



# Bega Valley Public School

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NEWSLETTER - Term 1 Week 4

Phone: (02) 64 921 280

## What's coming up:

**District Swimming  
Carnival Eden  
Tues 22nd Feb**

**Stage  
2 & 3  
Swimming  
for Sport starts  
Friday 25th Feb  
then every other  
Friday until the end  
of term**

**School Photo's  
Wed 2nd March**

**South Coast Regional  
Swimming Carnival  
Dapto  
Wed 9th March**



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents /Carers

Welcome back to another fabulous year of creating life long learners here at Bega Valley Public School.

We have been able to get off to a brilliant start with many new students starting at our school and 39 brand new Kindergarten students started their primary school journey two weeks ago. I was so impressed with how eager to learn they have all been. I even had the pleasure to share in Kindergarten's learning this week with the story book 'I went walking'. They have even started writing about their experiences.

It is such a privilege to be a part of all the learning journey for all of your children and I look forward to an exciting year ahead

Teachers will be providing details about individual classes and programs in a letter this week.

AS we are not able to have our usual 3 way interviews this term I encourage all parent to complete the brief survey that is attached to these notes so we can learn more about your child and their interests.



## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

**This year we will be moving to a more eco-friendly version of the newsletter. It will be published twice a term and will be sent in digital form unless a paper copy is requested. Further details in this newsletter.**

## Melissa Fay - Principal

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## ARRIVAL OR COLLECTION OF A CHILD OUTSIDE OF NORMAL HOURS

Children learn best when routines are in place. Frequent absenteeism does impact on a child's learning and can also affect their social relationships and confidence at school.

**Late Arrival after 9:05am:—A parent or guardian MUST** accompany the child to the office to sign in electronically, collect a late arrival slip and present this slip to the teacher. Children arriving late and unaccompanied will be asked to wait until their Parent/Carer is contacted.

**Early Departure before 3:05pm:—A parent or guardian MUST** let the office know that they will be picking up their child/children and if possible to call early, preferably before 2.30pm, so we can organise the child/children to be at the front office for their pick up and to get signed out electronically.

A valid reason for late arrival and early departure is essential and recorded

### School Hours

**Regular school hours:** 9:05am- 3.05pm

**Lunch :** 11.05—11.50am

**Recess:** 1.30pm—2.00pm

### Term Dates for students 2022

**Term 1:** Tuesday 1st February to  
Friday 8th April 2022

**Term 2:** Wednesday 27th April to  
Friday 1st July 2022

**Term 3:** Tuesday 19th July to Friday 23rd  
September 2022

**Term 4:** Monday 10th October to Mon-  
day 19th December 2022

### Pupil Free Days

Staff Development days in  
2022:

Tuesday 26th April

Monday 18th July

Tuesday 20th December

## SCHOOL STREAM APP

The P & C is very supportive of the school using the School Stream app. You can download this app for free at the iTunes store or the equivalent app store for non-Apple phones.

The School is using this app to get information like newsletters, bus breakdowns, absent notes, excursion details etc. out to parents.

Once you have downloaded the app you will be able to sign up to Bega Valley Public School and get all the alerts in real time as they are posted.



## FACEBOOK

Please join the school's Facebook page, it is a great source of information about what is happening in the school. Information from the school will go out on School Stream and the info from the P&C will go out on **Facebook, so make sure you join both.**



**Date:** Tuesday 22 February 2022

Time: 5:30pm

**Location:** Downstairs meeting room at **Club Bega**

**All welcome,** we'd love to see some **new parents** join the P&C.

Membership of \$2 needs to be paid for voting privileges

If you have any questions about either executive positions or being a general member please contact **Rod McDonald (0410529517)** or **Sally Gowing**

## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Just a reminder that parents/carers are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence. The options available are either reply to the SMS text which is sent on the day, School Stream app, phone the school, email or fill out and return the pink attendance letter sent out weekly





**School Photography Day** is Wednesday March the 2nd.

If you would like to order online before the day - the attached flyer has the school code on it. Alternatively we will be handing out envelopes closer to the day that cash can be placed into with your order to be handed in on the day.

