychological assessment of students with specific needs.

School counsellors are appointed to a base school and provide psychological counselling services to students in allocated public schools from Preschool to Year 12.

School counsellors:

- apply psychological expertise to support the social, emotional and educational development of students
- provide counselling using evidence-based interventions to improve the wellbeing of students
- undertake cognitive, emotional and behavioural assessments to develop appropriate school-based support for students
- work collaboratively with learning and support teams, parents and carers, and other agencies, to enhance learning and wellbeing outcomes for students.

At Maroubra Bay PS, our school counsellor Mrs Marilyn Sheens works each Tuesday. Parents are able to refer students to the counsellor using a referral form available from their child's class teacher. Similarly, teachers can also refer students if concerned.

The counsellor office is located in E block, closest to the top car park.



*On behalf of all students, staff and
community, a warm welcome to
Maroubra Bay Public School.*