



ASHFIELD

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Every child, every opportunity



Opportunity Class 2026

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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 supporting your child so that they quickly transition into the routines of a new 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 to the Opportunity Class program.

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

Damien Moran
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Ashfield Public School

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Important dates

Term 4 2025

Week 7	Tuesday 25 th November OC Orientation morning
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Term 1 2026

Week 2	Monday 2 nd February First Day of School
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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 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 can 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 of 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.



Student 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 |

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. Five 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.



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.

Home reading & Accelerated Reader

Students are expected to read daily. 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
- 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 and / 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 students to always wear the school uniform. Uniforms should be clean & well presented.

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.

Visit the [Daylight Schoolwear](https://www.daylightschoolwear.au/ashfield#1) website

<https://www.daylightschoolwear.au/ashfield#1>

Shop online for your school uniforms.

Orders are packed on a Wednesday during school term and delivered to the school office.

Shop on school site between **8:30am** to **11:00am** each Wednesday during the school term.

Please contact Tasi Savva for further details on **0403 770 949** (please text between 10am - 2pm Monday to Friday)

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>

Cut off for online orders is 8.30am each day.

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 messages to update parents about 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 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 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 workload 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), Kids@Weldon operates the service.

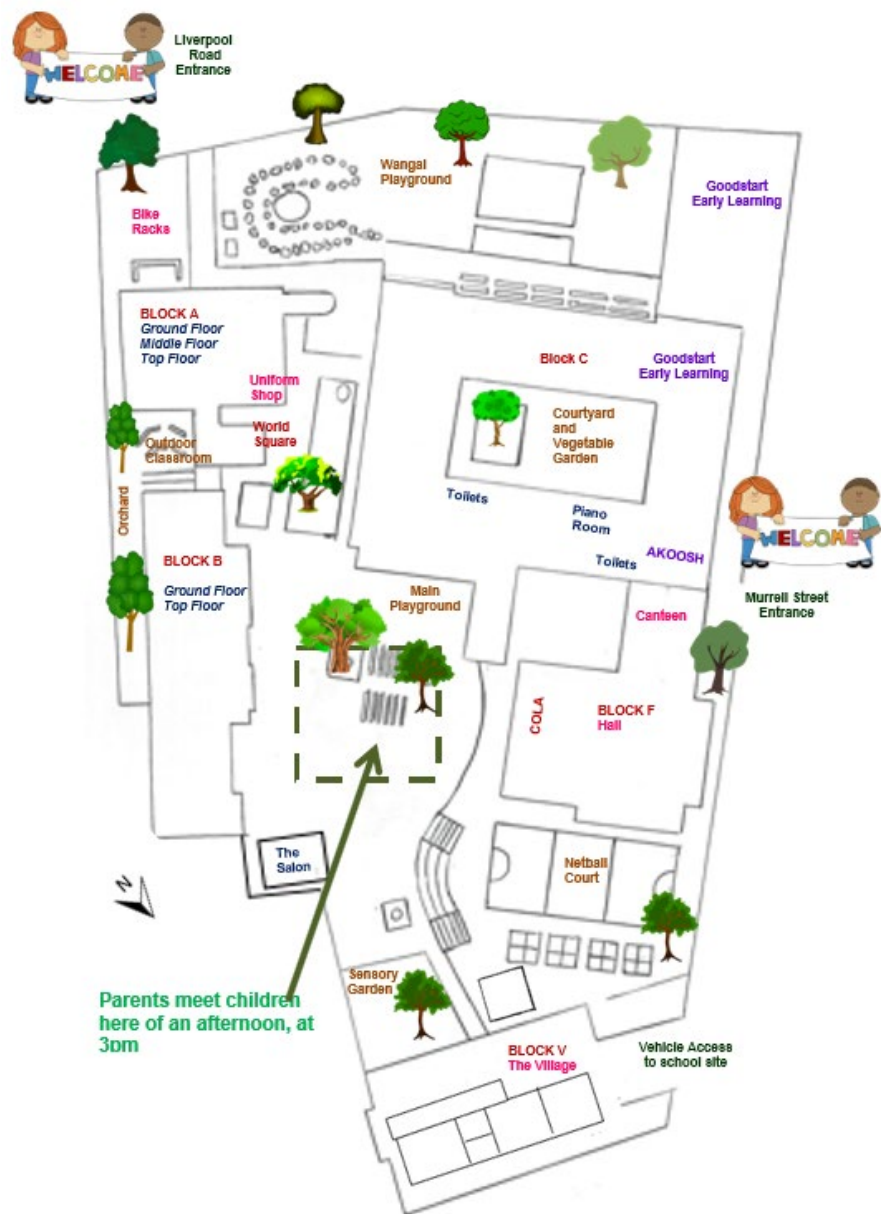
Phone: 9798 5611

Email: 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



School map



Triple E initiatives 2025

(Engagement, Enrichment & Extension)

