



ASHFIELD

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Every child, every opportunity



Opportunity Class 2025

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I made friends so easily at Ashfield Public School. I have learnt so many things and enjoy every day here. We are such an inclusive and diverse school with so many fantastic opportunities.

Sarah, Year 5

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Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff of Ashfield Public School extend a warm welcome to you and your child. Our school is focused on growth and performance within a caring and quality teaching environment. It celebrates the work and achievements of each child with praise and encouragement.

Caring teachers are focused on ensuring that your child quickly transitions into the routines of a new school and leaves each day feeling empowered, valued and with a smile.

This publication provides you with an overview of the essentials to get you started at Ashfield Public School. It is a guide to assist with the transition to the Opportunity Class.

For more comprehensive information about the school please refer to the school handbook which is available for download from the school website.

Welcome to our beautiful school!

Damien Moran
Principal
Ashfield Public School

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Important dates

Term 3, 2024

Week 3 Thursday 8th August
Science Fair – Open Classrooms

Term 4, 2024

Week 7 Tuesday 26th November
OC Orientation morning

Term 1, 2025

Week 2 Tuesday 4th February
First Day of School

School times

8:30am	Teacher on duty
8:50am	Morning lines
9:00am	Morning session
11:00am	Break 1
11:30am	Middle session
1:25pm	Break 2
2:10pm	Afternoon session
3:00pm	School Finishes



Every child, every opportunity

With its philosophy of “Every child, every opportunity” Ashfield Public School provides a differentiated curriculum to engage all students, including children identified as gifted and talented and children with special learning needs. This includes smaller classes scheduled throughout the week for students to receive extension and enrichment or support in key learning areas.



What is an Opportunity Class?

An Opportunity Class (OC) engages identified highly achieving and academically gifted Year 5 and 6 students in a classroom setting with classmates at their own academic and social level.

At Ashfield Public School, an Opportunity Class extends and enriches learning according to the Whole School Scope and Sequence. OC students learn alongside their peers from other mainstream classes, with an emphasis on collaborative learning and building strong friendships across the entire grade.

OC participate in certain learning initiatives specifically designed for students who are able to progress through the curriculum at a faster pace. These initiatives develop the content, processes and skills of the Stage 3 curriculum.



Focus on learning

Ashfield Public School is an innovative, forward-thinking school. The school's curriculum embeds the effective use technology to support learning. Teachers and students are focused on capturing new and innovative ideas and engaging in challenging and interesting learning situations. This learning is about being more open to new ideas and challenges, having the capacity to solve a range of problems, and being able to apply knowledge, skills and understanding to new situations and come to personal realisations.



Technology

Ashfield Public School uses digital technologies to support student learning. The school has a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative. Devices are locked away safely in classrooms and use is supervised during specific lessons. Examples include a student at a desk consulting an online dictionary or translator or a student taking photographs of 3D shapes in the school playground as part of a project on geometry. School devices are also available for use.



Leadership

Leadership is about developing the understandings and skills of leadership through the total curriculum and the many varied activities of school life. In Stage 3 students are prepared for, and take active leadership roles including:

- School Representative Council (SRC) Executive
- Morning line presenters
- Contribution of articles to the newsletter
- Playground / classroom buddies



Wellbeing

Ashfield Public School is committed to a learning community that pursues ten student wellbeing choices. These student wellbeing choices are explicitly taught within the context of the Personal Development curriculum and are embedded into the whole school culture of success.

Each student at Ashfield Public School is supported to:

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| Wellbeing Choice 1: | Be a learner |
| Wellbeing Choice 2: | Be responsible |
| Wellbeing Choice 3: | Act safely |
| Wellbeing Choice 4: | Be respectful |
| Wellbeing Choice 5: | Be a good friend |
| Wellbeing Choice 6: | Be fabulous |
| Wellbeing Choice 7: | Be resilient |
| Wellbeing Choice 8: | Be inclusive |
| Wellbeing Choice 9: | Be Healthy |
| Wellbeing Choice 10: | Embrace Diversity |

Certificates of Success

The Certificate of Success and House Points are awarded to an individual or group and are related to the Ashfield Wellbeing Choices Super Seven with commitment to learning, acting responsibly, being safe, demonstrating responsibility, being fabulous, being resilient and/or being a good friend.

