

# CAMMERAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

A Partnership  
Of Learners



A safe, caring learning environment  
where each student can grow,  
achieve and aspire to excellence

## Parent Information Booklet

2011

## WELCOME

Enrolling your child in Kindergarten is a major milestone, both for your child and for you as parent.

For your child, it is the beginning of a whole new adventure.

For you, it represents the beginning of the formal part of your child's education, a process which began with you as your child's first teacher, and which we as a school now share with you.

It is important to stress the co-operative nature of the task, as this is the beginning of an educational partnership.

At Cammeray, communication between the home and the school is emphasised, and we hope that you will be able to take the opportunities that are available for participation in the school's decision-making processes.

We are also conscious of the fact that your decision to enrol your child at Cammeray is an indication of your confidence in the school. We appreciate this and will endeavour to work with you to make your child's years at Cammeray happy and productive ones. We are delighted to have you as a member of our parent body and look forward to the contribution that you will make to the school.

## Important School Information

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Web Page:  
[www.cammeraypublic.com](http://www.cammeraypublic.com)

School Times:  
Start: 9.15am  
Recess: 11.15 - 11.45am  
Lunch: 1.00 - 1.15pm - eating in classroom  
1.15 - 2.00 pm - playground  
End of School Day: 3.15 pm

THE END OF SCHOOL DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS  
AT BEGINNING OF TERM I IS 2.45pm.

THIS WILL BE CHANGED AFTER THE FIRST 5 OR 6 WEEKS TO 3.15pm.  
PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THIS CHANGE

#### **On the First Day - Kindergarten Students**

Bring your child to the Assembly Hall at your appointed commencement time. Here you will be informed of your child's class allocation and teacher. Please have your enrolment documents if you have not already presented these to the school. Your child's buddy will take you and your child to his/her classroom.

If you are unable to collect your child after school, please ensure that you have told your child and his/her teacher who will be collecting them and where they will meet. Your child should have lunch and a recess snack packed separately in his/her bag. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

#### **After the First Day - Kindergarten Students**

Bring your child into the playground near the Assembly Hall. Ensure the name badge that the teacher gave your child is worn every day for the first 2 weeks as it allows staff to quickly locate your child's teacher and room if they are unsure. The playground is supervised from 8.45am onwards, and you should be aware that if your child arrives before that time there is no playground supervision.

#### **On the First Day - New Enrolments**

Students other than Kindergarten students (Years 1 to 6)

Please bring your child to the School Office. The Principal will welcome you to our school, answer any questions you may have and then take you and your child to his/her new class room. Please organise with your child where he /she is to be picked up in the afternoon and by whom. After your child's first day, they may go straight to the playground on arrival at school with all the other students.

#### **Communication with the School**

You are welcome to discuss any concerns with the class teacher. Please remember that teachers cannot speak to parents during teaching time, and often have other duties before and after school. It is best to contact the school first and leave a message for your class teacher to contact you. Many teachers will give parents their email address as a point of contact.

#### **History of Cammeray School**

The school was opened in 1915 as the "Suspension Bridge" school. Additions were completed in 1995 including a new hall and toilet facilities. The school is situated on gently sloping grounds which include expansive climbing equipment, cubby houses, basketball areas, nature reserve and grassed spaces.

Early in 2003, ten new state of the art classrooms were completed and the administration block was moved back into the original 1915 building.

In 2010-2011 a new classroom block and playground renovations were undertaken and completed.

#### **Our School Vision**

A safe, caring learning environment where each student can grow, achieve and aspire to excellence.

#### **Our Mission Statement**

To establish and maintain a student-centred environment where we value people, integrity, equity and fairness and people working collaboratively to achieve a culture of excellence.

## Cammeray School Policy

Cammeray School as part of the New South Wales Department of Education's state wide system exists to provide quality education which is:

- relevant to the needs and aspiration of students
- responsive to community expectations
- effective in the achievement of high educational programs and
- efficient in the use of available resources.

Each child is considered at his/her stage of development irrespective of age or grade and it is the responsibility of every teacher to consider and cater for the individual differences in the classroom. Classes are organised K to 6, with across-grade team teaching and sharing of expertise.

A curriculum policy for each subject is compiled from guidelines and support documents issued by the NSW Department of Education. Our school documents are mandatory and each teacher is responsible for their implementation. The school ensures that teachers are supported by a Professional Learning program which supports and challenges quality teaching and learning in all classrooms.

