



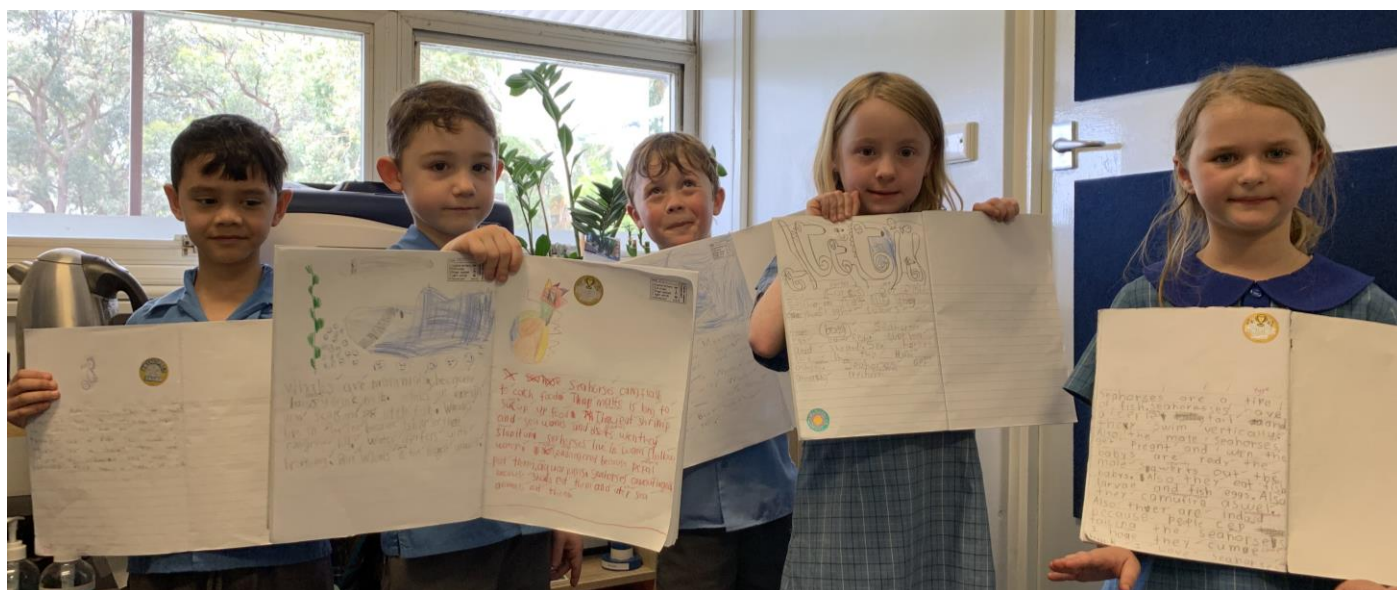
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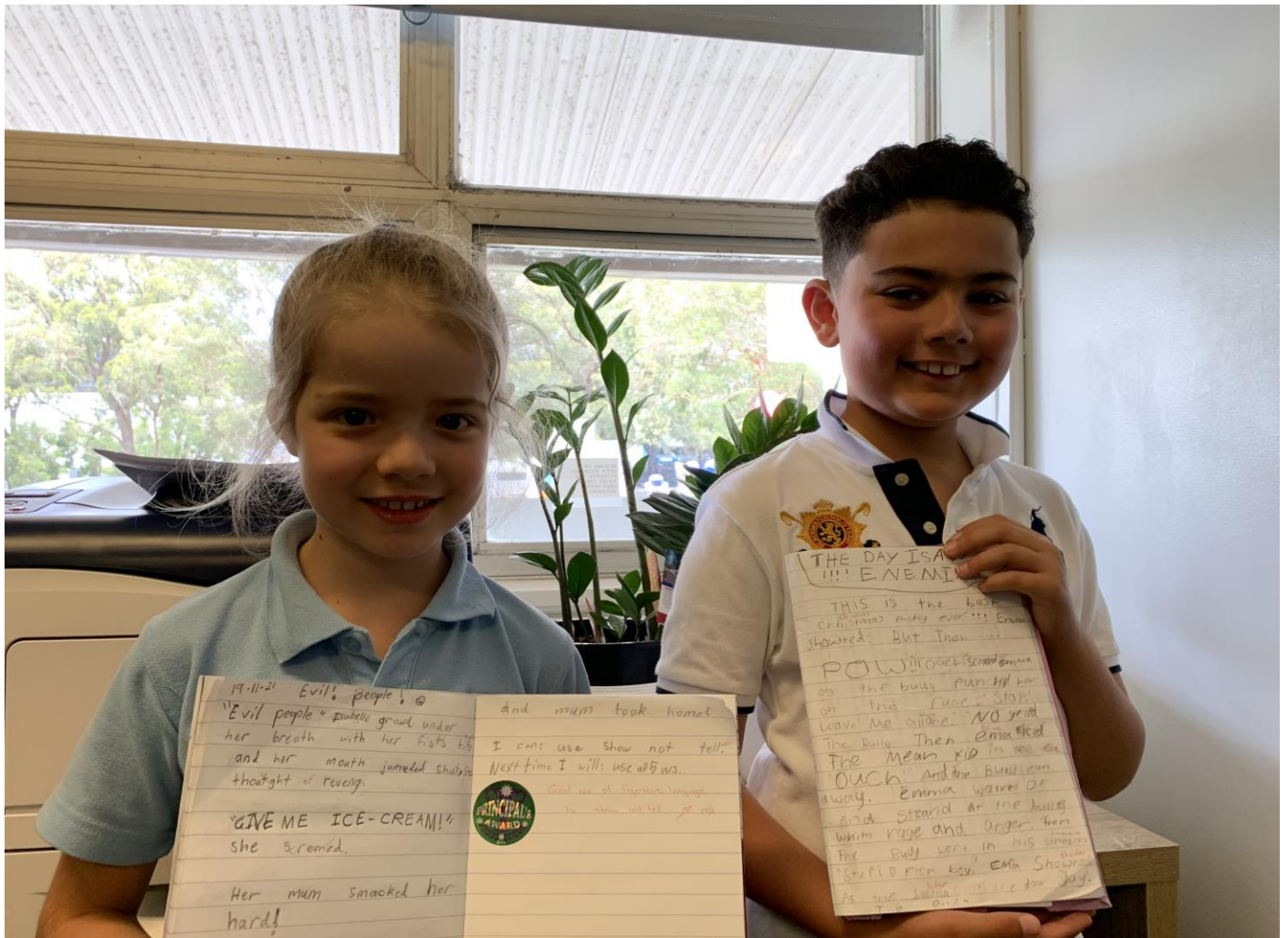
Dates to remember

