



Education

Information Handbook 2025

Yamba

PUBLIC SCHOOL



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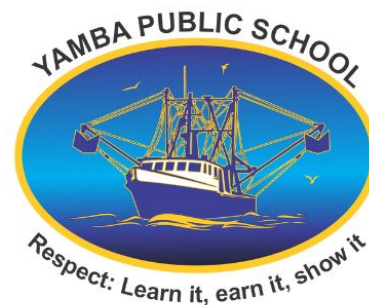
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Welcome from the Principal

Yamba Public School has been catering to the educational needs of children within the local community since 1883 and has occupied its current site on Angourie Road since 1990. The school offers a broad range of academic, physical, and creative activities for all students.

Parents and community members are encouraged to engage with the school by joining the P&C group. Monthly meetings are held, second Tuesday of each month and are an excellent opportunity to be involved in the school community.

The school offers many different ways to keep connected with activities and events. We have Sentral Parent Portal, a school Facebook page, and a fortnightly electronic newsletter.

I hope that your child enjoys their time at Yamba Public School and makes the most of the opportunities presented to them.

Please remember that all staff at Yamba Public School, teaching and non-teaching are here to support your child's academic, social, and emotional development.

I look forward to meeting your family and getting to know you and your child and trust that your involvement with Yamba Public School will have many positive outcomes.

'It's better to know how to learn than to know' - Dr. Seuss

Mr. Philip Cavanagh
Principal



Enrolling Your Child



Our school can help with enrolment queries throughout the year.

Local enrolment area

Check your address on [School Finder](#) to see if it is within our local intake area. Most schools have designated local enrolment areas. Note: local enrolment areas are subject to change.

How to enrol

If you live in our intake area and would like to apply to enrol at our school, start by submitting an enrolment by clicking:

<https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=3533> Online enrolment is currently only available for Australian or New Zealand citizens and permanent residents.

If you are not able to apply online or you prefer not to, download the paper [application to enrol](#) form. Please complete the form in English. A [translated application to enrol](#) may help you do this.

[Online enrolment](#) can also be used for out-of-area enrolment. Please note that out-of-area enrolment procedures are subject to the department's [enrolment policy](#).

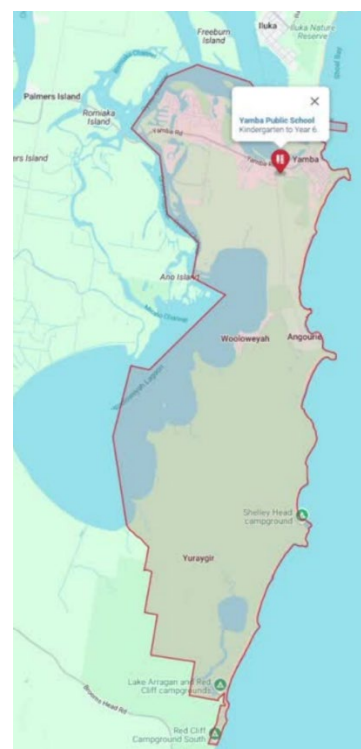
Enrolment applications are finalised at the school.

For more information, visit [primary school enrolment](#).

Moving to high school

Visit the [moving to high school](#) page to find out more about the transition of year 6 students into year 7.

(Above information on our website <https://yamba-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>)



Map of our Catchment Area

Playground Areas



*** Red lines indicate out of bounds**

Students playing under the COLA not to cross over the red lines or play on the blue concrete

- **Before 8:40am bell:** Students sit quietly under the COLA, when the bell rings they can play under the COLA and on Oval 1.
- **9am:** Bell to move to class
- **9:05am:** Class time begins
- **11:05am:** Recess. Sit under the COLA to eat and wait until the teacher on duty dismisses students to play.
- **11:25am:** Bell rings. Line up to enter classroom.
- **1:10pm - 1:20pm:** Lunch - eating time. Students wait until the teacher dismisses them to play.
- **1:40pm:** Middle Bell
- **1:55pm:** Lunch finished. Line up for class
- **2pm:** Class begins.
- **3:00pm:** School finished

Welcome from the P&C Association



President: Rebecca Woodleigh
Vice-President: Alice Fazio
Secretary: Sarah Jones
Treasurer: Teliesha Roach



Welcome to Yamba Public School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

The Yamba P&C brings together families, teachers, and the Principal to build a connected and supportive school community. Together, we:

- Foster a learning environment where all children can thrive
- Strengthen school spirit through meaningful parent engagement
- Support wellbeing across the school — socially, intellectually, physically, and emotionally

What We Do

Each year, the P&C raises funds and provides services to support initiatives the school could not otherwise afford. With your help, we:

- **Run the school canteen** – providing healthy, affordable food options for students
- **Improve school facilities and resources**
- **Fund equipment, events, and special programs**
- **Host social and community events**
- **Represent the school on broader community matters** (e.g. pedestrian safety)
- **Encourage parent involvement** in school life and educational priorities

Why Get Involved?

