



Kookaburra Gazette

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Dates to remember

| Term 4 2021 | |
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| 16-11-2021 | High School Orientation Day |
| 17-11-2021 | SRE and Ethics classes resume |
| 17-11-2021 | Kindergarten Orientation (Wednesday) 9:45am |
| 17-11-2021 | P & C Meeting (online) 7:00pm |
| 23-11-2021 | Kindergarten Orientation (Tuesday) 9:45am |
| 23-11-2021 | Port Hacking HS orientation day. |
| 26-11-2021 | Tell Them from Me surveys close. |
| 1-12-2021 | Last day for SRE and Ethics classes |
| 8-12-2021 | Presentation Day (Recorded for parents) |
| 8-12-2021 | (evening event) Year 6 Farewell at Kareela Golf Club |
| 13-12-2021 | Reports Home to Parents |
| 16-12-2021 | Last Day of 2021 for Students |
| 17-12-2021 | Staff Development Day |

Kindergarten 2022 Orientation

We were privileged to welcome 36 of our expected 42 Kindergarten students at last Wednesday's second Kindergarten Orientation session (first one held at school for our students). We anticipate having two Kindergarten classes next year, and it was wonderful to see all of the pre-schoolers so settled and enthusiastic about starting school.



Our next two sessions for onsite visits with our pre-schoolers will be held from 9:45am to 10:45am on:

- Wednesday 17 November; and
- Tuesday 23 November.

For further information about Kindergarten Orientation, please check your emails first and then contact the school on (02) 9524 4631 to discuss:

- Enrolment matters with Mrs Catlett; and
- Kindergarten orientation matters with Mrs Shields (mainstream) or Miss Dowling (special education).

If you have not yet enrolled your child for school next year, please complete your child's online enrolment at:
<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=2574>

Special Religious Education (SRE) and Ethics Classes

Last weekend the Department of Education informed schools that SRE (scripture) and Ethics classes can resume and we look forward to welcoming these volunteer teachers back into the school. Sessions resume on Wednesday 17 November with the last session being held on 1 December.

Tell Them from Me Parents, Student and Teacher surveys

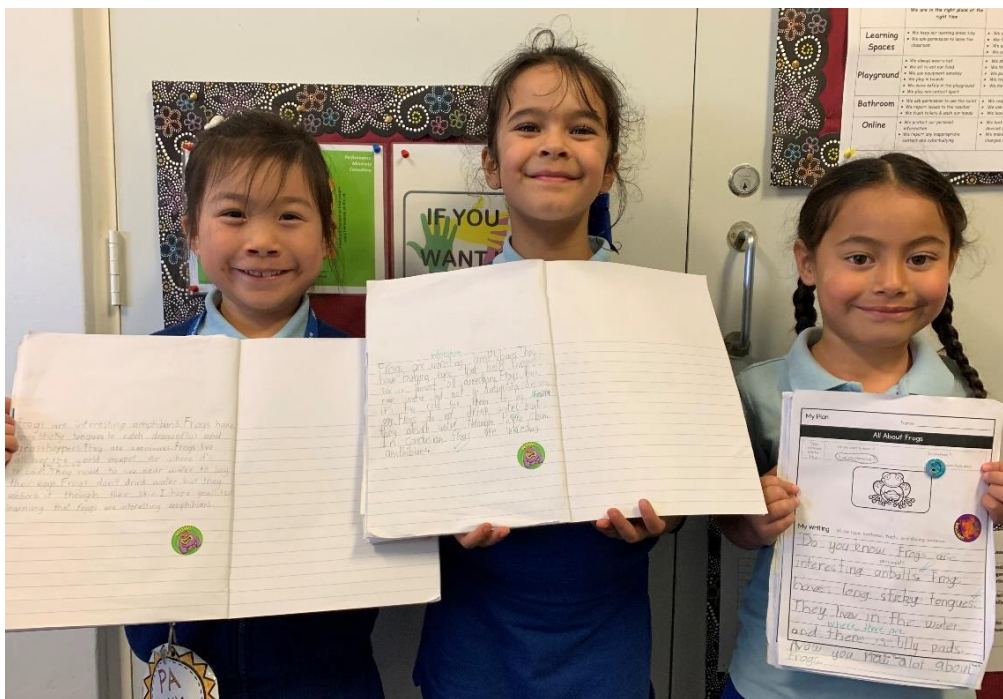
The second snapshot for Tell Them from Me is now open and has been extended until Friday 26 November.

