



ASHFIELD

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Every child, every opportunity



Kindergarten Handbook 2026

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At Ashfield Public School
everyone
is a someone.

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff of Ashfield Public School extends 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.

Ashfield Public School believes that an outstanding beginning to school sets the tone for success. Our school creates an educational environment to nurture the positive enthusiasm that young children have for learning.

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

This handbook is an overview of the essentials to get you started at Ashfield Public School. It is a guide to assist the transition from preschool to Kindergarten.

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

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Enrolment Interviews

As part of our enrolment process, all new families will be invited to attend an enrolment interview with our Assistant Principal for Kindergarten.

This meeting provides a valuable opportunity you to share information about your child - their interests, abilities, personality, and background - so we can support their transition and ensure they feel welcomed and valued in our school community.

The interview also allows us to share information about our school's values, programs, and expectations. It gives you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have and gain a clearer understanding of what life at our school will look like for your child.

Enrolment interviews are conducted throughout the year. Our school administration team will be in contact with you directly to confirm your interview date and time.

We look forward to meeting with you and working together to support a positive start to your child's educational journey with us.



Important dates

Term 2, 2025

Week 4 Wednesday 21st May @ 5pm
Kindergarten 2026 Information Session

Term 3, 2025

Week 3 Thursday 7th August
3pm: Kindergarten
4pm: Years 1-6
Whole School Open Classrooms

Week 4 Wednesday 13th August @ 5pm
Kindergarten 2026 Information Session

Term 4, 2025

Week 2 Wednesday 22nd October @ 5pm
Kindergarten 2026 Information Session

Week 8 Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December
Kindergarten 2026 Transition Week

Term 1, 2026

Week 2 Monday 2nd February 2026
First Day for Kindergarten Students

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
3:15pm	Children remaining on school site are directed to the office and parents or carers contacted.



Every child, every opportunity

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



Class parent

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

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

Technology

Ashfield Public School uses digital technologies to support student learning.

Students are taught how to effectively use technology to guide learning. This includes, for example, Ashfield Public School's emphasis on developing critical thinking, being able to write for sustained and appropriate periods of time, public speaking, physical activity and being able to concentrate whilst learning.

The school has a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative. This initiative enables students to access technology at any time throughout the school day, anywhere in the school.

Students who do not have access to a personal device are able to share the school's devices. All children have access to the PCs in the library and throughout the school. All students have access to printing facilities.



Transition from preschool to Kindergarten

Starting school is a major life transition for children and their families. Ashfield Public School is focused on making this time of change a successful process that builds self-esteem and confidence in each child and connects parents with the school community.

In Term 4, Ashfield Public School offers a transition program for preschool children and their families.

The transition program enables children and families to become familiar with school routines, procedures, facilities, teachers, and special programs. The program enables children to feel comfortable, relaxed and motivated to join school in the new year. It provides a sense of belonging to their new school community.

During the transition week, children attend school from 9am to 10:30am each day.



Year Six buddies

At Ashfield Public School, Year 6 students maintain a prominent role in the playground as Playground Buddies.

Wearing their prominent yellow vests, the playground buddies will play with the younger children, cheer them up or find them a friend to play with. The playground buddies also take younger children and wait while they get a drink or go to the toilet.

Playground buddies are in the playground to make it an even friendlier place to spend recess or lunch.



Home reading and homework

At Ashfield Public School, the School Home Reading Program consists of the student's borrowing books from school for independent reading, or reading them aloud to a parent. Books read are recorded a reading log. After each 50 nights of home reading, students are awarded a certificate.

Ashfield Public School encourages families to complete homework with their children. This includes activities that reinforce the literacy and numeracy learning occurring in the classroom.



Extra-Curricular Activities

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

Extra-curricular activities include:

- Junior Choir, for all interested children from Kindergarten to Year 2.
- Junior Recorder
- Private piano lessons taught by Inner West Music College
- Chess Club taught by the Sydney Academy of Chess.



Getting to know other parents

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

Parents and friends are welcome to volunteer in many ways to assist Ashfield Public School deliver a quality education. The 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 Service NSW 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 be part of the numerous initiatives to raise money for the school.



Before and after 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**](mailto:amcs@weldon.com.au)

Hours of operation: Before School Care 7am to 9 am

After School Care 3pm to 6 pm

Vacation Care 7am to 6pm



Meeting your child's teacher

Ashfield Public School supports accurate and timely communication between parents and teachers.

It is requested that appointments are made to arrange a time that is mutually suitable.

Follow us on 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.



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 essential that parents go to your local doctor for an individual health care plan. This plan needs to be given to the school.