When families participate in school life, students benefit. Here are some of the ways you can support our school:

Volunteer Your Time

Every contribution counts. You might:

- **Volunteer at the canteen** — even a few hours helps keep this vital service running
- Help at school events (BBQs, raffles, gift stalls, etc.)
- Bake, donate goods, or assist with setup/pack down
- Encourage your child to get involved in fundraising



- Offer your skills — e.g. gardening, design, communication, translation, event planning

Join the P&C as a Member

Membership gives you a voice and a vote on school matters.

- Cost: **\$2 per year**
- Join: **Any time during the year**
- Members can vote at meetings and join sub-committees
- No need to take on a formal role unless you wish to



Attend a P&C Meeting

Held on the **third Monday of each month at 5:30pm**, in the **school library** during term time.

At each meeting, you can:

- Hear updates from the Principal
- Learn about current initiatives and events
- Share ideas and provide feedback
- Get to know other families and staff



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I attend a meeting?

Email yambapandc@gmail.com to receive the agenda and meeting details.

What if I can't attend, but still want to be involved?

You can still join the P&C:

- Email feedback, suggestions or questions to the P&C
- Request monthly meeting minutes and reports
- Stay informed by joining our mailing list

We warmly welcome all families to get involved - whether once a year or every month. Your support helps shape a thriving, inclusive school community where all children are given the best chance to succeed.

Contact us any time: yambapandc@gmail.com



School Staff List

Principal

Mr Philip Cavanagh

Assistant Principals

Mr James Dean (Stage 3)
 Ms Jenni Brown/ Ms Janine Burleigh (Stage 2)
 Mrs Belinda Smith (Stage 1)
 Ms Diana Esterbauer (Curriculum & Instruction)

Classroom Teachers

Stage 1

Mrs Belinda Smith
 Mrs Julia Teague

Miss Jasmine Grainger
 Mrs Sheena Mortimer

Mrs Melinda Auld
 Mrs Rebecca McCudden

Stage 2

Ms Jenni Brown
 Ms Leah Wright

Ms Gina O'Shea
 Mrs Sandy Sonter

Mr Craig Paul

Stage 3

Mr James Dean
 Miss Kira Bliss

Mrs Sarah Jones
 Mrs Jenna Hope

Support Class (CQ)

Ms Janine Burleigh

Learning Support Coordinator Ms Karen Newby

Teacher Librarian Mr Matthew Jones

Sports Organisers Mr James Dean

School Counsellor Mr Andrew Allen

Administrative Manager Mrs Kim McFarlane (Relieving)
Administrative Officers Mrs Jane Gosper
 Mrs Joanne Bridges

Aboriginal Education Officer Mr Hughie Stanley

Learning Support Officers Ms Sue Herman Mrs Sharliehn Ackerman
 Mrs Meegan Bell Mrs Tania Shugg
 Ms Donna Soden Mrs Heather Read
 Mrs Andrea Devine Miss Tarni Forbes
 Miss Ashley Luland Miss Meghan West

General Assistant Mr Rod Menzies

Term Dates 2025**Term 1:**

	Friday 31 st January 2025	Staff Development Day
	Monday 3 rd February 2025	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 4 th February 2025	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 5 th February 2025	Staff Development Day
School Starts	Thursday 6 th February	All Students K-6 Return
School Finishes	Friday 11 th April 2025	
	Sat 12 April – Sunday 27 April	Autumn Holidays

Term 2:

	Monday 28 th April 2025	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 29 th April 2025	Staff Development Day
School Starts	Wednesday 30 th April 2025	All students
	<i>Monday 9th June 2025</i>	<i>Public Holiday - King's Birthday</i>
School Finishes	Friday 4 th July 2025	
	Sat 5th July - Sun 20th July	Winter Holidays

Term 3:

	Monday 21 st July 2025	Staff Development Day
School Starts	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	All students
School Finishes	Friday 26 th September 2025	
	Sat 27 Sept - Sun 12th Oct	Spring Holidays