**The School Photographer**

Unit 20, 14-16 Stanton Road  
Seven Hills, NSW 2147  
ABN: 47 083 674 613

**www.theschoolphotographer.com.au**

E: enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au  
P: 02 9674 9824  
F: 02 9602 5399

**BLUE PACK**

20x25cm + 2x 13x17cm + 2x 6.5x9cm + 4x 4.5x6.5cm

**+BONUS!**  
HI RES portrait download

**RED PACK**

2x 13x17cm + 2x 6.5x9cm + 4x 4.5x6.5cm

**BEST VALUE!**

**+BONUS!**  
HI RES portrait download

**GREEN PACK**

13x17cm + 2x 6.5x9cm + 4x 4.5x6.5cm

**+BONUS!**  
HI RES portrait download

**FOLDER ONLY**

1x Eco folder with class group and composite

**PORTRAIT ONLY**

13x17cm + 4x 6.5x9cm + 8x 4.5x6.5cm

Does not include portrait download

**ECO FOLDER**

\*All image sizes are approximate.

Please note: Due to potential Covid Restrictions at the time of photography the traditional group in your photo package may be substituted for a composite group or equivalent.

**Drink Bottle** 500ml

**Mug** Image size 13.5 x 4.5cm

**Keyring** Image size 4.5 x 6.5cm

**Magnet** Image size 4.5 x 6.5cm

**Gift Pack** Calendar Bookmarks Gift tags

TEAR HERE

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**ECO FOLDER**

I am paying by:

- ☐ Cash (Enclosed)  
☐ Money Order (Enclosed)  
☐ Online Payment by credit card - Use the purple code below to order online.



[www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au)

**X1031EC41B**

MY ONLINE RECEIPT NUMBER IS:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: Bega Valley Public School

Class/Year: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMBINED PAYMENTS**

(Each student MUST have their own envelope - please mark an X in the appropriate box)

☒ This child's payment is in

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ This envelope includes payment/s for

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Class/s: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child's name to be included underneath the class/year group photograph. If I DO NOT wish my child's name to appear I will notify the school IMMEDIATELY.

**The School Photographer**

If you have any concerns upon receiving your photos, please email or call us directly at:  
**The School Photographer (not your school)**  
 enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au (02) 9674 9824  
**100% MONEY BACK GUARANTEE**

If you are not totally satisfied with your photographs, please post them (WITHIN 7 DAYS) to:  
 Unit 20, 14-16 Stanton Road, Seven Hills NSW 2147

	Price	Qty	
<b>BLUE</b>	<b>\$46</b>	x <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>
<b>RED</b>	<b>\$43</b>	x <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>
<b>GREEN</b>	<b>\$41</b>	x <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>
Folder Only	<b>\$29</b>	x <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>
Portrait Only	<b>\$30</b>	x <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>
The products below may only be ordered with the purchase of one or more of the above options:			
Drink Bottle	<b>\$19</b>	x <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>
Mug	<b>\$20</b>	x <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>
Keyring	<b>\$ 8</b>	x <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>
Magnet	<b>\$ 9</b>	x <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>
Gift Pack	<b>\$ 7</b>	x <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$ <input type="text"/></b>	

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# KINDERGARTEN 2022



We are excited to welcome our Kindergarten students for 2022. It was great to see them all here and eager to start their year of learning.

## NEW CROSSING

Our new crossing is open! There are new parking restrictions in place either side of the crossing. Please take care to observe all signs during drop off and pick up. The rangers have been out lately to enforce the new parking Restrictions.