Cammeray School aims to provide a secure, safe and happy environment within which students learn and grow in confidence. In creating this environment we acknowledge the rights and responsibilities of students, teachers and parents in maintaining respectful relationships that value the individual within the standards of safe, considerate and responsible behaviour.

A copy of Cammeray Student Welfare Policy is available on the school's website.

### School Expectations

I will:

- Play safely
- Treat others kindly
- Care for the environment
- Follow school routines and teacher instruction
- Take pride in the school by wearing the school uniform
- Act responsibly on excursions and travel outside school

Apart from the school rules, each class plans together the rules or commitments under which their class room will operate. These complement the school rules but focus more specifically on the class and are designed to promote a positive and harmonious working climate in the classroom.

### THE A- Z GUIDE

#### *Attendance*

If your child is absent from school without notice for any period, a note to their teacher is required upon their return. You may phone the school to report their absence on the day. If you know your child/ren will be absent for more than 15 school days due to family holidays or other circumstances please inform your teacher and see Office staff to obtain a Certificate of Exemption from Attendance.

If your child is late coming to school, please call at the office to fill in a late slip *before* taking them to the classroom.

Should it be necessary to take your child out of school early at any time, once again a note is required on that day specifying the time you or a nominated guardian will be collecting your child. You will also need to go to the office to obtain an "Early Departure" slip *before* you collect your child from the classroom.

#### *Band*

Cammeray School has a very successful School Band program catering for Years 3-6. Currently, we have a Concert band, an Intermediate band and two Junior bands. The bands have a professional conductor, with performances and other organisational matters coordinated through a parent-volunteer Cammeray Band Committee. All parents of students in the band are welcome to be a member of this committee.

#### *Before and After School Care - The Nanyima Centre*

Cammeray School has Before and After School Care within the school grounds. The Nanyima Centre is an independent organisation managed by a volunteer parent committee.

Before School Care is organised in the School Hall or in a classroom. This operates from 7.30am to 9.15am each day.

After School Care operates in the school Hall from 3.15pm until 6.00pm each school day.

Children attending the afternoon session are provided with afternoon tea - toast and drinks are provided in the morning session. A varied and interesting program of activities is provided for the children. Permanent and casual bookings are available and there is a high demand for places. Please phone 9955 9509 or visit [www.nanyima.com.au](http://www.nanyima.com.au)

#### *After School Care - Kids Capers Northbridge*

Kids Capers at Northbridge also provides after school care for Cammeray Public school children. The children are met by a Kids Capers staff member in the CPS playground, then escorted to a waiting private mini-bus outside the school and driven to the Northbridge centre. Once back at the centre, the children will be free to join in the afternoon's activities. This centre operates until 6.15pm and the fee is \$20 per afternoon. Please phone 0412 398 539 or 9958 4551 for bookings.

#### *Bell Times and Playground Areas*

School commences at 9.15am.

Before 9.15am:

All children are to remain either in the top playground on Zone 4 (oval). There is no teacher supervision before 8.45am. Only students attending Before School Care or other scheduled activities such as Band or language classes should be at school before this time.

#### *Wet Weather before school*

In the event of wet weather before school, children are to wait under the covered area and the Canteen before 8.45am. After the 8.45am bell they may proceed to their classrooms.

Children are to wear school hats at all times whilst on the playground.

There are rosters posted in each classroom and on each relevant zone to indicate when and where each year is to play.

Recess - 11.15am - 11.45am

Children in Kindergarten and Year 1 may play in Zones 1 and 2.

Children in Year 2 may play in Zones 1, 2 and 3.

Fixed equipment in Zone 2 is rostered each day to ensure all grades can access the equipment.

Children in Years 3-6 may play in Zones 1, 3 and 4.

Fixed equipment in Zone 3 is used on a roster basis.

Quiet zone is for all children K-6.

Lunch - 1.00pm - 1.15pm - Lunch is eaten in classrooms

1.15pm - 1.55pm - Outside play

Children in Kindergarten may play in Zones 1 and 2.

Children in Year 2 may play on Zones 1, 2 and 3. Year 2 may also use Zone 4 on Fridays.

Children in Years 3-6 may play in Zones 1, 3 and 4.