Term 4:

	Monday 13 th October 2025	Staff Development Day
School Starts	Tuesday 14 th October 2025	All students
School Finishes	Friday 19 th December 2025	
	Sat 20th Dec - Mon 26th Jan	Summer Holidays

SESSION TIMES

Session 1	9:05-11:05am
Recess	11:05- 11:25am
Session 2	11:25am - 1:10pm
Lunch 1	1:10-1:40pm (1:20pm end of eating)
Lunch 2	1:40- 2:00pm
Session 3	2:00pm- 3:00pm

Positive Behaviour for Learning



Yamba Public School PBL Values

Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Right place, right time ▪ Use equipment appropriately ▪ Be sun safe ▪ Hands and feet to yourself
Proud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Be Prepared for school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uniform ○ Equipment ○ Food/drink ▪ Represent the school proudly ▪ Do your best work ▪ Celebrate achievements
Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Look after your possessions ▪ Use the correct bin ▪ Own our actions ▪ Be ready to learn
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speak politely ▪ Use your manners ▪ Listen attentively ▪ Tell the truth ▪ Different teacher, same respect

Uniform and Uniform Sales



MONDAY TO THURSDAY

Standard Uniform



FRIDAY

Sports Uniform



TOPS

- YPS Light blue polo shirt
- YPS Sports shirt

BOTTOMS

- Blue YPS embroidered shorts
- Blue Skort
- Tartan skort
- Tartan dress

FOOTWEAR

- Black shoes
- White or Black socks

HAT

- YPS blue bucket hat (reversible with sport house)

TOPS

- YPS Jumper
- YPS Sports Jacket
- YPS Fleece Jacket



BOTTOMS

- Royal Blue Long pants
- Royal Blue Trackpants
- Navy tights under skort or dress



HAT

- YPS blue bucket hat (reversible with sport house)



Uniform and Uniform Sales



New uniforms can be purchased from the Maclean Uniform Shop. See below for price list.

<https://www.uniformshopmaclean.com/>

School hats can be purchased at school for \$13.

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Blue Polo	\$32.00
Sport Polo	\$32.00
Check Skort	\$39.95
Trutex Short	\$36.95
Sport Skort	\$24.95
LW Sport Shorts	\$32.95
Fleece Jumper	\$34.00
Polar Fleece Jacket	\$43.95
Spray Jacket	\$45.95
Royal Track Pants	\$35.95
Dress	\$44.95

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Absences During the School Day

Leaving School Early

If a student needs to leave school during the day, the parent/carer needs to attend the school office and receive an early leaver slip and take to the classroom teacher, or teacher on duty before picking up their child.

Late for School

Students who arrive late to school are to attend the school office. The student will then be given a late slip to be given to their class teacher. If no reason for being late is given, the absence will be marked as 'unjustified'.

Full Day Absence

If your child is absent please advise the office by phone, email or via the Sentral Portal. The school sends out daily SMS messages regarding absences and parents/carers can reply directly to these messages. According to the advice from the Department of Education for parents, justified reasons for student absence (whole day or partial day) may include:

- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment (Please note, the Principal/school is entitled to seek further information regarding appointments such as the name of the dentist or doctor to justify the absence)
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances (e.g. attending a funeral)

Please note:

Family commitments are not regarded as justifiable reason by the Department of Education.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interests of the child. In these circumstances, for a whole or partial day absence your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. Further information is available through the following link or through contacting the school to discuss situations specific to your family:

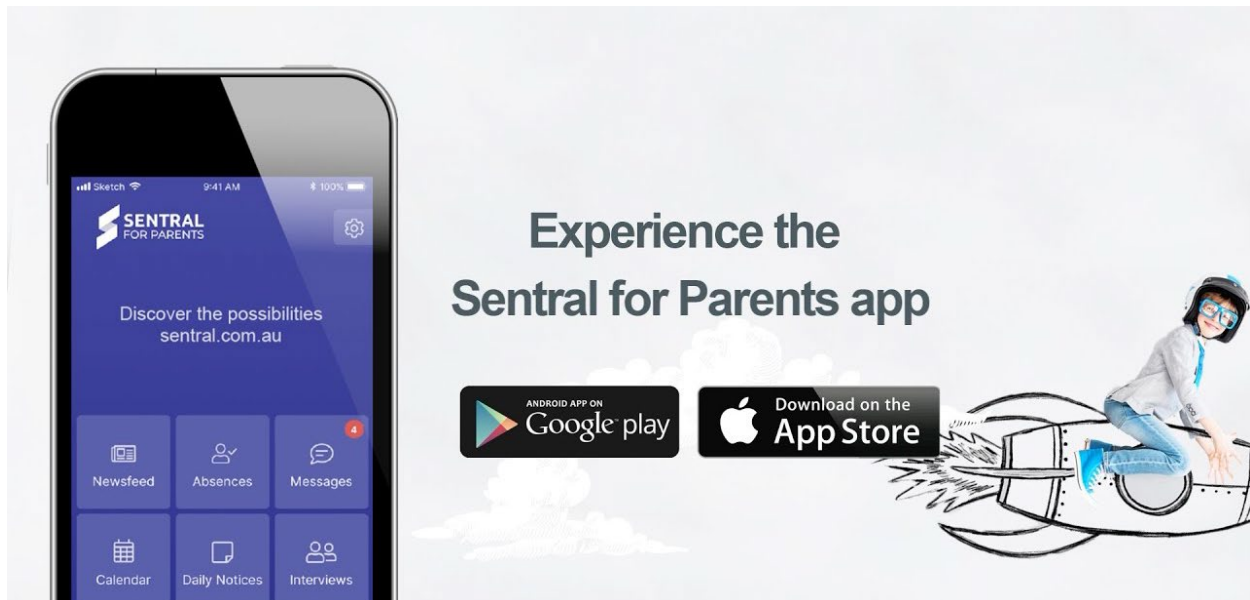
https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/en/home/student-wellbeing/attendance-matters---resources-for-schools/Compulsory_school_attendance_parents_QAupdate_2022.pdf

Long Absence

Families are encouraged to travel during the school holidays. If travel occurs during school terms, a 'Certificate of Exemption' must be completed for the leave to be approved. Extended leave request forms can be picked up from the office or obtained from the Parent portal and returned for the Principal's approval.

Sentral Portal

Parents and carers who have lodged an email address with the school can access the **Sentral Parent Portal** after completing a short registration process. An email will be sent to all new families detailing this process. The portal is accessed through the Sentral App and is a valuable tool for parents and carers to monitor attendance, view daily notices relevant to their child's year group, give permission and pay for excursions.



Contacting the School

Parents/carers can call the school office from 8.30am - 3.15pm (ph: 02 6646 2420) for information on school matters or to make appointments with staff members.

Parents/Carers may also email the school yamba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the teacher's name and your child's name in the subject heading.

Students and families are encouraged to make arrangements regarding pick up or after school activities prior to coming to school; of course, in case of an emergency, don't hesitate to contact the office. If there is a change in your child's afternoon routine, we ask that you call the office no later than 2:50pm for the message to be delivered to the student.

Change of personal Information

It is important that families notify the school of any changes made to addresses, phone numbers, and emergency contacts or changes in health concerns and court issues. This allows the school records to be kept up to date, if we need to contact you for any reason. These changes can be done via the Sentral Parent Portal.

Communicating with our Families

- **Facebook:** posts are continually streamed on Facebook to keep families up to date on important information and activities happening around the school.
- **Fortnightly Newsletter:** provides all school activities and is a great source of

information to keep parents informed. The school newsletter is emailed directly to all parents that have provided the school with an email address. The newsletter is distributed each Wednesday to parents and posted on the schools Facebook page.

- **Sentral Parent Portal:** is a communication platform that allows families to view their child's attendance, submit absences, give permission and make payment for activities and keep up to date with what is going on at school. Each Parent is given an access key and can create a profile using the app or via a desktop.

Payments

All money related to activities i.e. excursion, activities, sports can be paid through the Sentral Parent Portal. Otherwise payments can be made in cash, or by EFTPOS at the office.

Permission Notes and Money

Yamba Public School hosts many activities for our students. The process for parents/carers to complete permission and payment for activities includes:

- An activity is created on the Sentral Parent Portal and parents/carers will receive a notification.
- Parent/carers may log into the Sentral Parent Portal and complete the permission and payment digitally.

Prompt permission and payment for activities is appreciated to help activities to run smoothly.

First Aid/Illness

First Aid will be administered for minor incidents. Where an injury is thought to be serious, the parents will be contacted and an ambulance will be called if deemed necessary. In cases of illness, parents will be contacted and arrangements made to take children home. Please inform the school of any health conditions that your child may have i.e. allergies, asthma.

Canteen

Our canteen is run by P&C and they operate for recess and lunch from Wednesday to Friday weekly. The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools for online recess and lunch orders.

