

# Welcome to Ermington Public School



## A General Information Package for Parents



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## **School Information**



Ermington Public School is a vibrant, diverse and inclusive community where education is highly valued by the students, teachers and parents. The school has been established since 1888 and has developed a proud tradition that caters for each and every student. Our parents and citizens are dedicated to the school and work in partnership to provide wonderful learning experiences and resource rich environment for staff, students and the community.

Our quality education programs and highly qualified staff aim to ensure the learning needs of all students are met. Our Learning Success and Engagement Team assists students with additional academic, social and emotional needs.

English as an Additional Language/Dialect programs provide support for English Language Learners through support in the classroom and targeted lesson activities. Ermington Public School provides curriculum extension and enrichment programs for students in the Opportunity Class and gifted and talented education is embedded throughout Kindergarten to Year 6. In conjunction with our academic programs, strong wellbeing initiatives ensure all students are known, valued and cared for.

The students at Ermington Public School are fortunate to be provided with a broad range of extra-curricular activities including:

- Leadership Programs
- Student Representative Council
- Peer Support
- Band and Strings Programs
- Debating and Public Speaking Programs
- Robotics Club
- Chess Club
- Dance
- Choir
- Aerobics
- Comprehensive Sport Programs including Primary School Sports Association activities (PSSA)
- Gardening Club

Ermington Public School aims to inspire all students to be **Engaged Proud Successful** learners. For an appointment or to tour the school's facilities and grounds, please contact the school office on 9874 4109. Enrolment forms are available on request from the office.

Kind regards,

*Jen Riley*

Principal

### **School Contact details**

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### **Bell Times**

**8:35am** – morning supervision commences

**9:00am** – School commences

**11:00am – 11:25am** – Recess break

**1:10pm – 2:00pm** – Lunch break

**3:00pm** – School Finishes

## ***Education, Facilities and Resources***

At Ermington Public School we take pride in delivering an excellent education in a warm and caring environment. Our teachers are highly trained, caring individuals who are committed to helping all our students to reach their full potential across the Key Learning Areas (KLAs).

Teaching and learning at Ermington Public School focuses not only on knowledge but also on values and attitudes as students learn skills, strategies and processes which will serve them as learners throughout their lives. We continuously evaluate our approaches to learning to ensure that our school is always at the cutting edge of best educational practice.

We are an innovative school, using current research to inform teaching, learning and wellbeing programs to ensure that we provide not only the best in literacy and numeracy programs but the broader life skills associated with effective learning and thinking.

Our school has many features that enable us to provide a quality education for your child.

### ***These features include:***



Air conditioned, well equipped classrooms with withdrawal spaces for small group intensive learning.



Interactive Whiteboards installed in all classrooms allowing your child to have the opportunity to undertake engaging learning journeys and develop critical and creative skills using technology. Computers are also installed in all classrooms for regular student use.



A Learning and Engagement Hub (with specialist teachers and support officers) enables the implementation of literacy and numeracy intensive programs and wellbeing support programs for individual students.



A School Counsellor who supports the school two days per week.



Two computer technology hubs allowing whole class research and development of technological skills. The main hub is fitted with video conferencing equipment as well as a Prowise allowing for further student engagement and learning opportunities.



A large range of robotics equipment enables opportunities for digital technologies to be embedded across Key Learning Areas.



A covered outdoor learning area (COLA) suitable for performances and outdoor learning and a modern hall for assemblies and performances.



A large oval for sport and other activities.



Social skills activities and quiet games at lunch time to build confidence when playing with peers and interacting with others.



Play Equipment to support the gross motor development and core strength of students.