## Class News KD

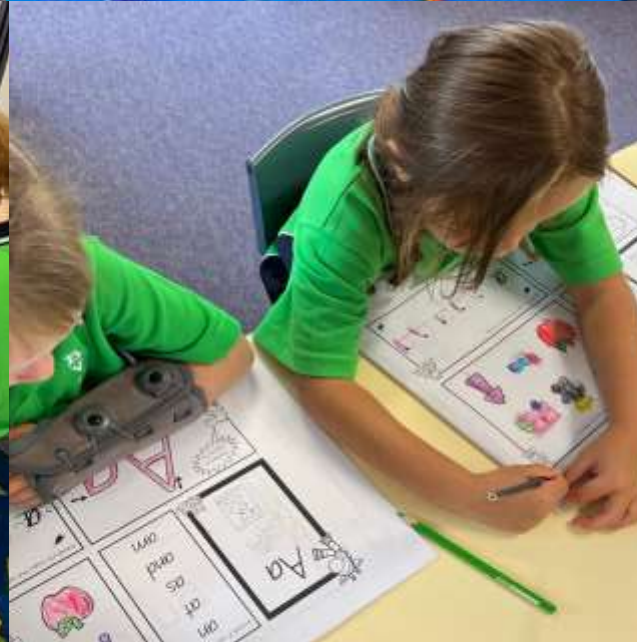
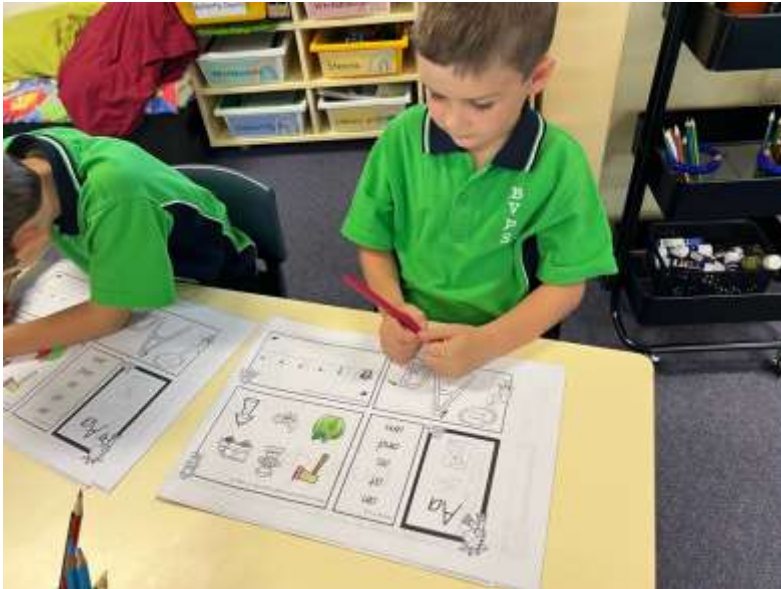
Welcome to Kindergarten 2022! I am so excited to be teaching Kindergarten this year. KD is such a wonderful class with a great group of kids who are ready to learn! In KD, we have been focusing on settling into school and establishing a positive classroom environment, as well as consistent routines. We have been getting to know each other, playing, learning and this week, we will begin our reading groups. When I told the children we would start reading this week, there was an outburst of excitement!! Being in Kindergarten is an absolute thrill! Last week, we visited the Library, it was the highlight of the week. The children could hardly believe their ears when we told them they could borrow a book to take home and read! It was a delight.





# Class News KA

KA has had a great start to Term 1. It has been great getting to know all of the faces at drop-off over the first week. The students have been enjoying getting to know each other, they have begun settling into our school routines beautifully and are ready to learn.





## Class News K6A

Today K6A were introduced to the concept of 'still life' and produced some beautiful paintings of our stunning sunflowers we have growing in the garden. The boys carefully followed step by step instructions to finish their artworks. They were very proud of their efforts. We welcome three new additions to our class this year. We welcome AJ into kindergarten and Dean and Darcy starting in year 3. Our days are busy with learning and play and the boys are settling into the routine well.





## Class News 5/6B

5/6B has had a busy start to the year with children settling into the routines and expectations of a 5/6 classroom well. We have been learning about each other and completing tasks that will allow us to have a better understanding of our school Learning Dispositions and the values that will help us set up a positive classroom environment.