To place an order;

1. Download the app; and
2. Create your account.

Lunch orders need to be placed by 9am on the day of order.



Assemblies

Whole school assemblies are held every three weeks on Monday at 2:00pm in the school hall. Parents are informed of upcoming assemblies via the newsletter or Sentral Parent Portal. Parents/Carers are also advised if their child is receiving an award.

Stage One assemblies are held fortnightly on Mondays at 2pm.

Staff Development Days

The school holds eight Staff Development Days per year. These days are designed to give staff an opportunity to learn about new curriculum and teaching methods as well as planning and developing whole school programs and policies. In 2025 the Department of School Education allocated four days at the start of Term 1, two days at the start of Term 2, one day at the start of Term 3 and one at the start of Term 4. Children are not required to attend school on these days.

Parents/Carers/Community

There are several opportunities for parents to assist at school. Have you thought about these?

1. Being an active member of the Parents and Citizens Association (see under separate heading).
2. Offering support in the classroom, help with reading.
3. Assisting in the canteen

The school is always in need of support and is most appreciative of the help that it receives from families. Volunteers need to sign on and off whenever they are helping. A register is kept in the front office. The school would like to encourage all parents/carers to become active in our school and many opportunities are provided for this during the school year. All volunteers must have completed a Working with Children Check online through <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/working-children-check>.

Buses

'Busways' services our school with buses to all Yamba district areas as well as a service to Maclean which stops at Maclean High School. Should you have any bus travel concerns please call Busways Yamba Depot phone: 6645 8941.

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with free bus travel. Students in Year 3 and above are required to purchase a bus pass if they live within a certain radius of the school.

Parents need to apply online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students for all bus passes. If there are any changes to student's personal details i.e. address, these must be recorded online. Once approved the pass will be mailed direct to the address on the application. Please display your child's bus pass clearly on their school bag.

Students line up in the undercover area within their bus groups and walk to the bus bay supervised by a teacher.

Inappropriate behaviour on the bus may lead to suspension from travelling on the bus. Free bus travel is a privilege, please teach your child to respect the bus rules. If your child is suspended from the bus, the bus company will advise parents/carers and the school in writing. Your child will not be permitted on the bus and you will need to make alternative arrangements for the duration of the suspension.

Curriculum and Learning

Learning at Yamba Public School

Yamba Public School is committed to helping every child learn, grow and achieve. The school provides high-quality, evidence-based teaching programs and practices that support each student's learning journey.

Learning is carefully planned to develop the diverse strengths, abilities, and interests of our students. Teachers use explicit and differentiated teaching approaches to provide support and challenge. Our classrooms are inclusive and engaging spaces where students are encouraged to ask questions, think critically, collaborate, use feedback, and do their personal best.

Curriculum

The school follows the NSW curriculum developed by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA), which outlines what students are expected to learn from Kindergarten to Year 6 across all Key Learning Areas.



Key Learning Areas

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 engage in learning across six key areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Human Society and Its Environment (History and Geography)
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
- Creative Arts

Primary school learning is organised in stages. Except for Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten), each stage covers two school years, with specific skills, knowledge, and understanding developed throughout each stage:

- **Early Stage 1** – Kindergarten
- **Stage 1** – Years 1 and 2
- **Stage 2** – Years 3 and 4
- **Stage 3** – Years 5 and 6

Further curriculum information can be found here:

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

Support Class

Yamba Public School offers a dedicated support class that provides specialised and intensive support for students with diagnosed disabilities who require tailored adjustments to the curriculum and learning environment. This class plays an important role in the school's commitment to inclusive education, ensuring that every student has access to meaningful and appropriate learning opportunities. The support class follows the NSW curriculum, with individualised learning plans designed to meet the unique needs of each student. Students in the support class are also encouraged to participate in a range of activities with their peers in mainstream classes at whole school events. This inclusive approach supports the development of social and emotional skills for all students and helps foster a school community that values diversity and inclusion.



Enriching Learning Opportunities

Yamba Public School offers a variety of enriching programs to support the development of confident, well-rounded learners. These opportunities help students explore their interests and develop skills across a wide range of learning areas.

These include:

- Differentiated academic programs to support and extend students
- Public Speaking and Debating
- Participation in the Premier's Spelling Bee
- School-wide cultural events and celebrations
- Choir and school performances
- Music lessons, including guitar and piano
- Creative arts and dance programs
- Clubs such as chess, gardening, and STEM



Aboriginal Education

Yamba Public School acknowledges the Yaegl people, the Traditional Custodians of the land, and pays respect to Elders past, present, and emerging. We are committed to supporting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to succeed in all areas of their education.