## Quality Teaching and Learning

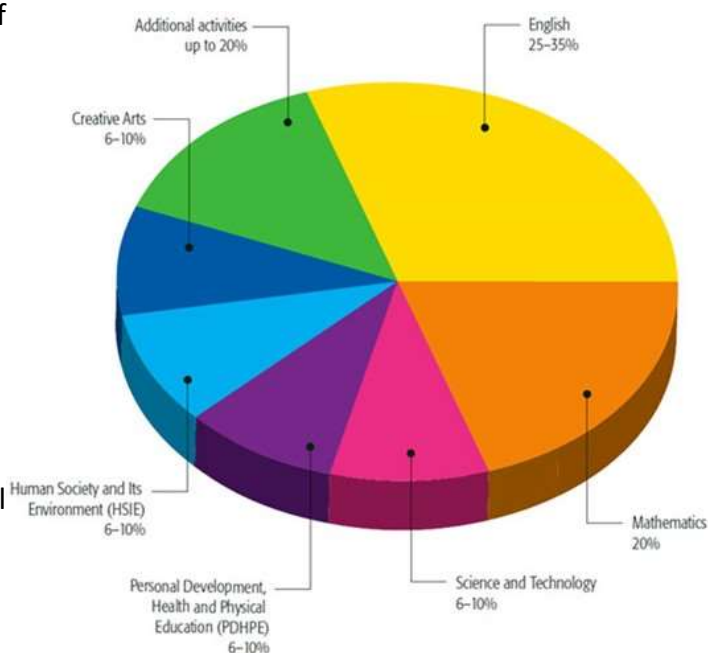
The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) is responsible for developing Kindergarten to Year 12 syllabuses for NSW schools.

Kindergarten to Year 6 (K–6) includes four stages of learning.

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

Key Learning Areas include:

- English
- Mathematics
- Human Society and Its Environment
- Science and Technology
- Physical Development Health and Physical Education
- Creative Arts



The pie chart indicates the percentage of time spent on each Key Learning Area and additional activities.



## Wellbeing

Ermington Public School implements effective wellbeing programs and frameworks to ensure all students can connect, succeed and thrive. Wellbeing programs are implemented through the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum and a strong focus on Anti-Bullying exists across the school.

### *The Learning Support and Engagement Team*

Ermington Public School provides individualised wellbeing programs and support through the Learning Support and Engagement team which includes a wellbeing mentor, wellbeing support officer and a school counsellor. We value the importance of building strong, resilient, confident students in partnership with parents.



### *Positive Behaviour for Learning*

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is the framework guiding our student wellbeing policy. Students are expected to consistently demonstrate the four school expectations; Show Respect, Challenge Yourself, Be Responsible and Stay Safe. The school mascot, Ermo, helps to remind students of the expectations around the school.



### *The Student Award System*

As part of the school's award system Caught You Being Good (CYBG) cards represent house points and students may receive a CYBG card from teachers in the classroom, on the playground or during other school activities. The houses for our school are Blaxland (Yellow), Johnson (Red); Marsden (Green); and Turner (Blue). Stage 3 students may collect CYBG cards to add to the loyalty card system that they use. Classes collect their house points through CYBG or teacher allocation and each week the house points are collected and points are allocated accordingly to the house.

- **5 CYBG cards** = 1 Bronze Award
- A bronze award can also be presented at assembly by the teacher without collection of CYBG cards.
- **3 Bronze Awards** = 1 Silver Award
- **2 Silver Awards + 1 Bronze Award** (7 Bronze Awards altogether) = 1 Gold Award



## ***Starting Kindergarten***

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting journey for children and their parents/carers. Ermington Public School encourages parents to attend school tours and information nights to develop knowledge of Ermington Public School and the experiences your child will gain throughout their school journey.

The school coordinates three transition sessions for your child prior to Kindergarten. This enables children to familiarise themselves with the school environment, teachers and peers. Transition supports your child to adapt to the changes that they will encounter at big school such as differences in Physical Environment, Expectations and Procedures, Relationships and Learning.

For more information on upcoming school tours, parent information evenings and transition days please contact the school office on 9874 4109.



