

Prospectus

2024



MAROUBRA BAY
PUBLIC SCHOOL
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Maroubra is a beachside suburb on the East coast 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 like thunder.

History of Maroubra

<https://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/about-council/history/historic-places/historic-suburbs>



Maroubra Bay Public School was established in 1923.

We currently teach 315 students from Kindergarten to
Year 6. Our school motto is 'Play The Game'.



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to Maroubra Bay

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 dancing concerts and a garden program provide our school with the balance all schools seek.

Our teachers use current educational research in developing collaborative programs that are proven to improve the outcomes of your child in the areas of literacy, numeracy, wellbeing 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 2022–2025 School Plan has three strategic directions and focused on

- 1. Student growth and attainment**
- 2. Student, staff and community wellbeing**
- 3. Quality teaching**



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 are always plenty of questions about school and we are happy to answer them.

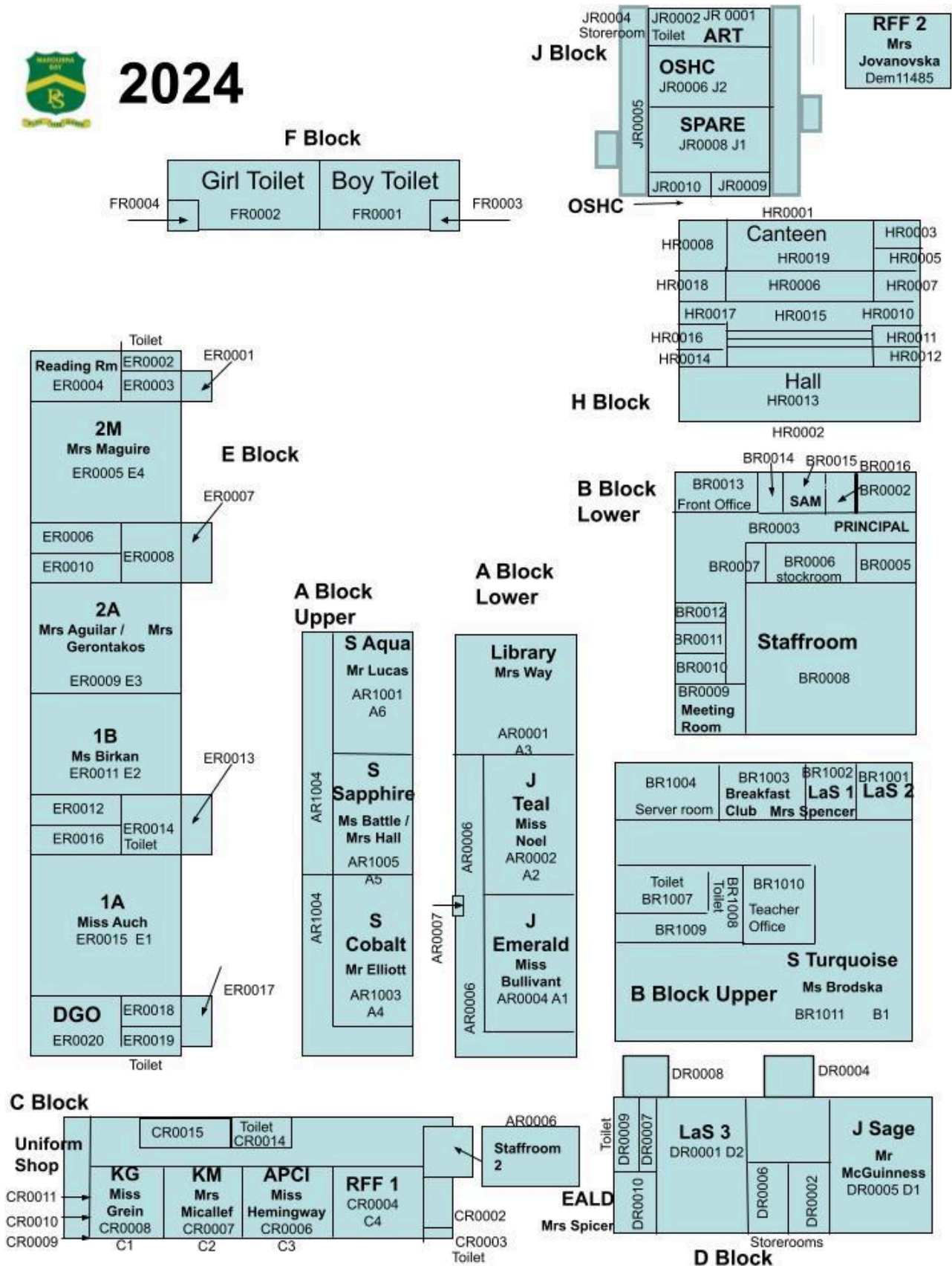
Once again, welcome to our school.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal
Maroubra Bay Public School