Certificates of Success may be awarded directly to the student or presented on assembly. Ten Certificates of Success earn a School Award. Five School Awards earn a School Medal.



House Points

House points contribute to a House team tally. Each week a House Point tally is announced on morning lines with the winning House enjoying a Principal's disco at the end of the term.

Homework

Homework is assigned on a regular basis. The purpose of homework is to practise, extend and consolidate work done in class. Homework will reinforce concepts covered in class; provide a focus for independent research and a time to complete special projects. Homework is challenging and purposeful but set at a manageable level depending on the learning needs of a particular student.

The amount of daily homework varies, and may vary from individual student to individual student. It should not be so demanding that it has adverse effects on the student's motivation. Upon occasion a parent might need to negotiate homework expectations with the class teacher.

Homework reaffirms the role of parents and caregivers as partners in education. It also provides training for students, particularly in the later primary years, in planning and organising time.

Homework Club

The Homework Club is for students from Years 3 to 6 and is conducted in the school library from 3pm to 4:30pm each Thursday. Students can work individually, in small groups with a teacher or with a tutor. Students wishing to enrol in Homework Club must have a signed permission note. A voluntary \$5 contribution supports our library resources.

Home reading & Accelerated Reader

Students are expected to read on a daily basis. After each 50 nights of home reading, students are awarded a certificate. The school also maintains an Accelerated Reader Program whereby, after reading a book, a student takes an online test to demonstrate reading comprehension. The Accelerated Reader Program is used to measure student growth in reading.



Co-Curricular Activities

Ashfield Public School has a range of co-curricular activities, offered privately by paid tutors or taught by the teachers. Co-curricular activities include:

- School Band & Choir
- String Ensemble & Recorder Group
- Glee Club (dance)
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Piano lessons & Chess Club
- Tournament of the Minds, Robotics & Computer Coding



Action Plans

Many children have medical conditions such as asthma or eczema that need to be managed by the staff here at school. Management includes making special provisions or administering medication.

If a child has an ongoing medical condition that needs to be managed by the staff it is required that parents go to your local doctor for an individual Action Plan. This plan needs to be given to the school.



Permission to photograph

Parental permission must be given for photographs and videos of your child to be created during school activities. Photographs and videos are used to engage students and meet curriculum outcomes. Upon occasion they are published in the school newsletter, on the school Twitter account or on the school website. They may also be used to promote the school, or promote public education.

Sun safety

Ashfield Public School is sun smart. All children are required to wear a hat whenever they are outside.



School Uniform

School Uniforms help to promote a sense of pride and identity in belonging to Ashfield Public School. Parents and teachers encourage all students to wear the school uniform at all times. Uniforms should be clean, presented well and shoes polished.

Financial support is available to assist with the purchase of a uniform.

All articles of clothing, shoes and backpacks should be clearly marked with the child's name.



School Uniform Shop

Ashfield Uniform Shop is owned by Daylight Schoolwear. It is open during term time from 8.45- 10.15am Wednesday morning and is located outside A Block, in the Town Square. It can be accessed via the Liverpool Rd and Murrell St entrance. Extended hours will be available during the school holidays before the start of each school term and these will be advertised via the website as they become available.

The current shop manager is Karen Manning. If you need information regarding uniform sizes, payment options or uniform pickup, you can see her at school before or after the bell has rung.