Fixed equipment is rostered.

Quiet zone is for all children K-6.

Home Time - 3.15pm for K - 6 (except for part of Term 1 for Kindergarten when the finishing time is 2.45pm)

#### *Buddy Classes*

During the year, younger classes buddy-up with older classes for the purpose of sharing activities, such as paired reading, writing, construction, detailed art and craft etc. This promotes strong bonds across the school between the children. The older students are seen as role models by their younger buddies and offer continued support structures to them.

This is a separate program to the Kindergarten Buddy system in place at the beginning of the year which runs for the first 2-3 weeks (refer to K).

#### *Bus Travel*

The government provides a school bus (#660) which services the Naremburn/Willoughby area. It has limited pickup and drop-off points between Naremburn and the school in the morning, and extended drop-off points in the afternoon back to Naremburn and along Willoughby Rd to Mowbray Rd. The children are supervised getting onto the bus in the afternoon and directed over the school crossing by our "Crossing Supervisor". All other bus travel is on normal public bus services. Bus Pass forms and further information are available from the Office.

#### *Canteen*

The canteen is located in the Assembly Hall complex. It is a leased business and operates according to the NSW Healthy Canteens Association and DET policy. The Canteen is open every school day for recess and lunch orders and over-the-counter sales.

#### *Choir and Music*

All classes participate in music education and singing activities. Students in Years 3-6 can also join the School Choir. Our School Choir performs in concerts throughout the year.

#### *Class Parents*

Each year parents are asked to consider the possibility of being a "Class Parent". It is a role whose main purpose is to liaise between the teacher and parent body and also with new parents to build positive social structures between classes and grades.

### *Confidential Requests*

If you find you are unable to pay the cost of any school activity such as an excursion, a visiting performer, textbooks or school fees, please make an appointment to see the Principal. The information will be treated in strict confidence, and you can be assured that children will not be disadvantaged in cases of genuine financial need.

### *Computers and Technology*

Technology at Cammeray is an integral part of our program and is used to enhance learning across the curriculum areas. All classrooms have computers and we have a "computer learning centre" equipped with the latest technology.

Every student has access to the Internet and the Department of Education and Training (DET) intranet site through their personal log-in to the student portal. They are also issued with a secure DET email address. Each class has access to the "computer learning centre" on a weekly basis and are able to follow up on their activities in the classroom.

The school also enhances classroom learning with Interactive Whiteboards. These have been installed in every classroom. Interactive Whiteboards allow teachers to further enrich teaching and learning experiences by engaging students and personalising their learning. Interactive Whiteboards cater for different learning styles across the curriculum as information and related tasks are presented in an interactive and visually stimulating way.

### *Counsellor*

Cammeray School has a School Counsellor two days per week. Currently, our counsellor attends the school on Thursday and Friday. The counsellor assists in a wide range of areas, identifying and assisting in educational programs relating to gifted and talented students and students experiencing learning difficulties. The counsellor also has support programs for those children who are affected by social, emotional and various academic issues.

If you would like to meet with the counsellor, please contact the office to arrange an appointment. If your child's class teacher feels at any time that a meeting between your child and the counsellor would be beneficial, your permission will be sought first and you will be involved in the discussion and planning of support programs.

### *Emergency Information*

At the beginning of each year, an information slip noting all your child's details will be sent home for you to confirm. This information will reflect the current school records. It is important that any changes are noted and returned to school immediately.

If you change your contact details throughout the year, it is vital that you inform the school.

### *Excursions and Performances*

Throughout the year, excursions and performances are organised by class teachers to enrich and develop your child's educational experiences. The excursions planned are always Department of Education recommended and are linked to the class or school focus areas. Permission notes indicating purpose, date and time are sent home and need to be returned to the class teacher as soon as possible so your child can participate. Cost is usually included in Semester fees.

It is not possible for your child to attend an excursion or performance without returning the permission note.

#### *Funding*

The Department of Education provides funding for provision of school equipment. As this is a base amount, the P&C Association supplements this to provide a wider range and higher quality of resources. This is achieved through voluntary school contributions for parents and fundraising. Although the voluntary contribution fees are not compulsory, we rely heavily on your support in this area. All funds raised by our parent fundraising committees go directly towards educational programs for our students. Parent contributions form an important part of school funding and are used for the purchase of items including books, sporting equipment, science equipment, computer software and hardware, library resources, art and craft supplies, paper and maths equipment.