School Map



2024



School Hours

Kindergarten to Year 6

8.30am	Playground supervision
9.00am	All classes start
11.00–11.20am	Recess
1.20–2.00pm	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 information)

School Term Dates 2024

- Term 1 Thursday 1 February to Friday 12 April
- Term 2 Tuesday 30 April to Friday 5 July
- Term 3 Tuesday 23 July to Friday 27 September
- Term 4 Monday 14 October to Thursday 19 December

School Term Dates 2025

- Term 1 Friday 31 January to Friday 11 April
- Term 2 Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July
- Term 3 Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September
- Term 4 Monday 13 October to Friday 19 December

More information <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/calendars>

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 <https://maroubra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Have you checked out School 360 virtual tour? <http://360virtualschooltours.com.au/mbps2035/>

What about our promotional video? <https://youtu.be/ZIRMHdZRCcU>

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.

Library

Students in K-2 visit the library once a week and may borrow a book upon the return of their previous week's loan. 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. Students in 3-6 can visit the library during the week and borrow if they wish.

Decodable 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. Kindergarten students borrow readers from the classroom, whilst students in Years 1 and 2 access digital platform at home.

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 sports days are.



Assemblies

Students are acknowledged at regular assemblies throughout the year. Assemblies are held in the even weeks each term. Parents are welcome to attend.

School Strategic Directions 2022–2025

School vision statement

At Maroubra Bay Public School, every child is known, valued and cared for. We provide visible education for our students through an innovative, challenging and supportive environment that inspires learning. Our school has a strong sense of community, making connections and maintaining a feeling of belonging with parents, carers and community groups. The wellbeing of all our students, staff and community is a high priority.

Our teachers are explicit and strategic in their approach to quality literacy and numeracy teaching in a collaborative learning community. With our core values of respect, responsibility and caring, our classrooms are safe and positive spaces where life long learners are encouraged to be their best. As a growing school, we strategically plan with a focus on utilising technology to augment learning and developing high level organisational skills. Staff work collaboratively through high impact professional learning, embedded collegial practices and supporting each other with respect both within a stage and across the school.

Strategic Direction 1 – Student growth and attainment

To maximise student learning of outcomes in reading and numeracy an increase in students achieving in the top two bands and achieving expected growth in NAPLAN as required. We will further develop and refine data driven teaching practices where quality formative and summative assessment tasks guide the learning of each individual student.

Strategic Direction 2 – Student , staff and community wellbeing

To meet the physical, mental, emotional and social health factors of our entire school community, from students to staff and the wider school body. We will develop a range of initiatives to better monitor and improve not only our own wellbeing but that of others around us, leading to better educational outcomes for all students.

Strategic Direction 3 – Quality teaching

To ensure the quality of the teaching in every classroom we must prioritise the professional learning, curriculum implementation and staff collaboration at every level. Quality teaching is research and evidence based and makes our school who we are through signature pedagogies and explicit systems in place across all areas.

The school plan for 2022–2025, as well as previous school reports can be found on our school website;

<https://maroubra-bay-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/school-planning-and-reporting.html>

Meet the Staff








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.

The principal is responsible for the educational leadership and management of our school. If you would like to speak to the principal, please contact us to make an appointment.

Our school administrative staff can answer inquiries or direct you to the appropriate staff member for help.