As a class we have enjoyed the learning we have completed so far. We have been particularly enthusiastic about our class novel for this term 'Follow the Rabbit Proof Fence' which will accompany our learning in the area 'Australia Grows to Nationhood'.

It was great to see so many students from our class actively participating in the Swimming Carnival last Friday. We look forward to starting swimming for sport next Friday to develop our swimming skills.

5/6B is looking forward to a fantastic year !!!!



## Class News 5/6J

The students in 5/6J have had a settled start to the school year. They have participated in a number of activities associated with the 'Quality Start Programme'. Their activities include a Y Chart, Model Map and Developing a Code of Conduct based on rules of behaviour the class is committed to for the school year. Mr Jennings is looking forward to a productive , happy year of learning with his class.





# SPORTS NEWS

## Swimming Carnival 2022

Congratulations to all the students from Years 3 to 6 who participated in the school swimming carnival last Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. It was wonderful to see the students cheering for their sporting houses, competing in events and displaying positive sportsmanship on the day.

Congratulations to the the following students for achieving age champion:

<b>Junior Boy</b>	Leo
<b>Junior Girl</b>	Lily
<b>11 years Boy</b>	Levi
<b>11 years Girl</b>	Talerah
<b>Senior Girl</b>	Alisha
<b>Senior Boy</b>	Phoenix



The winning sporting house was **FRASER!!!**

A small group of competitors have qualified for the Sapphire Coast district swimming carnival to be held at Eden on Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Eden Pool. Good luck to our competitor's.

# HOUSE CAPTAINS 2022



## **BRADMAN**

Callum , Savannah  
Jordyn and James

## **GOOLAGONG**

Mrs Fay, Alisha , Zalia ,  
Tannah and Tom



## **LANDY**

Mrs Fay, Skye , Makayla  
Marly and Phoenix

## **FRASER**

Mrs Fay, Sofie  
Azzra and  
Hector





# Library News



Welcome back! All students across the school, from Kindy to Year 6, are able to borrow books for a fortnight at a time. Children can change their books more frequently if they prefer or renew them.

## **How many books can students borrow at the library**

	Number of books
Kindy	1 (2 in Term 2)
Year 1 and 2	3
Year 3 and 4	4
Year 5 and 6	5

Lunch and recess times are a fun and busy place in the library. Students are able to come into the library to read books, play board games, play Lego, draw, colour in, listen to audio books, or just chat.



## IMPORTANT UPDATES NEEDED

We are currently trying to update all family details on our system. It would be greatly appreciated if parents/carers could take the time to help us achieve this.

The following details that may need updating on our system are.

### **New contact details for parent/carers:**

E.g. New address, phone number, email address or change in family Details.

Family name .....

Given name .....

Address .....

Phone number .....

Email address .....

### **New emergency contact details:**

E.g. Change of emergency contact details & phone number

Family name .....

Given name .....

Phone number .....

### **New medical details for child/children**

Student Medicare Number .....

Students Medicare reference number .....

Card valid to date .....

Doctors Name, address and phone number

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Any medical condition and medication

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Please add any additional information if required and return this form to the front office.





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## BEGA VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER UPDATE 2022

In an effort to be more environmentally conscious and reduce paper use, Bega Valley Public School is moving to a digital form of the school newsletter. We are asking all parents/carers to **update their email addresses to ensure they receive their copy.**

Please fill in the details below with your email address.

I ..... would like to receive my newsletter by email

email address is: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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## PAPER COPY

If you would still like to receive a **paper copy** you may opt in to have one printed. This will only occur if you let us know by **filling in the form below and returning it to the front office.**

I: ..... would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter

Signed: ..... Date: .....

# COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for **parents and students**



Being together in a classroom is the most effective way for students to learn and grow. Since COVID-19 remains a relatively mild illness for most children, we're committed to return to school safely in 2022. We will support this through the following measures.



## WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS

- If your child is unwell, even with mild symptoms you must keep them home and get them tested. If they display any symptoms they should take a PCR test (nose and throat swab) or rapid antigen test (RAT).
- If symptoms continue your child should stay home and take another RAT or PCR test in 24 hours. If that test is also negative, your child may return to school if another diagnosis is confirmed such as hay fever.



## VACCINATIONS

- All staff on school sites must be fully vaccinated.
- We strongly encourage all students and their families to get vaccinated. Children aged 5 to 11 can now get vaccinated. Parents are encouraged to book their child in for a vaccination at the first available opportunity.
- Once eligible, all adults are encouraged to get booster shots.



## TESTING

### Before the start of term 1

- All staff and students are asked to take a rapid antigen test and get a negative result before attending school at the start of term 1. Your school will provide advice on when tests should be taken.
- Rapid antigen tests will be provided to all staff and students through their schools. Schools will inform parents on how these kits can be collected.

### At the start of term 1

- For the first 4 weeks, students and staff should take a rapid antigen test **twice a week on the morning before attending school**. Test kits will continue to be supplied by schools.
- Students who are household close contacts must isolate at home for 7 days.



## COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES

- If your child has no symptoms and there is a positive case in their class, year or other grouping, they can continue to attend school in line with NSW Health advice.
- Staff and students who get a positive rapid antigen test result must register it on [service.nsw.gov.au](https://service.nsw.gov.au) or the **Service NSW app** as soon as possible.
- Staff and students who receive a positive rapid antigen or PCR test result must tell their school as soon as possible, and follow NSW Health advice.
- Schools will regularly communicate to parents about the presence and impact of COVID-19 in their community. Parents should expect to be provided with details of any impacted year groups or cohorts.





## VENTILATION

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- All learning spaces in public schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged.



## MASKS

- All primary and secondary school staff will be required to wear masks indoors.
- No vented masks or cloth masks should be worn. If required, surgical masks will be available at schools.
- Secondary school students are required to wear masks.
- Primary school students are strongly recommended to wear well-fitted masks indoors.



## ACTIVITIES

- COVID-19 will be considered in all risk assessments. Guidance will be provided to schools on applying appropriate safeguards across a range of activities.
- Parents will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give their permission for participation in extra-curricular, out of school hours or off-site activities



## STUDENT COHORTING

- Schools will continue using cohort arrangements and consider staggered drop-off and pick ups, break times, playground and canteen access.
- Depending on the school, cohort size and timetables, cohorts may be based on classes, years or stages.



## VISITORS

- Visitors on school sites should be kept to a minimum to support essential school activities or student needs. Visitors will be required to wear a mask indoors and will be encouraged to wear a mask outdoors if they cannot maintain physical distancing.
- Schools are advised to allow a maximum of 2 parents or carers per student onto school grounds for Kindergarten orientation or Year 7 transition.



## KEEPING SCHOOLS OPEN

- Parents are asked to respect the rules at their child's school to help keep the community safe.
- Schools will do everything they can to maintain continuity of face-to-face learning including the use of more casual staff.
- Schools will need to make localised staffing decisions to ensure appropriate supervision can be maintained.
- Schools will not be able to guarantee particular staff for any cohort and students may not have their regular teacher for a class.