Please take ten minutes to complete the Tell Them from Me Parent Survey. Your responses are confidential and no names are identified on the school data. The link to the parent survey is:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/miranda21>

All data is completely confidential – The school only sees the final collated report. No one in the school will see any individual answers. For more information, please click on this link to the [Tell Them From Me](#) website.

Completing these surveys will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. All students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and all of the teachers are also asked to complete the survey.



Isabella, Norah and Arcadia in 1/2G shared some very informative reports that they wrote about frogs.

All of the students have been researching about frogs in Science and collected a lot of different facts that they then chose to include in their own reports.

Year 6 Farewell

NSW Health guidelines have been issued relating to the holding of graduation functions and we are happy to say that Kareela Golf Club has agreed to Miranda PS using their function room for our Year 6 Farewell.

Please note that Kareela Golf Club is compelled to follow restriction guidelines for school graduations & formals, released by the NSW government relating to being vaccinated, mask wearing and gathering.

The Department of Education is currently working with the Premier's Cabinet to finetune these details.

Our Year 6 farewell has now been organised for Wednesday evening, 8 December 2021.

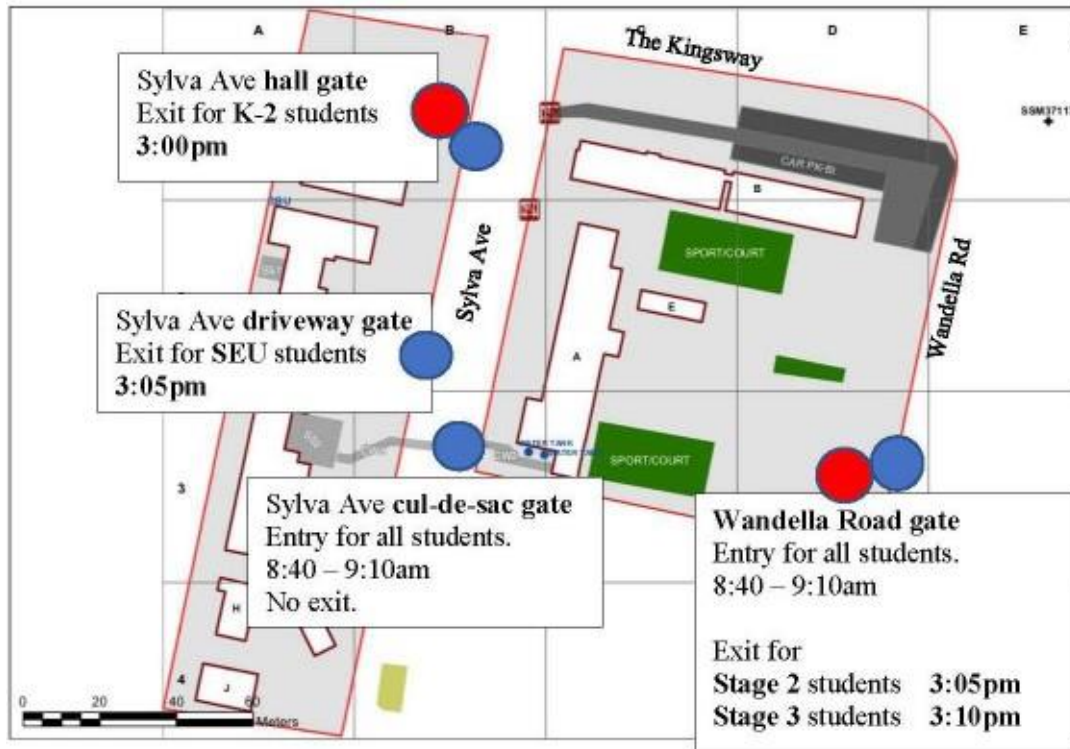
Please do not park in the Miranda Education Office carpark. It is not part of our school.