Executive Staff 2024

				
Miss Way (AP) K-2	Mr McGuinness (AP) 3-4	Mrs Jovanovska (AP) 5-6	Miss Hemingway (AP) Curriculum & Instruction	Mr Ackerman (Principal)

Class Teachers 2024

 <p>Miss Grein KG</p>	 <p>Miss Micallef KM</p>	 <p>Miss Auch 1A</p>	 <p>Miss Birkan 1B</p>	 <p>Mrs Aguilar 2A (Mon, Tues, Wed)</p>
 <p>Mrs Gerontakos 2A (Thu/Fri)</p>	 <p>Mrs Maguire 2M</p>	 <p>Mr McGuinness (AP) 3/4 Junior Sage</p>	 <p>Miss Bullivant 3/4 Junior Emerald</p>	 <p>Miss Noel 3/4 Junior Teal</p>
 <p>Mr Elliot 4/5 Senior Cobalt</p>	 <p>Miss Battle 5/6 Senior Sapphire (Mon, Tues, Wed)</p>	 <p>Mrs Hall 5/6 Senior Sapphire (Thu / Fri) 3-6 Support</p>	 <p>Mr Lucas 5/6 Senior Aqua</p>	 <p>Miss Brodka 5/6 Senior Turquoise</p>

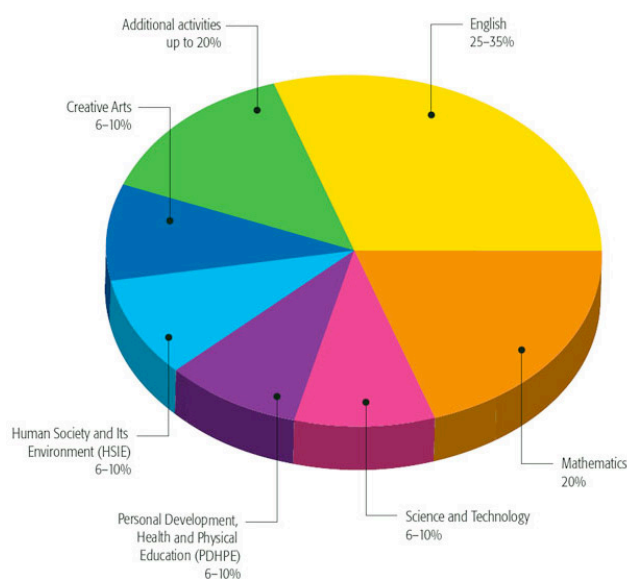
What will your child learn and do?

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) [English | NSW Education Standards](#)
- Mathematics [Mathematics | NSW Education Standards](#)
- Science [Science | NSW Education Standards](#)
- History and Geography [HSIE | NSW Education Standards](#)
- Creative arts (music, visual arts, drama and dance) [Creative Arts | NSW Education Standards](#)
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) [PDHPE | NSW Education Standards](#)
- Technologies [Technologies | NSW Education Standards](#)

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)

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/k-6-curriculum-requirements>

Learning and Support programs

Students have access to a variety of programs to support their learning at school. This includes;

- Minilit** – an early intervention literacy program for our Year 1 students
<https://multilit.com/programs/minilit-program/>
- Maclit** – an explicit and systematic reading intervention program for small groups of older low-progress readers in Year 3 <https://multilit.com/programs/macqlit/>
- English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)** program to support our learners that come from a language background other than English (LBOTE). EAL/D learners include Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who speak Aboriginal English or an Aboriginal language at home, students who were born in Australia or come from overseas as migrants, international students and students from refugee backgrounds. EAL/D learners may begin school in Australia at any age.
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy/resources-for-schools/eald>
- Integration Funding Support** – Integration Funding Support helps schools to provide adjustments for students with disability in mainstream classes who have moderate to high learning and support needs – as defined by the Department's [disability criteria](#)
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/disability-learning-and-support/programs-and-services/integration-funding-support>
- High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE)** – Students across Years 1–6 have access to specialist staff for small group tuition in the area of HPGE. These programs are across the intellectual, creative, social emotional and physical domains.
[High potential and gifted education \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
- School Counselling** – 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.

At Maroubra Bay PS, our school counsellor Mr Guy Tate works every Wednesday and every second Friday. 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.

Our school Learning and Support program coordinates all of these programs. For more information on any of these initiatives please email the school maroubra-ba-school@det.nsw.edu.au

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 4, 5 and 6. Parents are asked to sign a consent form prior to all excursions.