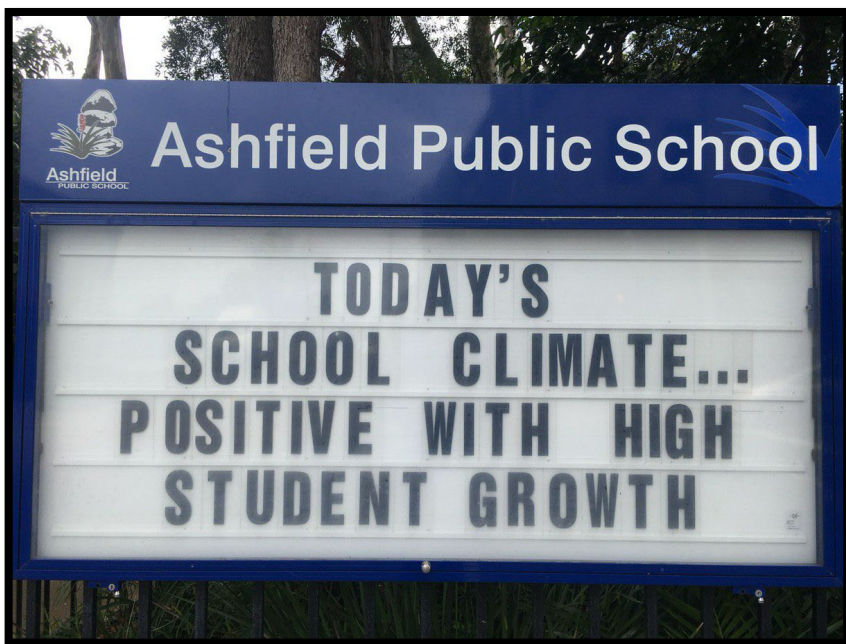
Day	Time	Activity	Teacher	Contact
Monday	7:30am – 8:30am	Tennis (K-6)	Paul Xu	0450 484 759
	1:40pm – 2:10pm	Lego Club (K-2)	Mel Raj	SCHOOL
		Eisteddfod (3-6)	Ritu Talwar	
	1:40pm – 2:10pm	Percussion Band (2-5)	Deborah O'Donnell	
	8am – 6pm	Drumming Tuition (3-6)	Andrew Hutchings	0416 020 067
Tuesday	3pm – 4pm	Dough Figurine Craft	Mark Chen	0468 332 197
	8am – 8:30am	Chess (K-6)	Cheryl Looijer	9745 1170
	8am – 9am	String Ensemble	Nathan Walsh	0433 149 840
	8am – 6pm	Music Tuition (K-6)		
	8:20am – 8:50am	Typing (K-6)	Jiyoti Pandit	SCHOOL
		Performing Arts Club (K-2)	Shirley Peshos	
	1:40pm – 2:10pm	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
	3pm – 5pm	Chinese Painting & Calligraphy	Sabrina Wong	0405 866 366
Wednesday	7:30am – 8:30am	Tennis (K-6)	Paul Xu	0450 484 759
	8am – 6pm	Music Tuition (K-6)	Nathan Walsh	0433 149 840
	8am – 8:30am	Spellodrome (3-6)	Sara Origlio	SCHOOL
		Computer Coding (3-6)	Marivic Murray	
		Computer Coding (K-2)	Jenny Tribbia	
	1:40pm – 2:10pm	Recorder (1-2)	Mee York Wong	
		Junior Choir (K-2)	Kirsty Sydenham	
		Senior Choir (3-6)	Xara Perrin-Murphy	
		Irish Language Club (3-6)	Ronan McDonnell	
Thursday	3pm – 4pm	Band	Nathan Walsh	0433 149 840
	3pm – 4:30pm	Art Club (K-6)	Karen Manning	0403 774 500
	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	
		Percussion Kindy	Mee York Wong	SCHOOL
	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)	Jessica Mehta	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