Term 4 2021	
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.
30-11-2021	OSHClub (Before and after school & Vacation care) information evening
1-12-2021	Last day for SRE and Ethics classes
1-12-2021	SRC mufti day (wear comfortable clothing, appropriate for school)
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
14-12-2021	Year 6 Mini-fete and Christmas themed mufti day
16-12-2021	Last Day of 2021 for Students
17-12-2021	Staff Development Day



Congratulations to all of our students and teachers for the improvement made to the quality of our writing this year. This year our assistant principals successfully graduated from the 3 Rivers 4 Learning course (linked to the University of Wollongong) and focused on leading our teachers in improving student writing through explicit teaching using success criteria. In this photo above, Aiden, Harvey, Oliver, Zyra and Zoe in K/1J are proudly showing off their detailed reports about seahorses, with a focus on

punctuation and descriptive vocabulary. In the photo below, Annabelle and Dominic in 2/3C reflected on their success criteria for descriptive writing and shared how they focused on “show not tell” to write detailed descriptions to make their writing more interesting.



Special Religious Education (SRE) and Ethics Classes

The Department of Education informed schools that SRE (scripture) and Ethics classes could resume and we welcomed our volunteer teachers back into the school on Wednesday 17 November. The last sessions will be 1 December 2021.

NSW Department of Education COVID-19 Update

In order to minimise disruptions caused to schools by COVID-19 cases, and to maximise the time our students have learning in the classrooms a number of changes to operations for schools will be introduced from Monday 29 November for the remainder of Term 4.

Rapid Antigen 'test-to-stay' program

A rapid antigen home testing (RAHT) 'test-to-stay' program will be available to any student who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case in a school setting. This will enable them to get back to school immediately following a negative PCR test and on the basis they do daily RAHTs before attending school across 7 consecutive days. This means that our students' learning is able to continue with minimal interruptions following a positive COVID-19 case. Full support will be available to help you implement this should it be required at our school and many other schools and students are already using RAHTs successfully.

Singing, chanting and instruments that rely on breath allowed outdoors

In line with community settings, instruments that rely on breath and singing and chanting will now be permitted if held outdoors, within cohorts, with distancing in place and where there is no sharing of instruments. Under these same conditions music classes, bands, ensembles, group repetition and choirs within cohorts can also resume.

An update to our cleaning protocols

NSW public schools are cleaned by professional cleaners each day, guided by expert advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), the National Health and Medical Research Council and NSW Health. As we have already seen in many schools, cohorting and our other COVID-safe layers of protection have been effective at minimising disruption. NSW Health has provided clear advice, based on evidence that the department's regular clean, day clean and enhanced clean provides a more than sufficient layer of protection in schools for students and staff. NSW Health have advised there is no health and safety benefit to undertaking an environmental clean which is highly disruptive to a school's ongoing operations and can close a school for up to 2 days. This is another important change that will get students back into classrooms faster in parallel with the 'test-to-stay' program. You can read more on the department's [website](#) about the different levels of cleaning in place in our schools.