It's not worth risking your insurance.

If you are waiting in Sylva Road for students who are in K-2 and you also have children in the older grades, you do not need to meet your children until 3:10pm. The teachers happily wait with your younger children between 3:00pm and 3:10pm (our usual departure time). This will free up more parking for everyone.

Entry and Exit points from 18 October.

Welcome back to school! – Term 4 2021



At Level 3 & 3+, only students & staff may enter the school site.

No one can walk through the school. The uniform shop is closed to onsite visitors.

Please make sure you communicate this information to your children's parents, grandparents, other carers and siblings.

Key:  Entry/departure point  Parents may wait between the gate and the witches' hats and dome markers.

Wear a mask and remain distanced from other parents/carers if you are waiting on the school site.

If you have several children and you would like them to wait together, please let all of your children's teachers and carers know. It needs to be the same gate every day. Please be patient while your children walk through the school.



[New School Visitor Check In](#)

From Monday 18 October all government schools started using a new School Visitor Check In system. This is accessed via the Service NSW App for parents, carers, contractors, service providers, volunteers and school-based staff. Everyone MUST use this app to sign in when on school premises. The school has a unique QR code that links directly with our school systems.

Please ensure that the Service NSW App is up to date on your phone.

[Year 5 Leadership Program](#)



Year 5 students are preparing for leadership roles in 2022: formal leadership roles such as being elected to the student leadership team or as a sports house captain or vice-captain; and also informal opportunities including the Year 6 – Kindergarten buddy program.

In the photos above, our Year 5 students are discussing the qualities needed to be a good buddy.

[Selective High School Placements in 2023](#)

If your child is in Year 5 and you are considering a selective high school placement, please read the attachment in this newsletter. All applications must be submitted by 17 November 2021. The placement test will be held on 10 March 2022.

Please note that applications for all local and non-local high schools are given to the parents of Year 6 students early in Term 1, 2022.

[Principals Awards](#)

Congratulations to Jannah (3/4W) for demonstrating that she is a safe, respectful, learner who follows the seven habits for highly effective people at all times.

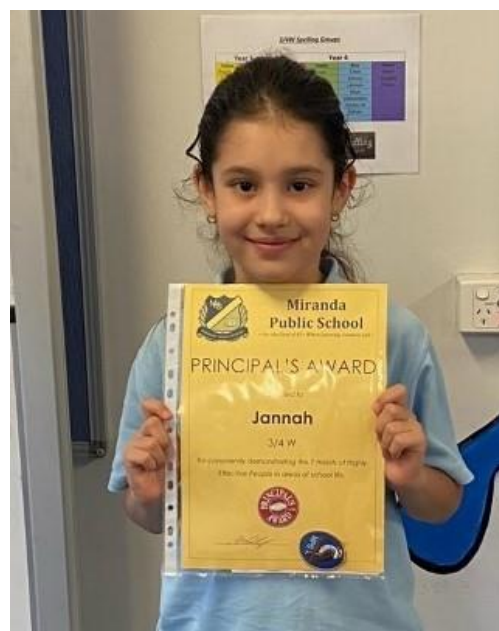
[Parents and Citizens \(P&C\) Meeting](#)

Our next P&C meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00pm next Wednesday 17 November 2021.

