



KURRUN
Primary School

Prospective Parent/Carer Handbook

2026-2027



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Daily Timetable

8:45am – School gates open

8:55am – Classrooms open for students

9:00am – 11:00am – First session

11:00am – 11:30am – Morning tea

11:30am – 1:30pm – Second session

1:30pm – 2:15pm – Lunch Break

2:15pm – 3:15pm – Final session

3:15pm – Students dismissed

Student Start And Finish Times

Monday to Friday: Start 9:00am – Finish 3:15pm

Supervision Hours

Monday to Friday 8:45am – 3:30pm

Office Hours

Monday | 8:30am – 4:30pm

Tuesday | 8:30am – 4:30pm

Wednesday | 8:30am – 4:30pm

Thursday | 8:30am – 4:30pm

Friday | 8:30am – 4:00pm

Welcome

On behalf of Kurrun Primary School, I would like to welcome each and every family. At Kurrun Primary School, we are committed to developing a high-performing, inclusive school with a strong sense of connectedness and belonging for all.

Whilst our school may be new, the land on which our school is located has a long history. We acknowledge the Bunurong people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Kurrun Primary School is situated and pay our respects to their Elders past and present and leaders who are emerging. We also extend our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their continuing culture and acknowledge the ongoing contribution they make to our community. Central to the development of the learning environment is a focus on community and the establishing and maintaining of strong partnerships between students, staff, parents and the broader community. We are proud to serve our diverse community and create a school that is inclusive for all.

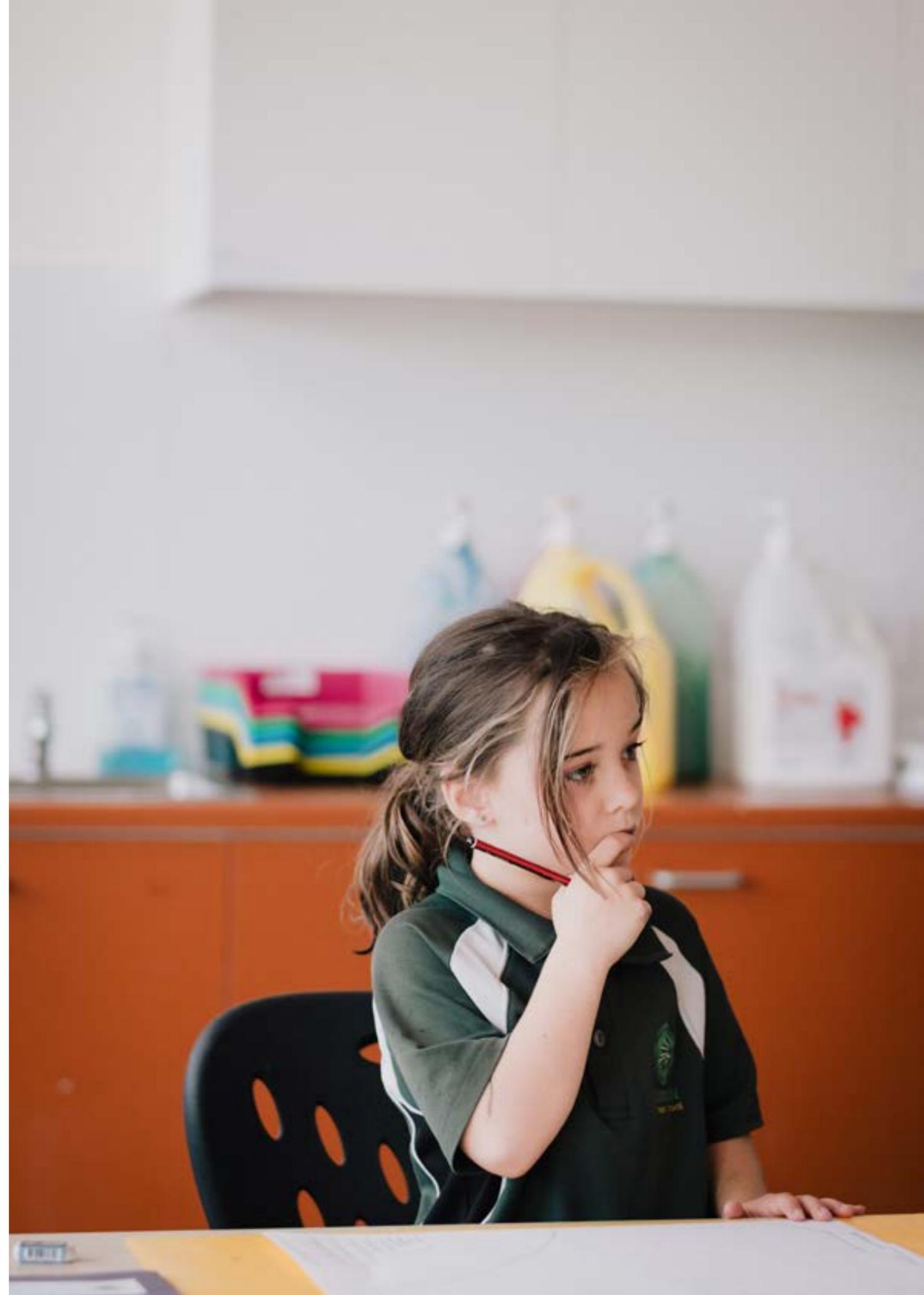
At Kurrun Primary School, students learn the fundamental skills, knowledge, understandings and attitudes to be highly literate and numerate members of society and to develop and maintain high levels of personal wellbeing in an ever-changing world. To do this the school implements a learning and teaching program which is evidence-based, precise, high-quality and consistent across the school. Staff ensure student learning is personalised, student-directed and focussed on meeting student academic, social, emotional, physical and creative needs.