## **Opportunity Classes**

Ermington Public School's Opportunity Classes are for highly achieving Year 5 and Year 6 academically gifted students. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students and using specialised teaching methods and educational materials at the appropriate level. This is a two year placement program.

The Department of Education High Performing Students Team administers the opportunity class placement process.

At Ermington Public School, the students in the Opportunity Class are provided with:

- Rigorous teaching and learning programs enabling extension and enrichment tasks in all Key Learning Areas
- Differentiation, acceleration and modification to content, process, product and environment to meet the individual needs of students
- Project Based Learning and STEM to ensure authentic learning experiences
- Public Speaking and Debating
- Extra-curricular events including: Tournament of the Minds, Da Vinci Decathlon and Opportunity Class Challenge events with other Opportunity Classes in the Ryde Network



## ***A Connected, Thriving Community***

Ermington Public School actively encourage parents to support our teaching and learning programs. Workshops are regularly organised for parents to assist with their child's learning at home.

There are also regular opportunities for teachers and parents to meet to discuss student progress and to enhance the home and school relationship to further support the educational goals of our students.

Ermington Public School has an active parent body who work for the benefit of our students. The P&C (Parents and Citizens Association) welcome new members and encourage parents to participate in their child's education and school life. The P&C meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The P&C meeting takes place at 7pm in the library.

For further information about the P&C and what it offers to the school community, please visit [www.ermington-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/p-c.html](http://www.ermington-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/p-c.html)





## Useful Information

### School Hours

School hours are 9.00am – 3.00pm. Our playground is supervised from 8.35am.

### Canteen

The canteen operates 4 days a week (Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri), catering for children at lunch and recess. The canteen is a NSW Healthy School Canteen. For online orders, you can register for Ermington Public School and order online at [www.myschoolconnect.com.au](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au)

### Uniform Shop

A school uniform is required at Ermington Public School. The uniform shop sells both new and second hand uniforms. For online orders, you can sign up at [www.schoolconnectcom.au](http://www.schoolconnectcom.au) Online orders will be delivered to your child's class. The uniform shop is open some Tuesdays mornings from 8:45am – 9:40am as well as the first Wednesday of each month from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

### Out of School Hours Care (OOSH)

Out of School Hours Care is provided on the grounds of Ermington Public School. Care is provided from 7.00am–9.00am and 3.00pm–6.00pm during the school term and from 7.00am–6.00pm during school holidays.



For further information please do not hesitate to contact our school office. Visit our website at: <http://www.ermington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/Welcome.html>

### Communication

We endeavour to ensure our community is informed and updated with information each week. We do this through a variety of communication methods including a fortnightly school newsletter, Facebook, the school website and especially School eNews. It is important that all parents subscribe to eNews for Ermington Public School as this is the main communication platform providing relevant notifications to parents. Please see the installation guide.

**SchoolEnews**  
Schools send free alerts and notes, newsletters, notices, events, news and more to parents.

### How to install School Enews

**iPhone and iPad Users**

- 1) Press App Store icon on your device
- 2) Press Search and type in "Enews"
- 3) Press "Get", the app will download
- 4) Press "Open" and accept "push alerts"
- 5) Search for your school name

**Android Users**

- 1) Press Play Store icon on your device
- 2) Press magnifying glass and type in "Enews"
- 3) Press "Install", the app will download
- 4) Press "Open"
- 5) Search for your school name

**Configure Push Alerts**

- 1) Press "Settings / Cog" icon
- 2) Turn off the lists you don't want

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## ***The Ermington Public School Song***

We're the pupils of Ermington School; proud to wear gold and blue our motto,  
"Virtue through Hard Work"

We know that it is true each day we learn more through our work and our play  
And through music and sport, making friends on the way  
And wherever we go in life we'll be proud to be pupils of Ermington

We're the pupils of Ermington School; proud to wear gold and blue  
Reflecting credit on our school in all we say and do

And many have passed through these doorways before and after we leave there will be many more  
And we'll all join together to sing with one voice, to the honour of Ermington

