



**CORAMBA
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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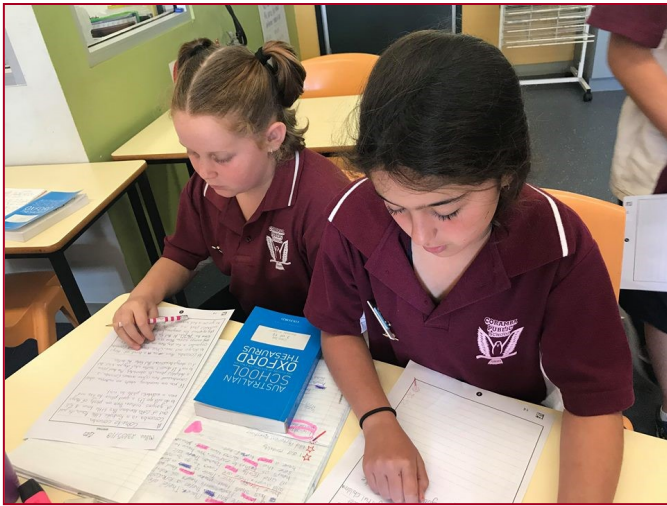


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Respectful, Resilient Achievers

By sending your child to Coramba Public School, you can be assured that you have chosen a wonderful school, with excellent teaching and learning programs, supported by professional, dynamic and caring teachers.



Key Learning Areas. We provide a rich and varied curriculum, where students have opportunities to work collaboratively with their peers, developing skills such as problem solving, cooperative group skills and leadership.

Students of all ages and abilities work together in a range of activities including peer support, drama, sport and cultural events. We provide specialist programs in dance, choir and music.

We believe in creating a nurturing a positive love of learning. We welcome students, families, teachers and school staff into a caring, friendly inclusive learning environment.

At Coramba Public School, we pride ourselves on providing individualised and responsive teaching and learning programs to all students.

As a small school, with two multi-stage classes, we are able to utilise our staff to provide small group and individual instruction, especially in the teaching of English and Mathematics.

We implement quality literacy and numeracy programs based on best practice research and our teachers are committed to continuous professional learning. We employ additional staff to provide flexible groupings in mathematics, to ensure all students are catered for and achieve the best possible outcomes.

Coramba Public School provides a stimulating learning environment, where students acquire the knowledge, skills and positive attitudes in all



We believe in connecting with each other, our environment and the local community and value the importance of building and sustaining strong relationships. We strive for the highest standard of teaching and learning and believe every child has great potential and will achieve their best. We embrace diversity and support all children to express their unique gifts and talents.

Our school values are:

At Coramba Public School we are: Respectful, Resilient, Achievers.

These values are taught explicitly through our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework and reinforced daily in the both the classroom in the playground. We provide a broad range of leadership opportunities through our Student Representative Council (SRC), Peer Support Program and official student roles and responsibilities throughout the school. Our students play a key role in decision making and we ensure a students have a voice. The student is at the very centre of every we do.

After School Care

After School Care is offered at Coramba Public School. The relationship between Coramba Public School and Country Cubs Pre School and After School Care ensures an integrated approach to supporting the needs of children and their families. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to liaise regularly with the Child Care providers regarding any matters relating to the care of their children.

Starting school successfully

Starting school is an important step in a child's life. At Coramba Public School we believe in the importance of strong family and community partnerships from the very first day of your child's schooling. We encourage parents to participate and be involved in all aspects of their child's schooling and to become part of the school community.

We run a successful Kindergarten Transition Program which provides opportunities for children starting Kindergarten to settle into a school routine, meet their teachers, mix with groups of other children and engage in both structured and unstructured play activities. Children are eligible to be enrolled in Kindergarten when they reach the age of four years and nine months. (Providing their fifth birthday occurs on or before July 31st of that year).

You can help your child in their first school year by:

- being positive about school and learning
- talking to your child about school
- using your local library
- reading to your child and talk about what might happen next in the story
- sharing many different experiences
- supporting your child in your home language
- providing a variety of play materials - water, sand, paper, pens, paint, scissors, glue
- encouraging your child's curiosity by asking questions and encouraging questions in return
- labelling items, e.g. the door, the cupboard, the refrigerator etc.



What does your child need to bring to school each day?

Kindergarten-Year 2 – Most equipment is provided by the school. A note will be sent home by the class teacher if anything additional is required.

Year 3-6 – Children need to bring their own basic equipment to school each day including lead pencils, biro, rubber, ruler, coloured pencils, sharpener and pencil case. All items should be labelled with your child's name. Children are asked to bring a Library Bag from home.

Welcome to Coramba Public School

We encourage each child to succeed, guided by professional and caring teachers, excellent learning programs and a highly supportive parent community. Choosing to send your child to Coramba Public School is a great start to your child's education.

We provide a stimulating and challenging environment where students can thrive. Coramba Public School is a dynamic school built on high expectations, positive attitudes and great achievements. We firmly believe that all students can be successful learners.



This information gives you some ideas and suggestions for preparing you and your child for school and necessary information throughout the year.