Student Vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccination is the best protection against severe illness and also reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 now will help to protect both you, your family and our school community.

NSW Health are urging all students 12 and over to get vaccinated with the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible before returning to school.

There is currently sufficient supply of the Moderna vaccine to community pharmacies and the Pfizer vaccine to General Practitioners. Bookings can be made via the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#)[External link](#). Depending on location, bookings are available within the next few days.

Please continue to refer to the department's [Advice for families page](#) for the latest information on settings in our schools.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.



Liam, Boyd, Lucas, James and Angus in K/6A were investigating how they could simulate lava lamps by investigating how different substances, such as oil and water interact ("Oil and water not mix.").

SRC Term 4 Mufti Day

To celebrate the efforts of our students throughout this semester and to raise money for the school, the SRC will be running a mufti day in Week 9 on Wednesday 1 December.

There will be no theme for the mufti day. Students are asked to wear appropriate casual clothes, a hat and sensible enclosed shoes. (No offensive slogans or themes, singlet tops, thongs or sandals.)

We ask that you kindly send your child to school with a gold coin donation for the day. The SRC members will collect the donations in their classes.

Principals Awards



Congratulations to Zach and Aylah in 5/6W who have received principal's awards for being safe, respectful learners who consistently demonstrate the seven habits of highly effective people.

Year 6 Farewell

In following the NSW Health and Department of Education advice on holding farewells at hospitality venues, students are to be signed into the club using the QR code by a fully vaccinated parent before leaving their child in the care of our teachers.

Sharks at Kareela encourage parents to stay on the premises for the duration of the farewell at the club's bistro area and follow the venue's COVID-safe practices.

For parents who are unable to enter the club, teachers will meet your child outside the front entrance and accompany them to the function room. Cost for Year 5 students is \$30.00 and was due today.

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.

Year 6 Mini Fete and Mufti day.

Year 6 will be running their end of year fundraiser on Tuesday 14 December 2021 (Term 4 Week 11). Money raised will go towards Year 6 fundraising. We hope everyone will join in to make this day a success. There will be plenty of stalls and lots of fun. COVID safe measures are in place, including distancing between Year 6 students and other cohorts, outdoor venues and limiting activities to those that do not require any close contact.

Tokens will be handed out to those who have ordered them on the day. Tokens can be pre-purchased, with money and note being handed in at the school office: 5 tokens for \$2 (with a maximum of 20 tokens for \$8) prior to the day. Tokens can only be paid for in CASH – online POP or EFTPOS will NOT be accepted for payment. Please return note by Friday 10 December 2021.

Students are also invited to wear Christmas themed mufti-day clothes (no singlet tops, thongs or sandals – sensible shoes please) on fete day. Please remember to bring a hat.

Year 5 Leadership

Congratulations to all our Year 5 students who stood for nomination to be part of the student leadership team in 2022. This has involved a lot of work and all of them are worthwhile candidates. The voting process has been completed and the students will be announced during the 3-6 presentation ceremony on Wednesday 8 December 2021.



Mathematically speaking, not all of these wonderful students will be selected, however, there will be plenty of other leadership opportunities available next year and we are very proud of all of them.



K6 A - Science

K6A made rain clouds during science.



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K6A has a friendly stick insect visit classroom



2/3 C – Crazy Critters

2/3 C have been investigating the art elements of 'form and shape' this week. They designed their own 'Crazy Critters' and then pinch pots with clay to bring their design to life.



Absences from school, especially over the school holidays.

Any time that you know your children will be away from school, (especially at the end of the year or after school resumes next year), please complete an Application of Extended Leave - Travel, available from the school office. You will also need to attach a copy of your travel itinerary and airline tickets, especially if you are travelling overseas.

In most cases, holidays or travel taken during the school term will be recorded as *explained - unjustified*, however, we will know that your children are safe and that they are with you. This is extremely important. If we do not know why your children are away from school, we will need to be calling you, your emergency contacts and possibly the NSW Police to help us locate your children.

It is also important that we know you are returning in 2022 so we know to hold places in our 2022 classes for your children.

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight 	4 weeks	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week 	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years missed

This is a good opportunity to remind you that parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease;
- having an unavoidable medical appointment;
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday; or
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g., attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.



MIRANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN PRICE LIST



LUNCH ORDER BAGS SHOULD CLEARLY STATE CHILDS NAME, CLASS & ORDER
PLEASE PROVIDE CORRECT MONEY WHERE POSSIBLE
ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9.10AM

SANDWICHES (white or wholemeal)

Vegemite	\$2.50
Cheese	\$2.50
Egg & Lettuce	\$4.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Ham / Chicken	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
Salad	\$4.00
Toasted	Add .20c

SALADS

Garden Caesar Salad	\$5.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.00

SUSHI (available only on Wednesdays)

Tuna	\$3.60
Teriyaki Chicken	\$3.60

SNACKS

Popcorn	\$1.00
Jelly Cup	\$1.00
Jelly & Custard	\$1.00
Custard Cup	\$1.20
Pretzels	\$1.20
Watermelon Cup	\$1.20
Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Red Rock Chips	\$1.50
Grain Waves	\$1.50

HOT FOOD

Chicken Burger	\$5.00
Cheeseburger	\$5.00
Hot dog + Tomato sauce	\$3.00
Traveller Pie	\$3.50
Patties Sausage Roll	\$3.50
5 Chicken Nuggets	\$3.50
5 Chicken Sticks	\$3.50
Spring Roll	\$1.00
Chicken Yummy Drummy	\$1.50
Macaroni & Cheese	\$4.50
Spaghetti or Lasagne	\$4.50

PIZZA

Cheese Pizza	\$4.50
Ham & Pineapple Pizza	\$4.50
BBQ Chicken Pizza	\$4.50

Garlic Bread	\$1.20
Tomato Sauce	.30c

TOASTED WRAPS

Cheese	\$4.50
Ham or Chicken & Cheese	\$5.50
Chicken, Cheese & Avocado	\$6.00

DRINKS

Water	\$2.50
Juice Popper	\$2.00
300ml Oak Flavoured Milk	\$2.50
Up & Go Choc or Vanilla	\$2.50
Twisted Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.80

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

Sutherland Shire Council has announced that it is closing the Miranda Out of School Hours (MOOSH) care service at the end of this year. MOOSH will provide vacation care in its current location from 20 to 24 December.

I need to make it clear that the school did not participate in the council's decision to withdraw from childcare services. We installed the new kitchen in the hall to provide more places for before and after school care, for our parents. The school worked closely with Sutherland Council and Schools Infrastructure NSW to secure a waiver from the tender process giving MOOSH use of our school hall for BASC for the next eight years. We thank the Sutherland Shire Council and all of the staff at MOOSH for their service to the school.

The Department of Education has selected 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.

OSHClub will commence operations with a new vacation care program in our school hall from 10 January 2022.

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.

OSHClub about transition arrangements in the coming days. OSH Club have one more information session for parents on Tuesday 30 November at 7:00pm.

VIA ZOOM (<https://zoom.us>)

Meeting ID: 863 2581 3663

Passcode: BBjZ98

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

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.

Second Hand Uniform Sale – Monday 29th November 9.30 – 10.30am

On Monday 29th November from 9.30 – 10.30am we will be having a second hand uniform items sale. We will be selling off a variety of second hand uniform items priced from \$2 to \$5 depending on the quality and the items available.

Due to the COVID restrictions we have been operating under this year, we realise it has been difficult for families to be able to come into the school to pick up second hand items. If you are interested in taking a look at what we have available please be sure to call in **next Monday 9.30-10.30am** and take a look.

There will be a table set up directly outside the main office entrance to the school and parents/carers will be required to QR code in and wear a mask, if attending.

We will be able to accept **EFTPOS payments only** for these purchases.

We also have a new 2021 price list, with some additional uniform items, that will now be available to order through the school directly. Please ask for a new price list if you are interested on ordering ready for 2022.

From 2022 families will be able to order and pay online and once your order has been filled we will contact you to collect, or give the items directly to your child to take home.



**OSHClub
are bringing
the fun to**

Miranda Public School



OSHClub are excited to have been selected as Miranda Public School's dedicated onsite Before School, After School and Vacation Care provider.

Miranda OSHClub Program Benefits:

- The OSHC spaces will be filled with a wide range of play-based learning resources and equipment to meet the interests of all children (and we ask for input from our regulars to provide what they'd like to play with in service!).
- Affordable session fees, with no additional charges for casual bookings. We don't charge enrolment or annual fees.
- Our staff are the best of the best. The majority of our team members are permanent, so you and your child/ren will have the opportunity to build long-lasting relationships. OSHClub staff provide a safe, caring and stimulating atmosphere.
- Our management team is based in the Sutherland Shire, and we make regular visits to the school to say hello.
- Super-charged fun! We offer an extensive range of activities that cater for the social, intellectual, physical, recreational and emotional needs of all children. We're inclusive and welcoming.

Enrol online for free!
oshclub.com.au

**Come along to one of our
Parent Info Sessions**

Want to know more about OSHClub? Join us for one of our Parent Info Sessions to learn about our exciting programs and ask any questions you may have.

WHERE

VIA ZOOM (<https://zoom.us>)

Meeting ID: 863 2581 3663

Passcode: BBjZ98

WHEN

- 7PM TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER
- OR
- 7PM TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER

**We're opening
Commencing
Monday 10
January
2022**



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.

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**