Key Excursions each year;

- Kindergarten: Symbio Zoo <https://symbiozoo.com.au/>
- Year 4: One night overnight camp at Collaroy <https://www.collaroycentre.org.au/>
- Year 5/6: Two night overnight camp in Canberra <https://canberraexcursions.org.au/> or

Great Aussie Bush Camp <https://www.bushcamp.com.au/locations/kincumber/>



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 should consult the class teacher for procedures on homework.

Special religious education (SRE) and special education in ethics (SEE)

Upon enrolment you will be asked if you wish your child to attend religious education classes. Currently we offer religious education in Anglican, Catholic and Jewish scriptures. These lessons run for 30 minutes on Tuesday afternoons.

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:

Leadership

- Student Representative Council (SRC)
- Eco Warriors 3-6 program
- School & House Captains

Creative Arts

In the creative arts areas, opportunities include;

- Dancing K-6
- 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
- Environmental awareness in teaching programs

Before and After School Care - TeamKids

TeamKids is the premium provider of Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) throughout Australia. We exist to excite, engage and entertain children before school, after school and throughout school holidays. Owned and run by teachers, we partner with schools, sports centres and workplaces to create life-long memories. We facilitate activities that allow children to explore their world in a safe, engaging environment whilst providing a guilt-free, genuine alternative for working families.



Current fee structures and enquiries can be made via the website [Maroubra Bay Public School | TeamKids](https://www.maroubra.nsw.gov.au/schools/maroubra-bay-public-school/teamkids)



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 service, however it is important that parents stay in their vehicle and students get in and out of the car by themselves.

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

Students should bring crunch and sip, recess and lunch, a water bottle and a school hat.

Students should also have a pencil case with essential items such as pencils, pens, glue sticks, rulers etc

We strongly encourage that you do not 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 (fruit or vegetables) and some water during class time as part of 'Crunch n Sip' between 9am and 11am.
- A healthy lunch – we encourage no nut products or nut spreads. Make sure any packaged items are easy to open.

The school operates a Canteen from Wednesday to Friday with counter and online sales. The Canteen uses Flexi School for online orders – [Parents: Get Started with Flexischools](#)



What to wear—School Uniform

The Uniform Shop opens on Fridays from 8:40–9:10am. The shop is located at the end of Block C near the top car park. Second hand items are also available.

Regular Uniform

- Yellow short or long sleeved polo shirt with logo
- Summer tunic
- Winter tunic or skirt
- 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
- Bottle Green baseball cap or broad brimmed hat with logo

Sports Uniform

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

School Bag

- Dark coloured school bag or Bottle green bag with logo



Annual School Events

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

Term 1

- Kindergarten Best Start
- Swimming Carnival
- Parent Information Evenings
- Zone Swimming Carnival
- School Welcome Night
- School Photos
- Parent Interviews
- Cross Country Carnival @ school
- Easter Hat Parade

Term 2

- Open Day for preschool children
- NAPLAN
- Year 4 Camp at Collaroy (1 night)
- Year 5/6 Camp in Canberra or Great Aussie Bush Camp (2 night)
- Mothers Day Breakfast
- Ballroom Dancing (even years)
- Zone Cross Country
- Book Fair
- Year 3/4 Bike Wise
- Athletics Carnival at Hensley Field
- NAIDOC activities
- Student Reports



Term 3

- Kindergarten Interviews for next year
- Education Week
- Dance Concert (even years)
- Art Show (odd years)
- Book Week parade
- Zone Athletics Carnival
- Fathers Day BBQ
- Deadly Kids Award

Term 4

- Year 5 Leadership Training
- 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

A thriving school community needs a strong P&C with high levels of parent participation. We ask all parents to get involved and particularly welcome the kindergarten parents and new families to the school. Involvement can include attending P&C meetings, volunteering for events or being part of the MBPS P&C Executive or subcommittees.



What is a P&C?

A volunteer group of parents who work in partnership with the school to improve the school and achieve the best possible outcomes for students. P&Cs help to provide feedback to schools and are involved in a variety of school activities including fundraising to help to provide extra resources for the school.

When are our meetings?