Meeting ID: 699 2381 1168
Passcode: 344259

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/69923811168?pwd=UjJ2VmJKeE1PeTlxOHRBencwbXduQT09>



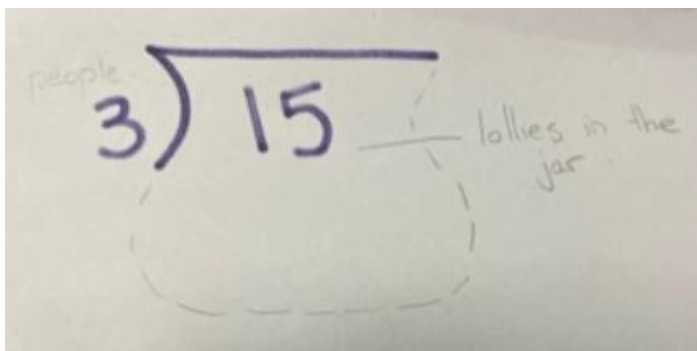
Art 2/3C

In Art 2/3C learned how to use line to create movement.



Maths 2/3C

In math warmups, 2/3C worked quickly to solve multiplication and division problems on their whiteboards. We know how to use the symbol for division and how to 'share the lollies in the lolly jar with the people.



Before and After School Care - Licence for Out of School Hours Care – New Provider Announcement

Sutherland Shire Council has just announced its decision to close the Miranda Out of School Hours (MOOSH) care service at the end of this year. Our school has developed a close working relationship with the MOOSH staff over many years and we are very appreciative of the care and support they provide for our school families.

The Department of Education has selected a new before and after school care provider, OSHClub, for the interim provision of out of school hours care services for our school. OSHClub is working closely with the Department and the Council to ensure a smooth transition effective from the start of vacation care in January 2022. OSHClub is one part one of Australia's largest specialist OSHC providers, Junior Adventures Group, and already operates a number of other services in the area.

Plans are in place to enable OSHClub to commence operations with a new vacation care program in our school hall from 10 January 2022. The existing before and after school care service will continue to operate until the end of the school term but there will be no vacation care for the days prior to Christmas.

Next steps

If your child was enrolled in out of hours school care/vacation care with the Council, you will need to re-enrol with OSHClub as personal details cannot be transferred between the different organisations.

You can expect to receive further communication from the Council and OSHClub about transition arrangements in the coming days.

If you have any other questions or feedback, please feel free to contact the school or the Before and After School Care Program team at the Department of Education by Phone: 1300 244 145 or Email at:

BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au.

MPS Primary Ethics News

We are delighted to Welcome Olesya Khegay to our MPS Primary Ethics Team in Term 4 2021!

Olesya is mum to Andrew (Yr 5) and Daniel (Yr 3), and a Dungeons and Dragons Master!

Kindergarten students who have been waitlisted will now have Olesya as their Teacher!

We are looking forward to returning in Term 4 Week 7 on Wednesday 17 November for 3 weeks.

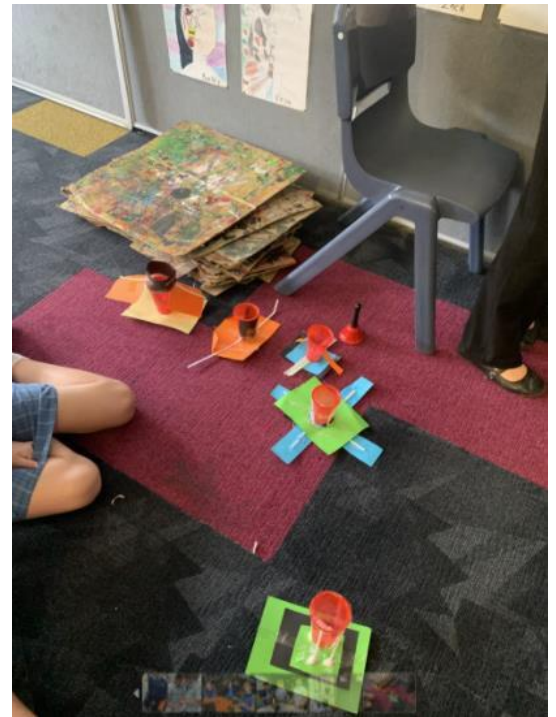
More volunteers are still required and very much welcomed as we still have students on the waiting list for Primary Ethics classes. For more information please visit <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

Or contact your Volunteer MPS Primary Ethics Coordinator
Jessica Hicks | 0422 865 300



Stage 3 – Our Solar System

Stage 3 are learning about the Earth's place in our solar system this term. Last week we learnt about space travel to the moon and designed, created and tested our own lunar landers!