#### *Gifted Education Programs*

All staff are trained in gifted education provisions. Our students have the opportunity to participate in the Maths Olympiad and the Tournament of Minds. In addition, children can be considered for partial acceleration (by subject) or full acceleration (by a grade) if required. A specialist teacher is also employed to support enrichment and extension across the school.

#### *Homework*

The concept of homework is supported by the Department of Education and Training. Homework introduces aspects of the school's program into the home setting. It is designed to assist in developing and consolidating good work and study patterns, and reinforce learning from the classroom.

In the early years of school, homework is more informal with some deliberately structured activities set by the teacher designed to complement school work (eg reading books, collecting items, etc). However, as school becomes more structured in organisation and as the specific needs of individual children are more clearly identified, the teacher, working within the school's homework policy, will establish more formal homework. These tasks are appropriate to the needs of an individual or group of students.

#### *Immunisation and Infectious Diseases*

Immunisation is an important safeguard to health and we request that your child is protected against Measles, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis and Tetanus.

Please keep this for your reference:

Measles - Exclude from school for 5 days from appearance of rash.

German measles (Rubella) - Exclude until fully recovered and for at least 6 days after rash appears.

Mumps - Exclude until child has fully recovered and for one week after the appearance of the swelling.

Chicken Pox - Exclude from school for 5 days after spots appear.

Head Lice - Exclude from school until appropriate treatment has been commenced. Ensure all hats, items of clothing, bed linen are washed. Students will be sent home for treatment if head lice are detected.

Impetigo - Consult the family doctor. If the sores are properly covered by clean dressing, children are allowed to attend school. If they are not covered and are on exposed parts of the body such as hands or legs, the child should be kept home until the sores have healed.

Conjunctivitis - Exclusion from school until discharge from eyes ceases.

#### *Kindergarten Buddy System*

When your child visits our school later in the year for orientation, they will be assigned a "buddy" who will spend time with them on that day, getting to know them, working with them and showing them around the school. Their buddy will also be there to greet them again on their first day, offering a familiar face and accompanying them to the classroom. This program continues for the first 2-3 weeks of school, and is a valued and highly successful support system here at Cammeray.

#### *Kiss and Drop Zone*

The kerb area outside the school along Bellevue St is known as the "Kiss and Drop Zone" at peak times and is marked by the No Parking signs. During peak times (ie 8.00 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4.00pm) a law applies to this area to ensure the safety of the children and the efficient movement of traffic for the benefit of everyone in the school community.

The law is:

**PARKING IS ALLOWED FOR A *MAXIMUM* OF 2 MINUTES FROM THE TIME YOU PARK YOUR VEHICLE AND YOU MUST NOT BE MORE THAN 3 METRES FROM YOUR VEHICLE. IT IS PURELY FOR DROPPING AND COLLECTING CHILDREN - NOT FOR ESCORTING CHILDREN INTO THE PLAYGROUND.**

Council rangers patrol this area frequently and will issue fines accordingly.

The most efficient use of this area (unless you are signing your child into Before School Care) is to pull into the first available space, let your children out of the car and proceed to the 'G-turn' bay just past the gate near the demountables to turn around and exit the school vicinity.

Please do not do 3-point turns in front of the school.

According to the law, you must not double park or park across driveways under any circumstances, and pay attention to all other parking signs.

If you need to visit the school for any length of time you should park elsewhere and walk the short distance to the school.

Respecting and obeying the rules sets a good example to your children, demonstrates your commitment to your children's safety and that of every child in the school community, and extends a courtesy to them on an everyday basis.

*See also - Traffic and Pedestrian Safety*

#### *Languages other than English*

Currently, our students K-6 can participate in Chinese (Mandarin), French, Spanish and Japanese classes before and after school. These programs are a user-pays service and are popular with all age groups.

Information concerning the classes can be found in the School Newsletter or by contacting the school Office.

### *Library*

Our teacher librarian is available 5 days per week.

Our library is a modern Information Centre with a network of computers located in the library. Students are encouraged through their research lessons to access information in books and by using computer technology. In addition, the library utilises Interactive Whiteboards and video conferencing facilities to enhance student learning.