We work closely with our local community and Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). A full-time Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) supports students and families, and the school's Aboriginal Education Committee, called SACRED, guides and supports Aboriginal education initiatives.

Personalised Learning Pathways (PLPs) are developed in consultation with families to meet each student's goals and aspirations. Yamba Public School proudly celebrates the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and communities.

Learning and Support

Yamba Public School is committed to supporting the learning needs of all students, including those who may require additional assistance.

A specialist Learning and Support teacher works closely with classroom teachers and parents/carers to design and implement tailored programs for students who require additional support in specific areas of their learning. Support may be provided within the classroom or through targeted small group or individual sessions.

Learning and Support Team

Students can be referred to the school's Learning and Support Team (LST) by their class teacher or family when additional support is needed.

The LST plays a key role in addressing the diverse learning needs of students, including those with disabilities. Team members include the Principal, Assistant Principals, School Counsellor, Learning and Support Teacher, Classroom Teachers, and the Wellbeing Health In-Reach Nurse (WHIN).

The team:

- Supports teachers in identifying and addressing students' learning needs
- Coordinates a whole-school approach to student achievement and wellbeing
- Manages planning and resources for students requiring additional support
- Works in partnership with families, professionals, and the wider school community

School Counsellor

The School Counsellor supports students' wellbeing and educational development by working with the Learning and Support Team, parents/carers, teachers and students. The counsellor's role includes:

- Providing counselling and support for students
- Assisting parents/carers in making informed decisions about their child's education
- Assessing students' learning and behaviour
- Liaising with external support agencies

Wellbeing Health In-Reach Nurse (WHIN)

The Wellbeing Health In-Reach Nurse (WHIN) works with families and the school's Learning and Support Team to promote student health and wellbeing. The WHIN nurse helps families connect with health services, provides advice on children's development, and supports early intervention when needed.

You can read more about the WHIN Nurse on our website: <https://yamba-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/notes-and-information.html>





Information and Communications Technology

Technology is an integral part of future-focused learning at Yamba Public School. Students are not only expected to develop computer skills using Microsoft software (Word, PowerPoint, etc.), but also to work with web-based programs such as Google Drive, Google Slides, and Canva. They are taught to use technology

as a tool to express their learning, research information, and connect with the world around them.

Yamba Public School provides a range of digital learning experiences through the use of laptops, tablets, and iPads.

Reporting

A formal written report detailing each child's academic and social progress is given to families in Term 2 and Term 4.

Parent Teacher Interviews are organised for the end of Term 1 and Term 3. Bookings can be made via the Sentral Parent Portal.

Best Start

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment identifies student's literacy and numeracy skills on entry to Kindergarten. All Kindergarten students complete the literacy and numeracy assessment in the first 5 weeks of school. It has been conducted in all NSW public schools since 2010.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy/assessment-resources/best-start-kindergarten>



NSW Department of Education - NSW Gov...
Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy)

NAPLAN is completed in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and is a snap shot of student learning. It guides teachers for future learning and provides an overview of class and school performance.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan>



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Check-in Assessments

Check-in assessments are online assessments for students in Years 3 to 9. They are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. In Term 3, all students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment. Year 6 students also complete a writing task.

The assessments supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and help teachers further tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy/assessment-resources/check-in-assessment>



NSW Department of Education - NSW...
Check-in assessment overview

Music

Children at YPS are offered a wide variety of opportunities in music. Every child has weekly music class for two terms every year with our music teacher Mr. Ryan Enns. Ryan has a Masters degree in music and specializes in making music accessible and fun for children of all ages and abilities.

In music class students learn to sing, play ukulele and play ear training games. Occasionally our choirs get to perform at assemblies, concerts and music festivals outside of school as well. Year 3-6 students have music in Terms 1-2 and students in kindergarten to year 2 have music in Terms 3-4.

YPS students can also participate in guitar and piano lessons at school through the Clarence Valley Conservatorium. Guitar lessons with Ryan are in groups of 2-5 for 30 minutes each week at a cost of \$17.50 per week.

Piano lessons with Mrs Greta Enns are individual at a cost of \$35 per week. Income tested bursaries are available to help relieve some of the cost. Children can start at any age but it is generally recommended to start music lessons in year 2 or 3.

