



Pimpama State School Independent Public School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2025 school year. This year we have 4 Year 6 classes and a 5/6 composite class. We welcome back three members of our 2024 Year 6 team, including Mrs Ashlee Walduck, Miss Kim Munro and Miss Isabella Cashman. This year we are lucky enough to have two new staff joining us on Year 6- Ms Ellie Vakos, who brings many years of experience from Crestmead State School, and Mr Shannon Ingram, an already well-known Pimpama teacher who will be taking our 5/6 composite class.

We are all excited about the year ahead and are committed to helping all students reach their potential. Being a senior student holds much responsibility at Pimpama State School. In light of this, this year, we look forward to encouraging your child towards being the absolute best that they can be, both academically and socially. Students will be required to set an example for all members of the school community, in regards to uniform, behaviour, work ethic, attendance and punctuality. We have reviewed the following expectations with the Year 6 students:

Students are expected to:

- Treat others with respect, both verbally and physically.
- Engage in play with a 'no touch' policy during break times.
- Use respectful language and tone when speaking to peers and adults.
- Use manners when speaking to peers and adults.
- Raise their hand before speaking during class.
- Listen and pay attention to the speaker during class.
- Walk in classrooms and on walkways.
- Move through the school in an orderly and quiet manner during class times.
- Wear correct school uniform at all times. **PE uniform is not to be worn on parade.**
- Complete expected assignments and homework on time.

School Website

Please take the time to check out the school website. It is up-to-date with information of importance to you and your family. There are also photos and other things that you may find interesting.



Homework:

Homework will begin in Week 2. Students are encouraged to complete homework on their laptops, however, if a laptop is not available, paper copies will be provided. Please write a note or email if for any reason your child cannot complete homework. Your classroom teacher will provide the students with further information. Homework due days will be in accordance with the classroom teacher.

Laptops:

Laptops will be required at school on Monday Week 2. The permission forms have been emailed electronically and students have been given a paper copy. Students without laptops will be provided equal opportunity for learning.



Subject Areas:

This term in **English** we will be focussing on Narrative structure, characterisation and humorous plots in the Short Story Genre. Students will be writing their own humorous narrative as an assessment. You can assist your child in English by encouraging them to read either books, magazines, newspapers, or by using the on-line Reading Eggs program. **READING is the key!**

In **Mathematics** we will be covering a number of topics, including Angles, Fractions, Timetables and Mathematical Modelling. Our Angles unit will focus on students' ability to read and calculate problems involving angles. They will learn to use a protractor to calculate and create angles. In Fractions, students will be comparing and ordering both number and decimal fractions. There will also be a focus on Timetabling and a relevant assessment. Mathematical Modelling involves working with budgets. They will be solving financial problems, involving percentages and rational numbers, formulating and solving the problem, and justifying choices. Remember **Mathletics on line** is a valuable learning tool. **It is extremely important students know or learn their times tables.** This helps them significantly with a number of different mathematical concepts throughout the year.

In **Science**, students will be exploring "Electrical Circuitry" which will be linked to the learning in Design Technology.

In **HASS**, students will study the foundation of Australia as a nation and its government.

In **Art**, students will be looking at a variety of artists and creating Pop Art.

There will be assignments and related assessments for all of the subject areas and students will be given the due dates and ample time to complete tasks.

Specialist subjects for this year include Science (Miss Denholm), LOTE-Japanese (Miss Bedser), PE (Mr Kutcher), Music (Mrs Harding) and a new subject area specifically targeting Wellbeing (Mr Maxwell). If you have any questions regarding these subjects, please direct them to the appropriate teacher.

Before School Arrangements

Students should not arrive to school before 8:00am as there is no supervision prior to this time. If for any reason your child is at school **before 8:00am**, they must sit quietly in **Sandstone Ridge** (located near the library). We ask that students keep their school bag with them as they arrive to these areas, and not drop them off at classrooms prior. At 8:00am, a duty teacher will escort Year 5 and 6 students to the Observatory (new undercover area), where they will be supervised until the Reading Bell at 8.20am.

Assembly

Assembly times have changed this year. Our assembly will be held on **Friday mornings at 8.30am**. If your child is receiving an award, their teacher will email you through the week. Checked shirts are to be worn every Friday as part of "Formal Friday".



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Year 6 Camp:

This year the Camp will be at PGL Kindilan. It will be a 3-day, 2-night camp offering a wide range of water activities as well as bush walking, high ropes, orienteering, mud challenge etc. This exciting camp is Wednesday 5th March to Friday 7th March. Camp permission notes and payment information were handed out on the first day of school. These need to be returned ASAP.

Important Dates:

- February 3- Laptops required at school
- March 5- March 7- Year 6 Camp (more information to come)
- March 3- March 14 - Book Fair
- March 3- March 21- Life Education (more information to come)
- March 14 – Cross Country
- March 21- 6A and 6B Assembly
- March 24 – April 4 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- April 4 – Last day of Term 1
- April 22 – First day of Term 2

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us in person or via email. Appointments can be arranged via email or through the school office should you require a formal meeting.

The teachers and students appreciate the many positive ways that you and your family contribute to making Pimpama such a special place to be!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Ashlee Walduck	Miss Kim Munro	Miss Isabella Cashman	Ms Ellie Vakos	Mr Shannon Ingram
Year 6A Teacher	Year 6B Teacher	Year 6C Teacher	Year 6D Teacher	Year 5/6F Teacher