Every class attends library for literature appreciation and borrowing at a set time each week. Students may not borrow resources without a library bag. Calico bags with the school crest are provided for all new students.

When transferring to another school, library books must be returned before the last day of attendance. A library fee is imposed on books that are not returned to the school if they have been lost or damaged. The fee enables the school to repurchase the book. Our librarian is happy to speak to you about borrowing and use of the library.

### *Lost Property*

To avoid loss and confusion, please ensure *all* of your child's clothing and equipment are labelled. The Lost Property box is located at the base of the stairwell in the corner of the main block. Articles unclaimed at the end of each term will be given to Stewart House or the clothing pool.

### *Medication*

If your child requires medication during the school day, please contact the office to complete a medication schedule so that our staff knows when the medication is to be administered and the dosage. No medication can be administered without written permission from a parent. Under no circumstances should students have medication in their bags without prior consent of the Principal.

### *Newsletters*

The Newsletter is produced weekly and emailed every Tuesday within term. The Newsletter is the main source of information within the school concerning events and the school community.

### *Parent Participation*

Parent participation is warmly welcomed. The extent to which parents become involved in the life of the school will depend on several factors:

- the time they can give to the school, particularly during school hours
- the skills they can offer and the tasks they feel comfortable with
- the opportunities which the school provides for them (these may range from working with students in classrooms, doing a specific job like covering library books to taking part in decision making about financial budgeting, school policies and curriculum).

Following are some of the range of activities which encourage parent attendance and/or participation:

- Parent teacher evenings and interviews
- Special school celebrations: Education Week, Sports Carnivals, Easter and Christmas celebrations
- Participating in surveys that are part of the development of school policies

- Helping in the School Canteen
- Helping in the Uniform Shop
- Participating in working bees
- Helping on excursions and at sporting events
- Assisting in the classroom - reading, writing or maths groups, sharing a skill or hobby, preparing teaching resources.
- Making a short term commitment to help with a specific project or serve on a task force
- Helping to organise social functions where parents and teachers can get to know each other informally
- Serving on school policy making committees
- Serving on Sub-Committees of the P & C - Finance Committee, Band Committee, Uniform Committee, Canteen Committee, etc
- Becoming an active member of the school's P & C Association
- Serving on the School Council

Parents are welcome as a vital contributor to their children's education. These opportunities provide a way for parents to gain an insight and understanding into the education of their children.

#### *Parents and Citizens Association - P & C*

The P & C meets every third Wednesday evening of the month in the school staff room at 7.30pm.

The role of the P & C is to decide how to best support the school and staff and is a point of social contact for parents. All members of the school community are welcome to attend and participate in this important part of school life.

Peer Support Programs also offer leadership opportunities for all Years 5 and 6 students who are trained as peer support leaders and co-leaders. Each leader and co-leader works with an allocated group of students from Years 1 to 4 on structured activities which deal with friendship, kindness, bullying, team work, co-operation etc. The leaders work in classrooms supervised by teachers.

#### **Peer Mediation Program**

All children in Years 5 and 6 are trained in conflict resolution through a peer mediation program and assist other students to play fairly in the playground.

#### *Public Speaking*

All students K - 6 are trained in public speaking. Younger students begin with prepared talks on their favourite pet, hobby, etc and progress to more complex topics. Students will have the opportunity to listen to speakers from other grades present their speeches during assembly. This provides an audience and allows other students to listen to a variety of speeches. Staff members are trained in teaching Public Speaking and older students participate in Public Speaking and Debating Competitions held at the district, region and state levels.

#### *Reporting to Parents on Student Progress*

Assessment of a student's learning is an integral part of the teaching and learning process. Systematic procedures are continuous and are in practice at Cammeray School. For the student, these practices are designed to define learning outcomes, direct future study, inform students of their own progress and motivate them to achieve their personal best.

For the parent they are designed to provide information and indicate progress of the pupil in achieving these outcomes. A variety of methods are used including

standardised assessments, checklists, portfolio work, samples of work, anecdotal records, essays and observation.

Student profiles are compiled for each child from Kindergarten through to Year 6 to enable teachers and parents to track progress over time.

Progress is formally reported twice a year through written reports and individual interviews with parents and teachers for Kindergarten through to Year 6. In addition, Kindergarten teachers complete a "Settling In" report and interview early in Term 1 to discuss how your child has settled into school.