Enrolments for music lessons are through the Clarence Valley Conservatorium <https://www.cvcon.com.au/> or 66433555.



Our Library

Our school library is the heart of our school – a vibrant, inclusive space where all students are welcome.

It's a place where all students feel they belong, surrounded by books, creativity, and opportunities to learn. The library is always growing and changing to meet the needs of our students with new books, flexible seating, technology and hands-on activities that reflect the latest in education and student interests.

BORROWING & RETURNING

Students visit the library once a week with Mr Jones to borrow and return books and each child is asked to bring a library bag to help protect our resources. Students are also welcome to borrow or return books during lunchtime when the library is open. If a book is lost or damaged, we kindly ask parents to cover the replacement cost so we can continue to offer a wide range of quality books for all students.



STUDENT VOICE

Students are encouraged to have a say in their library. Mr Jones welcomes book requests and ideas for how to improve the library space, helping to make it a place that reflects student interests and supports their love of reading.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Yamba Public School proudly takes part in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge each year. All students are encouraged to participate and enjoy reading a wide range of quality books. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 complete the challenge with support from both their class teacher and the librarian, whilst students in Years 3 to 6 complete the challenge individually.



LUNCHTIME IN THE LIBRARY

The library is open at lunchtime from 1:30 to 2:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. All students are welcome to come in and enjoy some quiet reading time. On their designated day each week, students also have access to our LEGO, Makerspace and whiteboard tables.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is held twice each term, giving families the opportunity to purchase affordable and engaging books for home. Every purchase earns points for our school, which we use to add new books and resources to the library.

Sport and Physical Activity

At Yamba Public School, we believe physical activity is an essential part of daily life and a key contributor to student wellbeing and success. Sport and physical activity is deeply embedded in our school culture and supported through a wide range of opportunities—before and after school, during break times, in the classroom, and at home.

All students, K-6 participate in at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each week. A highlight of this is our whole-school sport day every Friday, where students join their stage peers in a variety of structured and targeted activities designed to build skills, teamwork, and confidence. We recognise the strong link between regular movement and overall wellbeing, including improved concentration, memory, resilience, and academic performance.

As a staff, we are collectively committed to inclusive participation, offering a variety of team and individual activities—both competitive and non-competitive—to suit all interests and abilities. Every student is encouraged to explore, enjoy, and develop their physical skills in a supportive environment.

Our enrichment and extracurricular programs provide further opportunities for students to engage in aquatic sports and other physical activities. In addition to the Premier's Sporting Challenge, we offer high-quality sporting experiences throughout the year. We also collaborate with the wider community and School Sport Unit programs, tailoring these resources to meet the unique needs of our students.

Yamba Public School is committed to providing Maclean High School students with valuable opportunities to develop practical skills in event officiating and coordination across a variety of settings. Through involvement in NSWPSSA Knockout games, local community gala days, and major events such as NAIDOC Week, Yamba Public School supports MHS students in gaining hands-on experience managing and officiating sports and cultural events. This dedication ensures students enhance their leadership abilities while contributing meaningfully to inclusive and well-organised community celebrations. We thank Maclean High School staff and students for their ongoing support of our Sport program.

Through these initiatives, we aim to create a dynamic and nurturing environment where every child can grow—physically, socially, emotionally, and academically.

Sport and Physical Activity Programs

- Boys and Girls AFL
- Boys and Girls Netball
- Swimming
- Boys and Girls Rugby Union
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Athletics

- Cross Country
- Boys and Girls Tennis
- Boys Cricket
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Golf
- Rugby League
- Futsal
- Pickleball
- Surfing
- Fishing
- Skateboarding

NSWPSSA and the School Sport Representative Pathway

At Yamba Public School, we are proud to offer students with high potential and gifted sporting abilities the opportunity to participate in the Representative School Sport Pathway. This pathway begins at the local level and can progress all the way to national competitions, allowing students to showcase their talents while representing our school with pride.

We greatly value the dedication of our teachers, students, and parents/carers who support our sporting programs. Through active participation, students not only develop athletic skills but also build important values—Respect, Resilience, and Relationships, known in our community as the 3Rs.

In recent years, our students have represented Yamba Public School at a wide range of NSWPSSA Championships, including:

- Boys and Girls AFL
- Boys Netball
- Swimming
- Rugby Union
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Athletics and Cross Country
- Tennis
- Boys Cricket
- Girls Soccer
- Golf
- Rugby League



This level of representation is a testament to the strength of our school's systems for talent identification, coaching, and student support. We take a structured and inclusive approach to identifying and nurturing students with the skills, passion, and potential to succeed in sport.