If you are unable to attend the Uniform Shop during opening hours, you can obtain a Uniform Shop Price List from the front office, or download one off the Ashfield Public School website. Please fill out the price list and put it in an envelope with your payment. Your child can drop it off to the Uniform Shop before going to class during uniform shop opening hours and Karen will fill the order and deliver the uniforms to your child's classroom.

Occasional foods and birthdays

Occasional food for birthdays is to be purchased through the school canteen. No food from home is to be shared.

Parents are requested to inform the school if their child or children are not permitted to eat occasional foods or participate in birthday celebrations.

Canteen

Our canteen 'Badalya', an Aboriginal word for food, operates daily. Healthy food options are available and all orders can be placed online via

<https://user.flexischools.com.au/login?returnUrl=%2Fhome>

Set up an account today. Cut off for online orders is 8.30am each day. Please order foods to share for your child's birthday from Badalya as is not permitted to share food from home.

Follow us on School Enews

The school uses Enews which enables teachers to update parents on things happening in your child's class. Please download the "School Enews" app on your phone to access the class enews.

Class parent

Every class at Ashfield Public School has a class parent. Throughout the year the class parent sends out regular emails to update parents about particular initiatives or events happening in the class or at the school.

If not choosing to opt out, email addresses and contact numbers will be given to the class parent to organise whole class communication.

Getting to know other parents

Ashfield Public School has a friendly and very inclusive parent community. There are many opportunities to be involved at a social level with other parents.

Becoming involved

Parents and friends are always welcome to volunteer in many ways to assist Ashfield Public School deliver a quality education. The active Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) holds regular meetings and invites parents to run committees or be part of the P&C.

Parents are invited to apply to the RMS for a Working With Children Check and spend time in the classroom assisting the classroom teacher with literacy and numeracy groups or other learning projects.

There is also the option to contribute to the school on Working Bees or be part of the numerous initiatives to raise money for the school.



Meeting your child's teacher

Ashfield Public School prides itself on being very friendly and ensuring accurate and timely communication between parents and teachers.

Due to the work load of teachers which includes playground duties, meetings, lesson preparation, assessment and evaluation, and professional development, it is requested that appointments are made to arrange a time that is mutually suitable.



Out of school care

Before and after school care is available on site at Ashfield Public School. Known as Ashfield Kids Out of School Hours (AKOOSH), the service is operated by Kids@Weldon.

Phone: 9798 5611

Email: amcs@weldon.com.au

Hours of	Before School Care	7am to 9 am
operation:	After School Care	3pm to 6 pm
	Vacation Care	7am to 6pm