Students are continuously challenged and supported in their learning with a feature of student learning being student voice, agency and leadership. They engage in a broad range of learning opportunities that is guided by a whole-school curriculum plan, including a focus on indigenous perspectives, history and culture.

Ultimately, everything we do as a school is directed towards one goal, the achievement of high levels of learning and wellbeing for each student.



Gavan Hughes
Principal





Our School

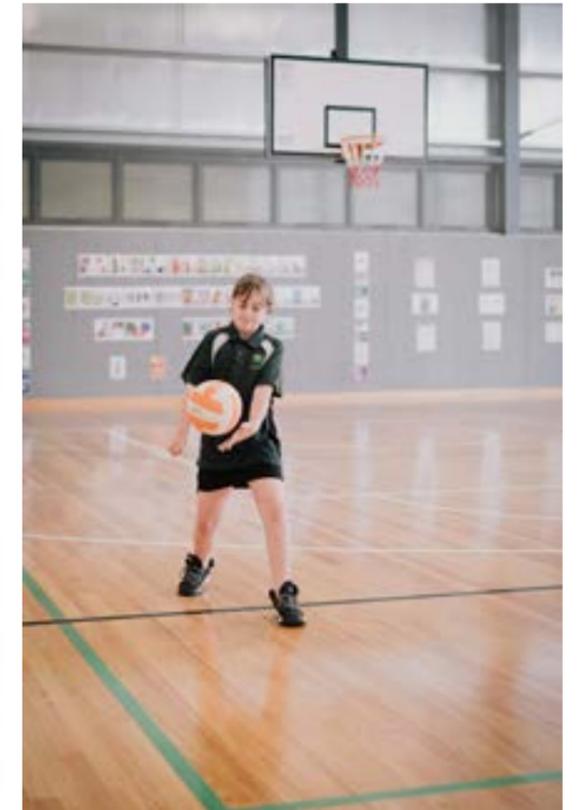
Kurrun Primary School is a new school that opened Term 1 2023, located at 22 Allsburg Avenue, Officer, within the Cardinia Shire. The Bunurong people are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the school is sited. Kurrun (pronounced kur/run) is a Bunurong word meaning wattle.

Kurrun Primary School's logo (see below) has been derived from an artwork produced by Bunurong artist Adam Magennis. The butterfly is representative of the students that attend Kurrun Primary School and the learning and growth students experience during their primary school years. You will notice the two small pieces of wattle pollen on the butterfly that are transported by the butterfly out into the community, resulting in further learning and growth beyond the school. This is representative of how students at Kurrun Primary School, as interdependent contributors to society, will connect with the local and global community to continue their learning journey and make the world a better place for all.