Permission to photograph

It is a NSW Department of Education requirement that parental permission is given for photographs and videos of your child to be created. Photographs and videos are used to engage students and meet curriculum outcomes. Photographs can be published in the school newsletter and on the school website. They may also be used to promote the school or promote public education.



Awards

The Student Awards system recognises and celebrates our student's capacity to make choices that support their ongoing progress.

The choices include to be responsible, respectful, resilient, fabulous, a friend, safe, a learner, healthy, inclusive, and embrace diversity. All students in the school are supported to earn a Certificate of Success for making positive choices.

Once a student has earned 10 Certificates of Success they receive a School Award at morning lines. After earning 5 School Awards they are presented with a School Medal. 5 school medals will earn the student a trophy and 5 trophies earn a school badge. All these achievements are recognised in the school newsletter, the Wangal News.



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.



Sun safety

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

Canteen

Our canteen 'Badalya', an Australian First Nation 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>

Cut off for online orders is 8.30am each day.

Please order foods to share for your child's birthday from Badalya.



Preparing for school

- Label all items, including lunchbox, drink bottle, school bag and jacket, with your child's name. Check regularly as labels fade or fall off.
- Help your child identify and recognise their personal belongings.
- School bags need to be sturdy and large enough to accommodate a lunch box and library books.
- Pack your child's lunch box in such a way that they can identify which food is for recess, lunch and Crunch 'n Sip.
- Teach your child how to unwrap their food (including the plastic wrap), push a straw into a drink and repack food with no leakages.
- Teach your child to recognise and write their name, remembering to use a capital letter for the first letter, with other letters written in lower case.
- Keep an extra pair of underpants and shorts in a plastic bag in your child's school bag. Toilet accidents sometimes happen.
- Inform the school if you will be late for the daily 3pm pickup. A missing parent often causes much anxiety.
- Give your child time to unwind and relax at the end of the day.
- If your child is sick, it is highly beneficial to keep them at home. This supports a speedy recovery and reduces the risk that germs spread across the class.