Do you want
to make a
difference in
the life of a
child?



Local foster carers needed

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice is seeking people in your area. They can be single, in a relationship, identify as to become short-term and crisis foster carers in order to provide a home for children.

and young people aged anywhere between 0-18 years-old. We are also

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are also encouraged to apply. All carers receive training,

interested in people who can care for siblings.

ongoing support and financial assistance. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team:



**Communities
& Justice**

CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au

Sutherland Shire Children's Choir *Enrolling now for 2022/*

Contact us ASAP to book your group audition & free trial rehearsal

Record a CD and perform at local concerts and community events.

natalie@cantabilemusic.com
www.cantabilemusic.com.au

COVID-safe school operations



Overview

Guidance on mask wearing

Level 1

School operating in a COVID-safe way

- Students and staff to not attend school if they have symptoms; negative COVID-19 test required prior to returning to school
- Parents, carers and visitors are allowed on site
- OR code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors
- COVID-19 Safety Plans required in line with NSW Health advice (such as large gatherings or events)
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in line with broader Health settings

- Inter-school sport in line with community sport guidelines
- Community use in line with broader Health settings
- SRESEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) operational
- Community Language Schools operational
- P&C on site
- Additional cleaning measures in place

- Staff and students are supported to wear a mask or face covering should they choose to do so.

Level 2

COVID-safe; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors

- As per Level 1, and:
- Non-essential visitors not allowed on site (including parents and carers)
- Staff identified as vulnerable supported to work from home
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in outdoor settings only

- Assemblies must have COVID-safe practices in place and no parents or carers are allowed
- Excursions within local government area (LGA) only, and strongly recommended to be outdoors and within walking distance

- While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are recommended for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.

Level 3

COVID-safe; face-to-face learning allowed on site; further restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors

- As per Level 2, and:
- Mask wearing requirements
- Introduction of staggered breaks and reduced mingling of student cohorts wherever possible
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted
- School canteens can operate with conditions
- Exams as per Health approved COVID-safe HSC guide

- Staff interactions limited with physical distancing
- No assemblies
- No excursions
- No community use (except early childhood services and OOSH services)
- Uniform shops are online
- No SRESEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes)
- No Community Language School on site

- While on school sites masks or face coverings are required (unless eating or exercising) for:
- All staff indoors and outdoors
- Indoors for students in Year 7 and above.
- Masks are recommended for primary students for both indoors and outdoors, and also for students in Year 7 and above when outdoors.

Level 3 plus

COVID-safe; face-to-face learning allowed for certain cohorts if vaccination rates achieved; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors

- As per Level 3, with following conditions:
- Return to school will be based on community settings such as adults fully vaccinated and levels of community transmission
- Only vaccinated staff on site
- Students in cohorts (including split classes) starting with staggered return of priority cohorts

- Minimised interactions and contact within student cohorts
- Staggered access to school facilities and shared spaces such as libraries and canteens
- Drop-offs, pick-ups and break times staggered by cohort

- While on school sites, both indoors and outdoors, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above unless they are eating or exercising.
- Masks are strongly recommended for all students.

Level 4

Learning from home encouraged; schools are open for families who need it

- Families are encouraged to keep their children at home, with no student to be turned away
- Schools activate plans to support continuity of education for all students learning from home
- Study bubbles for students sitting their HSC exams
- Where students and staff are at school, Level 3 guidelines apply, and:
- No community use (except early childhood services)
- No canteens

- Schools in identified local government areas of concern are operating under Level 4 settings.
- Requirements for authorised workers in an LGA of concern remain in place. Staff must not leave their LGA for work unless they:
 - had at least 1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or provide evidence of a medical exemption
 - have registered their travel with Service NSW.
- Staff who live outside but work in an LGA of concern will need to register their travel.