Facilities

Students at Kurrun Primary School have access to outstanding state-of-the-art facilities including:

- an administration building with a library, staff offices and amenities as well as specialist teaching areas for science and visual arts
- learning neighbourhood buildings, incorporating general purpose classrooms, and collaborative teaching spaces that are flexible in the way that they can adapted to suit small group and large group learning
- a community hub building with a competition-grade gymnasium, canteen and performing arts room
- numerous outdoor learning and play areas
- extensively landscape gardens
- outdoor sports facilities including hardcourts and a sports field.



Mission



Vision



Values



Mission

Kurrun Primary School's mission is to create and maintain a collaborative school community to empower and inspire students to become interdependent contributors to their community.

Vision

Kurrun Primary School's vision is for every student to be engaged with purposeful learning and making high levels of growth, every day.

At Kurrun Primary School students will learn the fundamental skills, knowledge, understandings and attitudes to be highly literate and numerate members of society and to develop and maintain high levels of personal wellbeing in an ever-changing world.

The Kurrun Primary School learning environment will be safe, orderly, supportive and stimulating. Diversity will be embraced and celebrated throughout the community, including the acknowledgement and celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures.

Strong collaborative partnerships will exist between students, staff, parents and the broader school community in meeting the individual learning and wellbeing needs of each student. Together we will inspire and support each learner to succeed as creative and curious thinkers, who are connected, adaptable and resilient citizens, displaying empathy and courage.

Values

Kurrun Primary School's values are Inclusion, Courage, Aspiration, Respect and Empathy (I CARE).

Inclusion – Inclusion is ensuring that everyone feels like they belong and are part of the school community. In displaying inclusion, we maximise opportunities for people to participate in school life and we embrace and celebrate diversity.

Courage – Courage is accepting challenges and embracing opportunities. In displaying courage, we are brave, persist, stand up for what is important and we do the right thing, even when it is difficult to do.

Aspiration – Aspiration is having high expectations and achieving to a high level. We display aspiration when we set challenging goals and are relentless in the pursuit of these goals.

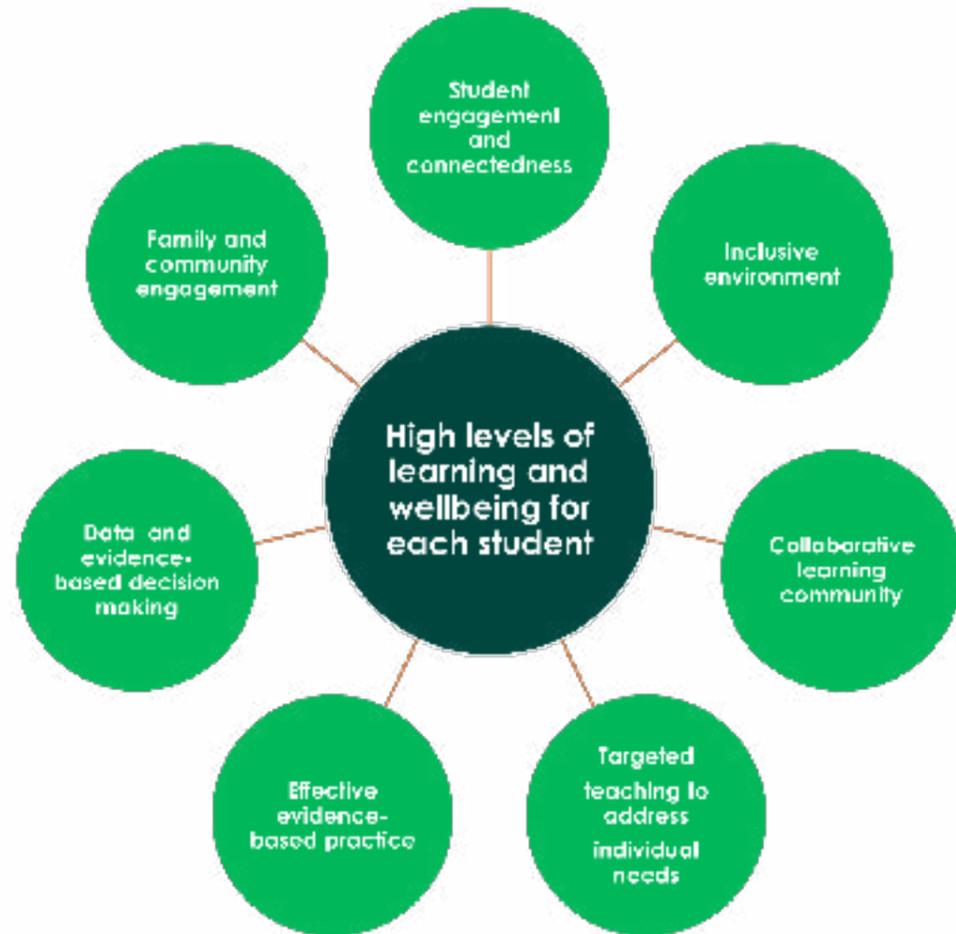
Respect – Respect is when we value ourselves, others and property. We display respect when we treat ourselves, others and property with kindness, courtesy and care.