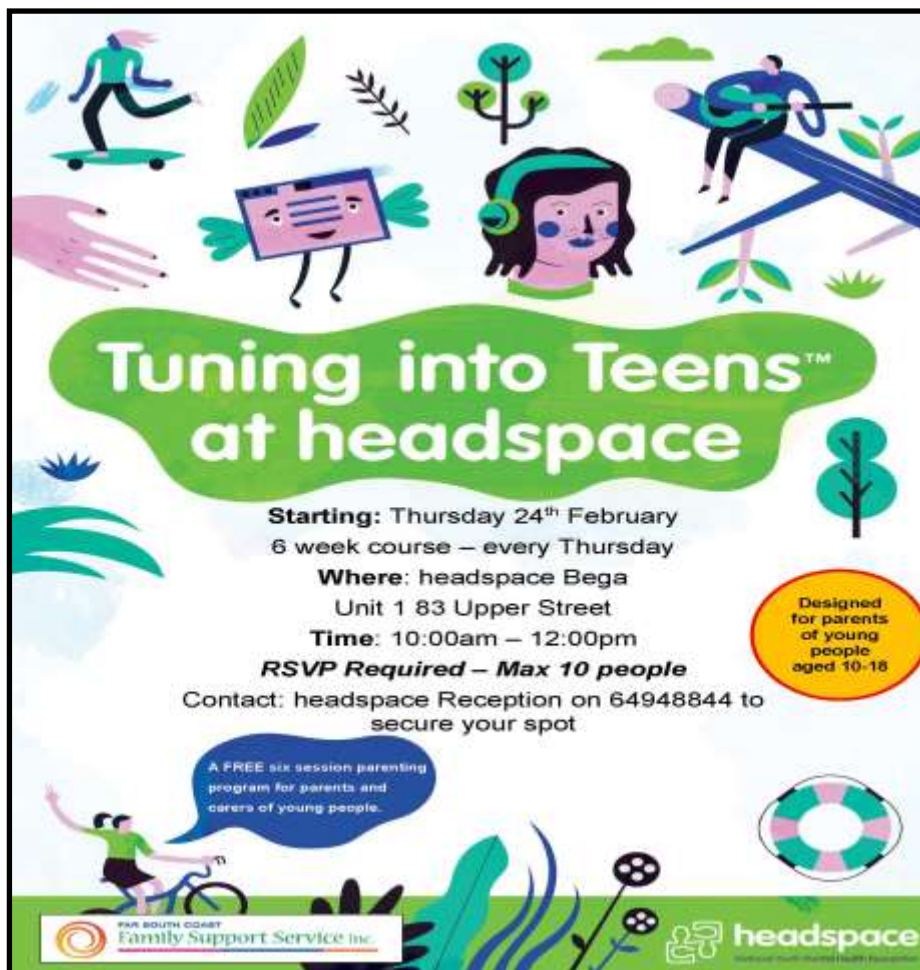
## LEARNING FROM HOME

- We will continue to monitor the situation and where face-to-face learning is not possible, learning from home options will be supported for short periods.

For more info, visit [nsw.gov.au/covid-19](https://nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.





## Ever thought about joining FLING PHYSICAL THEATRE'S Youth Companies?

### COME TRY IT Workshops

**\*Saturday 19th February\***  
- Bega Indoor Stadium -

Give it a try, meet our team and hear about our 2022 company program

**YFLING 7 - 10yrs**

10am - 11:15am

**\*Info session for families at 11am**

**FLUX Creators 11 - 14yrs**

11:30am - 12: 45pm

**\*Info session for families at 12:30pm**

**FLING Company 14 - 19yrs**

1pm - 2:45pm

FLING's Youth Companies are at the heart of our organisation, offering regional youth in the Bega Valley

the opportunity to work with visiting and local professional artists to create original contemporary performance work.

**NEW TO FLING Companies?**

Get in touch and join us this Saturday Feb 19th

[admin@flingphysicaltheatre.com.au](mailto:admin@flingphysicaltheatre.com.au)

Or check out our Community Dance Classes in Bega, Merimbula, Bermagui and Tathra.

[www.flingphysicaltheatre.com.au](http://www.flingphysicaltheatre.com.au)

Beth Lane  
she/her  
Dance Development Officer  
02 64920222/ 0431 905 873  
[ddo@flingphysicaltheatre.com.au](mailto:ddo@flingphysicaltheatre.com.au)





# School Student Travel

## Term 1 2022



### School student travel information for parents and students

#### School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### Terms of Use

**Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off** in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.



Transport  
for NSW

Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/school-travel)  
Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback)

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