Liverpool Road Entrance

Wangai Playground

Goodstart Early Learning

Bike Racks

BLOCK A
Ground Floor
Middle Floor
Top Floor

Uniform Shop

World Square

Outdoor Classroom

Orchard

BLOCK B
Ground Floor
Top Floor

BLOCK C

Courtyard and Vegetable Garden

Toilets

Piano Room

Toilets

AKOOSH

Canteen

BLOCK F
Hall

COLA

Netball Court

BLOCK V
The Village

Sensory Garden

The Salon

Main Playground

Vehicle Access to school site

Murrell Street Entrance

Parents meet children here of an afternoon, at 3pm

Triple E initiatives 2024

Day	Time	Activity	Teacher	Contact
Monday	7:30am – 8:30am	Tennis (K-6)	Paul Xu	0450 484 759
	1:40pm – 2:10pm	Lego Club (K-2)	Mel Raj	SCHOOL
		Eisteddfod (3-6)	Ritu Talwar	
		Drumming Club (3-6)	Andrew Hutchings	
Tuesday	8am – 9am	String Ensemble	Nathan Walsh	0433 149 840
	8am – 6pm	Music Tuition (K-6)		
	8am – 8:30am	Chess (K-6)	Cheryl Looijer	9745 1170
	8:20am – 8:50am	Typing (K-6)	Jiyoti Pandit	SCHOOL
	1:40pm – 2:10pm	Performing Arts Club (K-2)	Shirley Peshos	
		Ukulele	Anni Chi	
		Badminton (3-6)	Wangqianli Xiang	
	3pm – 4pm	Timetables Club (3-6)	Gion Sim	
		Robotics (3-6)	Sophie Dobinson	
	3pm – 4:30pm	Dance Class (K-6)	Sandra Malone	0419 483 108
Wednesday	7:30am – 8:30am	Tennis (K-6)	Paul Xu	0450 484 759
	8am – 6pm	Music Tuition (K-6)	Nathan Walsh	0433 149 840
	1:40pm – 2:10pm	8am – 8:30am	Spellodrome (3-6)	SCHOOL
			Computer Coding (3-6)	
			Computer Coding (K-2)	
			Recorder (1-2)	
			Junior Choir (K-2)	
	3pm – 4pm	Senior Choir (3-6)	Xara Perrin-Murphy	
		Band	Nathan Walsh	0433 149 840
	3pm – 4:30pm	Art Club (K-6)	Karen Manning	0403 774 500
Thursday	8am – 6pm	Music Tuition (K-6)	Nathan Walsh	0433 149 840
	1:40pm – 2:10pm	Debating (5-6)	Arunny Peang	SCHOOL
		Performing Arts Club (3-6)	Shirley Peshos	
		Robotics (K-2)	Nicola Simmons	
		Gardening (K-6)	Praneeti Cyril	
		Recorder (3-6)	Xara Perrin-Murphy	
	3pm – 4:30pm	Homework Club	Joan Drummond	
Friday	8am – 6pm	Music Tuition (K-6)	Nathan Walsh	0433 149 840
	8am – 8:30am	Oz Tag (3-6)	Matthew Brown	SCHOOL
		Typing (K-6)	Georgie Balmain	
		Lego Club (3-4)	Dora Zhang	
	1:40pm – 2:10pm	Lego Club (5-6)	Dom Borger	
		Operation Art (K-2)	Sarah Fatrouni	

Run by the teachers – no cost

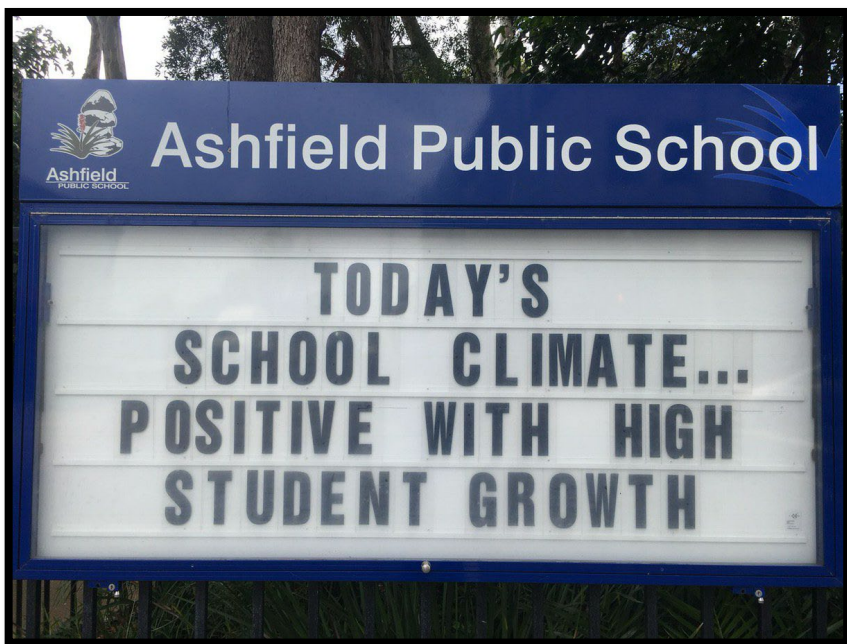


Booked and paid for by parents
Please contact the tutors



Photo gallery





Book a school tour: 9798 4400