Empathy – Empathy is being able to share or understand the emotions and feelings of another person. We display empathy when we actively seek to understand how another person is feeling and show that we have care and compassion for that person.



Learning And Wellbeing

The development of the learning environment at Kurrun Primary School is guided by the Kurrun Primary School's Learning and Wellbeing Framework.



Kurrun Primary School implements evidence-informed learning and wellbeing programs to support students in making high levels of growth, every day. High levels of learning and wellbeing are seen as being central to students becoming empowered and inspired interdependent contributors to their community.

Kurrun Primary School has developed a range of strategies to promote engagement, an inclusive and safe environment, positive behaviour, and respectful relationships for all students in our school. We recognise the importance of students developing a strong sense of school connectedness and belonging and maintaining a culture of inclusion in supporting high levels of engagement and wellbeing. We acknowledge that some students may need extra social, emotional or educational support at school, and that the needs of students will change over time as they grow and learn.

Learning

Kurrun Primary School is committed to providing a safe, orderly, supportive and stimulating learning environment that empowers and inspires students to become interdependent contributors to their community.

Kurrun Primary School will deliver Victorian Curriculum Levels F-10 (inclusive of Levels A-D). The school ensures student learning is personalised, student-directed and focussed on meeting student academic, social, emotional, physical and creative needs. Students engage in a broad range of learning opportunities that are planned and taught sequentially. The learning and teaching program is evidence-based, precise, high-quality and consistent across the school. This is supported by the embedding of ongoing professional cycles of inquiry into the impact of professional practice on student outcomes.

There are high expectations for all students and staff, and this is reflected in the feedback culture of the school. Students are continuously challenged and supported in their learning with a feature of student learning being student voice, agency and leadership. Student progress is continuously monitored at a whole-school, cohort, class and individual level. The information collected at each of these levels is used to provide feedback to staff and students on progress, inform future learning foci and evaluate the impact of practice on student outcomes.

To support high quality delivery of the curriculum at Kurrun Primary School we use a wide range of evidence-based assessments and educational resources to best meet the needs of our learners. We utilise suitable educational resources to enhance classroom learning and home learning opportunities. Our English as a second language students are supported through our EAL program.

Kurrun Primary School has developed a program that ensures all the learning areas are substantially address across the year levels and bands of schooling.

Kurrun Primary School's F-Year 2 learning program provides:

- a structured teaching and learning program in English and Mathematics at each year level
- substantial attention to Health and Physical Education, The Arts and Personal and Social Capability
- a Language program (Auslan)
- a Science program
- an Inquiry program encompassing Humanities and Technologies.

Kurrun Primary School's Year 3-4 learning program provides:

- a structured teaching and learning program in English, Mathematics and Science at each year level
- substantial attention to Health and Physical Education
- an Arts program, including all five Arts disciplines
- a Language program (Auslan)
- a Science program (including physics, chemistry and biology)
- an Inquiry program encompassing Humanities and Technologies.

Kurrun Primary School's Year 5-6 learning program provides:

- a structured teaching and learning program in English, Mathematics and Science at each year level
- substantial attention to Health and Physical Education
- an Arts program, including all five Arts disciplines
- a Language program (Auslan)
- a Science program (including physics, chemistry and biology)
- an Inquiry program encompassing Humanities and Technologies.