#### *Religious Instruction*

Scripture classes are held weekly for 30 minutes. Currently, classes are held on Thursday mornings in Protestant (encompassing Anglican, Presbyterian, and Uniting Church etc) Roman Catholic, Jewish Education and Ba'hai. The lessons are conducted in classrooms by lay ministers or Ministers of religion. More details about the program offered can be obtained by contacting the organising minister for each religious denomination.

#### *School Houses*

All students K - 6 are placed in team houses to build team spirit and unity across the school. These house groups "compete" for house points at Swimming Carnivals, Athletics Carnivals and Sports Days. House Point Competitions operating throughout the year are another way to encourage positive behaviour and team work. The four houses for our school are:  
Cook (red); Flinders (blue); Tasman (yellow) and Wentworth (green)

#### *School Council*

The School Council meets twice a term and is represented by community members, the school Principal, other staff members and parents. Its role is one of reviewing and discussing strategic plans for the school and looking at all programs related to educational matters.

#### *Semester Fees*

Cammeray collects all excursion, class, gymnastics and any other incidental fees in the form of Semester Fees. These fees are issued twice a year (Semester 1 - Terms 1 & 2 and Semester 2 - Terms 3 & 4) and each item is clearly described on the note. You will receive an itemised receipt for your payment. If you have more than one child at the school, you can make one payment but please ensure you have detailed on the back of the cheque your children's names, classes and fees paid.

Individual permission notes will be sent home for any activity that requires your child's participation. If you have not paid your child's semester fees, your child will not be able to participate in any program or activity that requires payment.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty however, please do not hesitate to contact the Principal who will confidentially deal with this issue and assist you wherever possible.

#### *Sick Children*

If your child has been sick prior to school and you are in doubt, please do not send your child to school.

If your child becomes ill during the day, the office staff will contact you, providing we have a number where we can reach you. Please notify us of any change of address or phone number.

Children who injure themselves during the day will be treated in the sick bay. If the injury appears serious, the office staff will contact you. Parents will be notified in the event of any head or neck injury, no matter how minor. Students who have attended sick bay will be given a slip to inform you of the visit and the treatment required. This allows you and the office staff to keep track of all students who require medical assistance throughout the day.

### *Sport*

Classes K - 6 have regular physical education lessons each week. Parents will be advised at the beginning of the school year which days their children will be involved in these activities.

All students K - 6 participate in a special PE program which is operated by qualified instructors. These lessons follow the Department of Education PDHPE Syllabus strand on gymnastics, track and field, ball skills and dance movement. The cost for these lessons is included in the semester fees and must be paid prior to your child beginning the term's instruction.

Kindergarten to Year 2 students also participate in regular physical activity involving skipping, ball skills and fundamental movement.

Students in Years 3 - 6 participate in Friday afternoon sport programs which may include inter-school sport, tae kwon do, tennis, dance, soccer, AFL, netball and more.

### *Staff Professional Development*

Cammeray School has Staff Development Days during the year providing intensive professional learning. They are usually held on the day prior to school commencing for students in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Cammeray staff continually participate in training and development courses in all key learning areas to stay informed of the latest techniques and developments in best educational practice.

### *Student Leadership*

Twelve students from Year 6 are elected by the children and staff of Cammeray each year to become councillors. Councillors assist in the running of the assembly, greet visitors and respond on behalf of the school.

Two elected presidents from the councillors represent the school at all Student Representative Council meetings throughout the year.

Our school is proud of its Student Representative Council (SRC). One student from each class in Years 1 to 5 is elected each term to represent his/her class at SRC meetings.

Students from grades 1 - 6 meet weekly with one of our Executive teachers to discuss issues raised in class meetings or to plan programs to benefit the school. In the past, members of our SRC have had input into areas, such as our Student Welfare Policy, uniform options, sporting equipment and the Canteen. The SRC leaders also present a report to the School Council at the end of the year.

### *Tennis Coaching*

Children in Years K to 6 may enrol in tennis coaching sessions before and after school. Coaches from Have4Sport take the classes. Fees are payable at the beginning of each term directly to Have4Sport.

### *Text Books*

At the beginning of each school year, a letter will be sent home outlining the text books that will be used for each grade and the cost involved. Textbooks are limited to a Handwriting text, Maths Mentals and a Home Reading journal.