- While on school sites, both indoors and outdoors, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above unless they are eating or exercising. Masks are strongly recommended for all students.

Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry in **2023**

Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2023?

You must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



Key Dates

Application website opens:
19 October 2021

Application website closes:
17 November 2021
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:
24 February 2022

Selective High School placement test:
10 March 2022

Placement outcome expected to be released:
8 July 2022

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There may be changes to the procedures in this document.

Check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

After applying, you will be able to log into your application dashboard to change details and send and receive messages.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education

hsst.ed@det.nsw.gov.au

Telephone: 1300 880 367

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

Miranda Public School

Uniforms 2021



| Items | Size | Quantity | Price | Total |
|--|------|----------|----------|-------|
| Polo Shirts (4,6,8,10,12,14,16) Sky Blue | | | \$ 18.00 | |
| Boys Shorts (4,6,8,10,12,14,16) Grey/Gaberdine | | | \$14.00 | |
| Unisex Sport Shorts (6,8,10,12,14,16) Royal Blue/Polycotton | | | \$14.00 | |
| Skorts (4,6,8,10,12) Royal Blue | | | \$18.00 | |
| Jackets (4,6,8,10,12,14,16) Royal Blue/With Zipper | | | \$30.00 | |
| Jumper (4,6,8,10,12,14,16) Royal Blue | | | \$24.00 | |
| Girls Summer Tunic (4,6,8,10,12,14,16) | | | \$48.00 | |
| Girls Winter Tunic (4,6) Dark Check | | | \$49.00 | |
| Girls Winter Tunic (8,10,12,) Dark Check | | | \$52.00 | |
| Girls Winter Tunic (14,16) Dark Check | | | \$53.00 | |
| Hats (55,57,59,61) cm | | | \$14.00 | |
| Bags – Medium | | | \$44.00 | |
| Total | | | | |

**Second-hand uniforms available on Wednesday mornings in the Uniform Shop from 9am

Name _____

Class _____

Telephone _____

MPS Commonwealth Bank School Banking TERMINATED effective 2022

Miranda Public School will no longer be able to offer School Banking due to advice from the Commonwealth Bank that it will no longer be continued in 2022. *Please see below Statement.*

As parent volunteer School Banking Coordinators we are disappointed by this decision. This has been a great fundraising program for MPS P&C and can contribute about \$1,000.00 each year to MPS needs.

In view of current Covid Safety requirements we will not continue School Banking for the remainder of 2021 Term 4. All personal banking details held at the school will be destroyed appropriately

As a token of appreciation the Commonwealth Bank will issue Banking Rewards to all Student Bankers regardless of the current number of deposits. We will distribute this in a Covid friendly manner.

On behalf of the Team of parent volunteers we would like to thank all the Families and students who participated in the program, and Miranda Public School for supporting us.

I especially want to thank the Team of parent volunteers past and present who dedicated their time, their friendships and always the fun times in maintaining this project!

We hope that we can get the band back together for another fundraising project in the future!

Jessica Hicks | 0422 865 300



School Banking update from Commonwealth Bank

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school after this year, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

Have Your Say – The Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link



A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) is now available for public comment.



Project information and the REF is available on the project website: **nswroads.work/SCATL**

To find out more about the project, join one of our online information sessions with the project team. Use the QR code or visit the project page for more details.

The Have Your Say period is open for four weeks from **Wednesday 17 November to Sunday 19 December 2021.**

Formal submissions can be sent in via:

Email: **projects@transport.nsw.gov.au**

Post: SCATL Submission, Transport for NSW
Level 7, 27 Argyle Street Parramatta NSW 2150

Phone: **1800 684 490**



For more information, please call **1800 684 490**

email **projects@transport.nsw.gov.au** or visit **transport.nsw.gov.au/SCATL**

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