In 2024, we had one student who was selected to represent NSW at a School Sport Australia Championship in Melbourne.

By fostering a school culture that values both individual growth and team excellence, we provide a strong foundation for our students to develop confidence, leadership, and the ability to compete at the highest levels.



Yamba Public School is also proud of its active involvement in the NSWPSA Knockout system, where we have competed in 9 out of the 11 sports offered over the past five years. This ongoing commitment reflects our dedication to not only sporting excellence but also the overall wellbeing of our students.

Participation in these competitions help students form lifelong friendships, develop teamwork, and build resilience. Many of our teams have reached the prestigious state knockout finals, a testament to the sportsmanship, determination, coaching and spirit that define our students and wider community.

At Yamba Public School, we believe that sport is a powerful platform for both personal and social development. We are committed to providing opportunities that allow every child to thrive, grow, and create lasting memories—both on and off the field.

Disability and Inclusion

At Yamba Public School, we are dedicated to providing inclusive sporting opportunities for all students, including but not limited to, those with mild to severe physical and intellectual disabilities. We believe that sport plays a vital role in building confidence, developing physical skills, and fostering a sense of belonging.

Our school follows a structured and supportive approach to ensure every student has access to the New South Wales School Representative Sport Pathway and related participation programs. As part of this commitment, we proudly enter teams in inclusive sports such as Boccia and Ten-Pin Bowling—offering students meaningful and enjoyable competition in a welcoming environment.

Our staff are well-equipped with the knowledge and experience to support families throughout the classification process required for participation in multi-class events. These events are designed to create fair and meaningful competition for students with disabilities across a range of classifications. Multi-class events are available in athletics, cross country, and swimming, with some minor adjustments to rules and regulations where needed. We work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure students are

appropriately classified and placed in the correct divisions. This ensures each student can enjoy a positive, rewarding, and inclusive sporting experience.

Through this collaborative and supportive approach, we aim to create inclusive pathways that celebrate each student's abilities and encourage active participation in school sport

Swimming and Water Safety Program

Each year, Yamba Public School proudly participates in the New South Wales Department of Education's School Swimming and Water Safety Program. Our dedicated staff, working alongside qualified swim instructors, deliver a comprehensive 10-day program designed to build water confidence, improve stroke technique, and teach essential water safety and survival skills.

The program includes up to six 45-minute sessions each day, with students attending one lesson per day over the 10 days. On the first day, swim instructors assess each student's freestyle distance to group them appropriately, ensuring lessons are tailored to their skill level and progress.

Each year, approximately 150 students enhance their swimming abilities, increase their knowledge of water safety, and boost their confidence, helping them stay safe and prepared in a variety of aquatic environments.



Parents/Carers of Kindergarten Students

How Can Families help with transition to School

Starting school is a big milestone for children and their families.

The transition to primary school can be both challenging and exciting. This guide is packed with information to help you and your family get your child ready for primary school.

The department has prepared a guide for “Getting Ready for Primary School” for parents of Kindergarten students. Please click the link below to see guide:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/en/home/parents-and-carers/starting-school-guides/starting-primary-school/Getting_ready_for_primary_school.pdf



In this guide you will find topics such as:

- What to expect in primary school
- Transition to primary school
- Useful tips in the lead-up to starting Kindergarten
- The big day
- Supporting your child
- And other topics

Other tips:

Read the Department's book Daisy's First Day with your child.



<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/going-to-school/getting-ready-for-school/starting-primary-school/the-big-day/daisy-s-first-day>



Useful websites

education.nsw.gov.au/useful-websites

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

aecg.nsw.edu.au

Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships

education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/aec

A strong start to school

education.nsw.gov.au/early-learner-animations

Complaints, compliments and suggestions

education.nsw.gov.au/your-feedback

Disability, learning and support

education.nsw.gov.au/starting-school-with-additional-needs

Enrolment

education.nsw.gov.au/enrolment

High potential and gifted education

education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/high-potential-and-gifted-education

Information for parents and carers

education.nsw.gov.au/parent-guide

NSW Health

health.nsw.gov.au

Parents and carers resources

education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers

Road safety

education.nsw.gov.au/safe-travel

School Community Charter

education.nsw.gov.au/school-community-charter

Translated school information

education.nsw.gov.au/translated-documents

Other useful websites

education.nsw.gov.au/useful-websites

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