### *Transport and Pedestrian Safety*

Traffic and pedestrian movement around the school is extremely heavy during peak times.

A School Crossing Supervisor patrols the pedestrian crossing in front of the school in Palmer Street each day from 8.00am until 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. All children and their families must use this crossing.

Children crossing Bellevue Street should do so at the corner of Palmer Street by the school. There is a pedestrian refuge in the middle of the road that offers added protection for children as they cross; however, the refuge is not equivalent to a pedestrian crossing, so extreme care is still required.

Children crossing Miller Street must cross at the lights. Please educate your child to check in all directions prior to crossing and to cross only when the lights indicate they may do so.

Parents are advised that the traffic police will book cars illegally parked outside our school. Parking illegally, overstaying your time in the No Parking/Kiss & Ride zone, parking in No Parking zones and double parking causes traffic chaos and endangers the lives of all our families.

FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN AND AS A COURTESY TO YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY WE ASK THAT YOU OBEY ALL TRAFFIC RULES AT ALL TIMES.

### *Uniform Shop*

Cammeray School uniforms are available from the School Uniform Shop. The Uniform Shop is staffed entirely by parent volunteers.

#### **Girl's Summer Uniform**

Green and white striped dress  
Green school hat  
Green zip jacket  
Green socks  
Rain jacket  
Black shoes

#### **Girl's Summer Sports Uniform**

Green zip jacket  
Green skort or shorts  
Gold short sleeve polo shirt  
Green school hat  
Green socks  
Sports shoes

#### **Girl's Winter Uniform**

Tartan skirt or tunic or green  
bootleg/fleecy tracksuit pants  
Gold long sleeve polo or skivvy  
School sleeveless vest or Green zip  
jacket  
Green socks or tights  
Black shoes  
Rain jacket  
Green school hat

#### **Girl's Winter Sports Uniform**

Green bootleg/fleecy tracksuit pants  
Gold long sleeve polo or skivvy  
School sleeveless vest or Green zip  
jacket  
Green school hat  
Green socks  
Sports shoes

**Boy's Summer and Sports Uniform**

Green shorts  
Gold short sleeve polo shirt  
Green school hat  
Green zip jacket  
Green socks  
Rain jacket  
Black shoes/sports shoes

**Boy's Winter and Sports Uniform**

Gabardine trousers or fleecy tracksuit pants  
Gold long sleeve polo or skivvy  
School sleeveless vest or Green zip jacket  
Green school hat  
Green socks  
Sports shoes

The Uniform Shop also has school backpacks and library bags.

The Uniform shop is open:

Mon 9.00 - 9.45am

Wed 2.45 - 3.45pm

Fri 9.00 - 9.45am

Order forms are included regularly in the Newsletter and also available from the Office or Uniform Shop. Orders may be given in the Office and will be filled by Uniform Shop staff and delivered to your child's classroom.

On-line Ordering: To avoid the queues, why not order on-line? You can do so on [www.cammeraypandc.org.au](http://www.cammeraypandc.org.au). All you need is a Paypal account, which is very easy to set up if you haven't already got one and helps to protect you when purchasing on-line.

Contact Us: If you have any comments or queries, then please contact Donna on [marindonna@optusnet.com.au](mailto:marindonna@optusnet.com.au).

Second-hand uniforms are also available from the Uniform Shop and sales are held at various times through the year, advertised in the school Newsletter.

***University of NSW Competitions (ICAS)***

Students in Years 3 to 6 are encouraged to participate in the NSW University Maths, Science, English, Writing and Spelling Competitions each year. These tests challenge all students, giving them an opportunity to participate in an external test. The cost of each competition is included in the semester fees as an optional component. Each student receives a very comprehensive report and analysis of their results.

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*'When I think of the revival of the society, I think of education first.  
I think about the release of possibilities, the release of talent and energies".*

*John Gardiner (Dwyer, B "Today's Primary School" PEAT Publication)*

At Cammeray School we believe in providing an educational climate which nurtures the "release of talent and energies", a climate where self esteem underpins the pursuit of educational growth.

As John Lancaster said:

*"Those who believe in our ability do more than stimulate us.  
They create for us an atmosphere in which it becomes easier for us to succeed."*

At Cammeray Public School we are committed to the provision of such an atmosphere.

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