School Hours

9:00am	Lessons commence
11:20am -12:10pm	Lunch
1:30pm -1:50pm	Recess
3:00pm	End of school day

Travelling to and from school

Coramba Public School students are expected to maintain our high standards of conduct when in public travelling to and from school. Students should travel to and from school using common sense and observing the correct road rules whether riding a bike, catching a bus or walking. Bicycles may be ridden under the following conditions:

- only students in years 3 – 6 are allowed to ride their bikes to school and parents accept responsibility for students riding bikes
- proper bike helmets must be worn
- bikes must not be ridden in the school grounds
- the school accepts no responsibility for theft or damage to bikes or attached equipment

Supervision

Children are not supervised before 8.30am and after 3.00pm. No parent or carer is permitted to take another child home without written permission from the parent to the teacher. The class teacher must be notified of any change in this routine.

Should you wish to take your child early from class you must obtain a Release Slip from the office first.

Late arrivals

Students arriving late are to report to the front office with their parents to sign in. Parents are to notify the office why the children are late. This is recorded on our attendance database. Young children should then be taken to the classroom by their parent.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please send a note with them when they return. If it is a prolonged absence let us know as soon as possible.

A Home School Liaison Officer visits our school on a regular basis to check our attendance data base for any high absentee rates. If this occurs without a reasonable explanation then the officer will contact parents.


Money

Money for excursions or other contributions are processed through the office. When sending money to school please place in an envelope with your child's name, amount and reason for payment on the envelope.



Newsletter

A newsletter is sent home with the eldest child in the family fortnightly. Important and relevant information is published in this fortnightly bulletin. Please take the time to read this newsletter and also keep checking the school website:

<http://www.coramba-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>
and  facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Coramba-Public-School>
for information about the events occurring in the school.

School Reports and Assessment

School reports provide important feedback on the progress of your child and provide students and parents with feedback on how much students have achieved throughout the year.

Reports are sent home at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. We encourage parents to discuss their child's report with their child, focusing on the positive aspects. Students in Kindergarten may also receive a copy of the Feedback to Parents as a result of the Kindergarten Best Start Assessment carried out at the commencement of school. Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will also receive a written report from NAPLAN testing.

Interviews with staff

Coramba Public School encourages regular contact between parents/carers and teachers. Teachers are unable to talk with parents before school and while they are teaching.

Please contact the school and arrange a convenient time if an interview is required. The school has an "open door" policy and encourages parent participation and involvement in all aspects of school. Positive relationships by parents or carers with the staff and students at the school assist in children developing a lifelong commitment to learning.

School Counsellor

Coramba Public School has access to the services of a School Counsellor during school terms. The School Counsellor is part of the school's student wellbeing framework and is able to contribute information, understanding and advice on the learning and behaviour of students.

If you wish to speak to the Counsellor about your child, you may do so by arranging an appointment through the Principal.

School uniform

Coramba Public School has a uniform policy which was formulated in consultation with the P&C Association. As a result of this there is strong community support for wearing the school uniform.

We believe it encourages the students to feel part of the school community. The uniform design allows students to be as comfortable as possible and enables them to participate fully in the schools many daily activities.

Boys-Summer -- Maroon polo shirt with white side panels and school emblem with blue shorts. White socks, black shoes

Boys-Winter – Maroon polo shirt with white side panels and school emblem, maroon hooded jacket or jumper with emblem and long blue trousers or maroon tracksuit pants.

Girls-Summer – Maroon polo shirt with white side panels and school emblem and navy fabric short/skorts. White socks and black shoes.

Girls-Winter – Maroon polo shirt with white side panels and school emblem, maroon hooded jacket or jumper with emblem and long blue trousers or blue tights worn under short/skorts or maroon tracksuit pants.

Sports Uniform – Black shorts, white sports shirt with maroon trim, white socks and joggers.

School Hats – As part of our Sun Smart policy children are required to wear a school hat. Hats must be worn at all times whenever children are outside. Coramba School has a 'No Hat, Stay in the Shade' policy. School hats are available for sale from the office.

Clothing Pool – From time to time there are some uniforms available for purchase. Please consider giving any clean clothes, which are still in reasonable condition, to the pool or selling them through the pool and donating a small percentage to the school.

All uniform options except socks and shoes may be purchased from the P&C Association.



Medication

We are not required to give medication at school and we do so for your convenience. A single dose is to be placed in a small container labeled with your child's name, class and time to be taken. This must be sent to the office accompanied by a note stating when the medication is to be taken.

No medication (with the exception of Ventolin puffers) is to be left in your child's school bag for obvious safety reasons. No medication will be given to a student without written permission from a parent/caregiver.

The school is not permitted to give aspirin, dispirin or panadol unless specifically prescribed by a doctor. If your child is to receive medication on a regular basis at school, please obtain medical consent forms from the office. No medication will be given without proper authority.

Accident and illness

In the event of an accident or illness it is essential that you can be contacted. For this reason we have emergency/medical information that we ask you to complete. The school should be notified immediately of any changes in contact details.

If we are unable to contact you and your child requires urgent medical attention the school's policy is to transport him/her by ambulance to the nearest hospital. The cost will be covered by the parent.



We look forward to your child joining the Coramba learning community.

Fundraising

Coramba Public School fundraising initiatives are coordinated in conjunction with the staff, students and the Parents and Citizens' Association. The P&C organises different activities to raise additional funds for school programs and equipment. Parents are encouraged to support this fundraising.



Further Information

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