This is what I need in my bag




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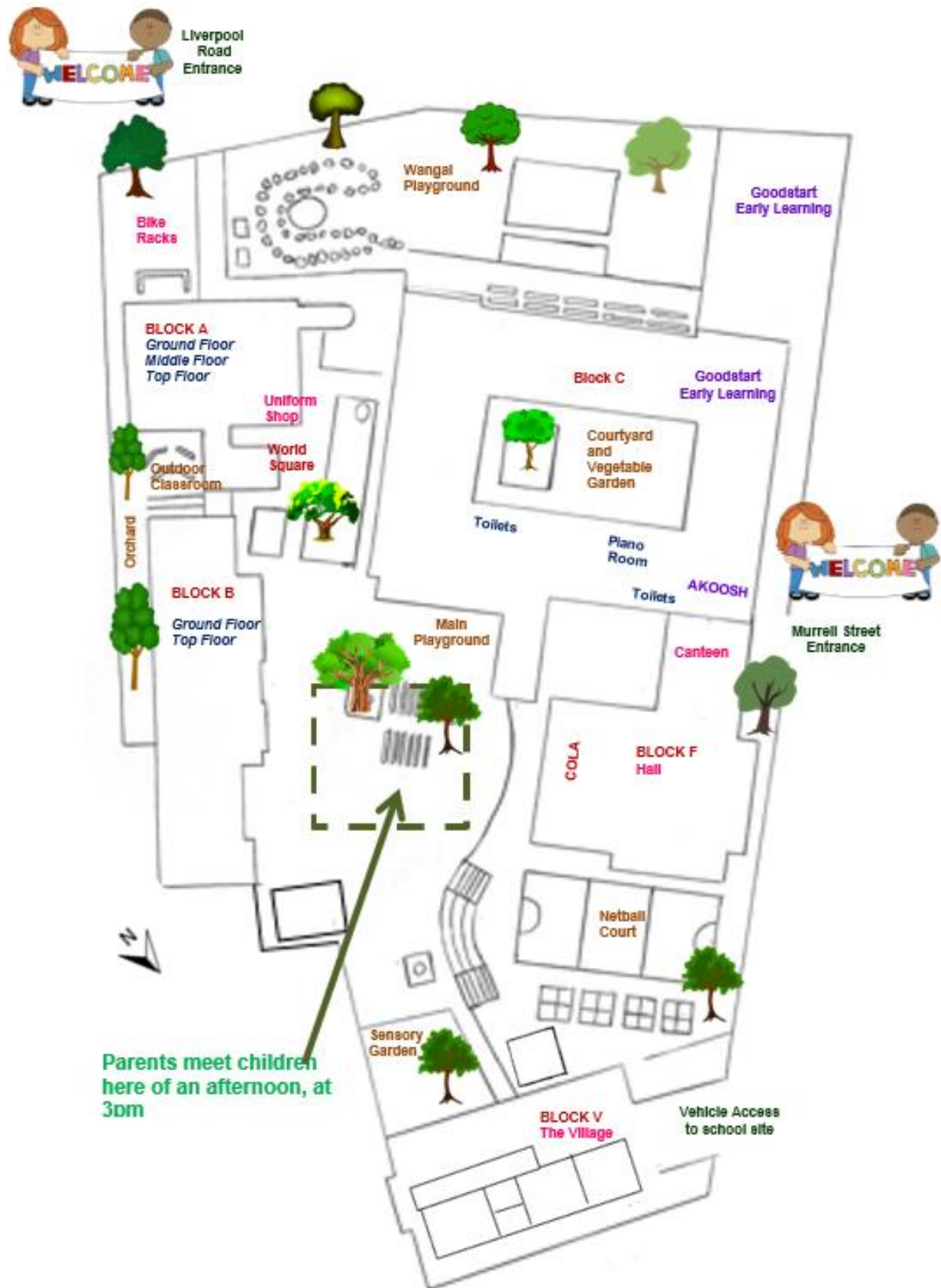
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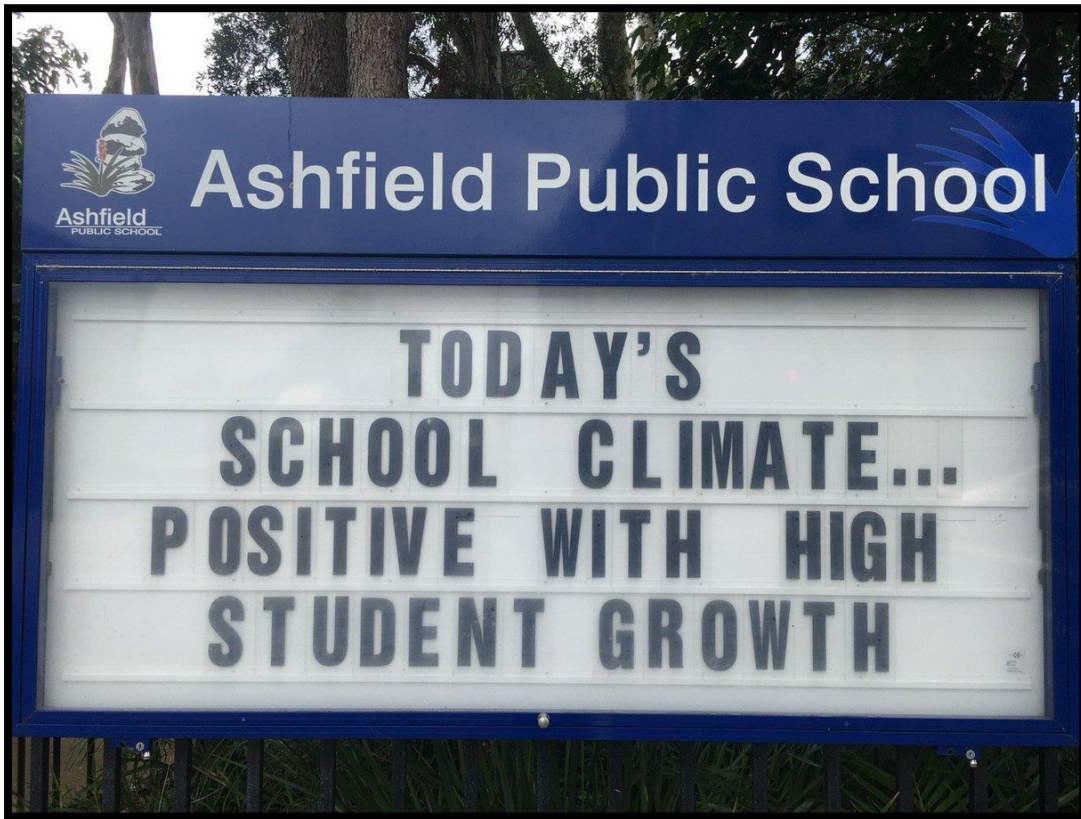
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<p>Crunch & Sip</p> <p>10:00 - 10:15</p>	
<p>Break 1</p> <p>11:00 - 11:30</p>	
<p>Break 2</p> <p>1:25 - 2:10</p>	
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School map







Book a school tour: 9798 4400

Enrolling now for 2026