Wellbeing

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Kurrun Primary School is committed to providing the necessary support to ensure our students are supported intellectually, emotionally and socially. The Student Wellbeing team plays a significant role in developing and implementing strategies to help identify students in need of support and enhance student wellbeing. Kurrun Primary School will utilise the following information and tools to identify students in need of extra emotional, social or educational support:

- personal, health and learning information gathered upon enrolment and while the student is enrolled
- attendance records
- academic performance
- observations by school staff such as changes in engagement, behaviour, self-care, social connectedness and motivation
- attendance, detention and suspension data
- engagement with families
- self-referrals or referrals from peers
- feedback and formal reports from allied health providers

Outside School Hours Care

DS Sports is the third party provider of Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) at Kurrun Primary School and provides before school, after school, Curriculum Day and holiday care. DS Sports operates its OSHC service in the school's Performing Arts room in the Community Hub.

For enquiries or expressions of interest, parents/carers can contact DS Sports via phone (0479 125 796) or email (admin@sportsptyltd.org).

Operation Hours (Monday–Friday)

Before Care – 6:30am until 8:45 am

After Care – 3:15 pm until 6:30 pm

Parent/Carer Partnerships

Staff at Kurrun Primary strive to work in partnership with families to continuously improve outcomes for each and every student. Effective partnerships are based on trust, mutual respect and a commitment to supporting students. There are a number of ways parents/carers can work in partnership with the school, including:

- Working in partnership around their child's learning and wellbeing
- School Council
- Volunteering
- Attendance and/or involvement in community events

Parent Payments

In Victorian Government schools, instruction is provided to all eligible students for free. In addition, schools can request voluntary financial contributions towards the cost of schooling. The School Council is responsible for requesting contributions and determining how the contributions will be spent. In Term 4 of each year, parents/carers will receive information regarding the following year's voluntary financial contributions and payments.

The payment of contributions is completed via Compass and payments open at the beginning of the school year.

Communication

Kurrun Primary School utilises Compass as its Student Management System which includes tools to communicate with parents and carers. At the beginning of the school year families will receive information on how access the Compass platform. Other communication tools/forms that will be utilised by staff at Kurrun Primary School when communication with families and the broader community include:

- Community Bulletin
- School Facebook Page
- School Website
- Email
- Formal letters
- Phone calls
- Formal and informal meetings (including Parent Teacher Interviews)
- School Assemblies



Kurrun Primary School staff will limit communication to the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm school days unless it is regarding an urgent matter or a Compass post reminding families of an event.

It is a requirement for school community members that all communication with staff is done in a respectful manner (please see Respect for School Staff).

Transition

Kurrun Primary School conducts a number of transition activities to support students transitioning into the school. Transition activities include:

- Parent Information Sessions
- Student Transition Sessions
- Kinder Visits
- Transition Learning Development Statements
- School-wide student induction program titled 'Taking Off!'

Student Dress Code

The student dress code and related student uniform has been developed by Kurrun Primary School's School Council in consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Kurrun Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The Kurrun Primary School Council has identified Noone as the school's preferred uniform provider.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families. Student uniform is compulsory for all students and allows for parent/carer choice in whether students wear the academic uniform or sports uniform on any particular day. The full list of Kurrun Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- School shirt with school logo (long sleeved or short sleeved)
- School polo shirt with school logo (long sleeved or short sleeved)
- School summer dress
- School knitted jumper with school logo
- School cardigan with school logo
- School softshell jacket with school logo
- School fleece jumper with school logo
- School hat with school logo
- School tunic (under development)
- School backpack with school logo
- Black pants
- Black trackpants
- Black shorts
- Black skort
- Black skirt
- Plain black or white socks – no branding
- Black stockings – only when wearing either school tunic, black skort or black skirt
- Black or white shoes suitable for the activities at school (Open toed shoes, sandals or thongs are not permitted for safety reasons).

Optional items:

- Head scarves and turbans plain black
- Hair ties in school colours (Black, white or dark green)

Uniform items can be purchased from Noone at One Centre Square Officer, Shop 6, 45 Siding Avenue, Officer, or parents may order it directly from www.noone.com.au.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: www.ssr.net.au.

Parents/carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to Student Dress Code. Applications for exemption will be considered if:

- an aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Kurrun Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Cosmetics (including nail polish) may not be worn at school.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Students must not wear "unnatural" hair colours to school (ie bright purple would be considered an unnatural hair colour).

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school.

School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice. Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.



Noone Officer

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