They are held at 6.30pm on the on the first Wednesday of each month, except during school holidays. We hold some meetings face to face and others via zoom to try accommodate as many parents as possible. NB \$2 membership is required to vote on matters.

We collaborate to:

- Exchange information between the school and parent body
- Provide a forum for new ideas and information
- Raise funds to support the school

Contact Us

maroubrabaypandc@gmail.com

Go to the school website and click on the Parents and Citizens tab.

<https://maroubra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/parents--carers-and-the-community/parents-and-citizens-association.html>

Or for up to date information on the P&C go to their website

<https://maroubrabaypandc.square.site/>

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:

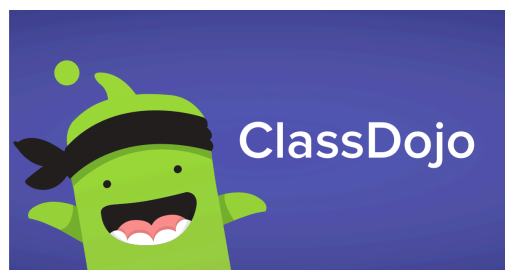
1. The Audiri app <https://audiri.com.au/>



Search for Audiri in the app store and stay up to date with alerts, policies and other information. You can also submit student absences. Once installed, search for our school and add.

2. Class DoJo <https://www.classdojo.com/>

Each class has their own DoJo class and is a great way for parents and carers to communicate with class teachers. Images of learning are also posted so the community feels involved in what is happening at school.



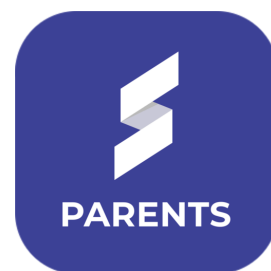
3. School Bytes [School Bytes - Powerful school administration software](#)



School Bytes is where parents and carers can pay for activities and events. This is an important part of our school as we transition to digital permission slips and reduce the amount of cash brought to school.

4. Sentral Parent App <https://www.sentral.com.au/parents>

The Sentral Parent App allows parents to receive student reports, look at student attendance and book parent interviews in term one.



5. Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/maroubrabayps>



Social media is a great way to see what is happening at our school. Surveys or news can be posted on our Facebook page. We do not share images of students or staff on social media.

6. The Office for paper copies of notes and newsletters

Phone 02 9349 1569 or email maroubraba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Teacher contact

If you'd like to arrange a face to face meeting with your child's teacher about anything at all, please use Class DoJo to reach out to the teacher.

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

Subject contributions

As a public school, Maroubra Bay has no compulsory fees. At the start of each year a note outlining costs including digital subscriptions, textbooks and other resources is sent home. There is also information included about a Voluntary School Contribution.

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 School Bytes for all payments to the school. This is easy to use through the school website [Payment – Maroubra Bay Public School](#)

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.

It is essential that you send a sick note for the teacher when your child returns to school, explaining the reason for the absence. Parents and carers can do this through the Audiri app, emailing or phoning the school. 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 extended leave application 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. Application forms can be found on the school website [Enrolment – Maroubra Bay Public School](#)

Staff development days

There are six 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 2 occur before students return back to school in term 1. There is also a staff development day before students return in terms 2 and 3. The last 2 are days at the end of the school year after students have finished for the year.

School Assessment and Student Reports

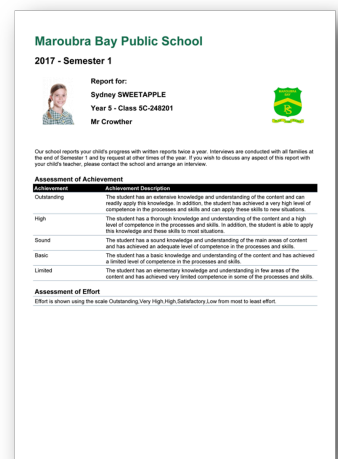
You will receive a student progress report at the end of Term 2, and an end of year report at the end of Term 4. Your child will be assessed on an ongoing basis during class time using the [Essential Assessment](#) platform.

Parent teacher interviews are held during Term 1 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

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 Photos

Each year photos are taken by The School Photographer, usually in term one. Envelopes are sent home with each child. Sporting teams and group photos are completed in term 2.



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



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