

## Principal's Message

### DOVES Council

Dorrigo High School is very proud of our Year 10 student, Myra Sibanda, who has been selected as the newest DOVES (Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools) Student Minister's Council member for the Regional North and West Directorate. DOVES is the peak forum for interaction between NSW public school students, NSW Education and the NSW Minister for Education and involves 27 advocates from each of the nine educational directorates in NSW including Connected Communities. Three students from each directorate are elected to the council. The mission statement of DOVES is to be an innovative student voice that designs, implements, and contributes to inclusive and positive change in the NSW education system.

DOVES Council meetings are a forum where students feel safe to openly discuss issues to be raised with the Minister and further contribute to positive change and outcomes to make NSW the best education system in the country.

Myra underwent a stringent selection process including a written and video application followed by an interview. She is excited to represent student voice in our directorate and is looking forward to her trip to Sydney in Week 6 to be inducted onto the council and to meet NSW Education Minister, the Hon. Prue Car at Parliament House. Congratulations, Myra!

### School Bus Travel

A reminder to all families that free school bus travel is available for many of our students. Please register for travel as this will ensure that our bus services remain viable (no students mean no bus service). If you are unsure of your eligibility, please use the following website to check. <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel>

## Important Dates

28 February

- Zone Swimming Carnival at Coffs Harbour

29 February

- MNC Rugby League Trials

4 March

- Boys Program

7 March

- Open Boys Touch Football

8 March

- International Women's Day
- NC Rugby Union Trials

13 March

- NAPLAN 7 Writing
- NAPLAN 9 Writing

14 March

- Boys Program
- NAPLAN 9 Reading
- NAPLAN 7 Reading

15 March

- NAPLAN 7 Conventions of Language
- NAPLAN 9 Conventions of Language

18 March

- NAPLAN 7 Numeracy
- NAPLAN 9 Numeracy

21 March

- Harmony Day

25 - 27 March

- Walcha Interschool Visit at DHS

29 March - 1 April

- Easter

12 April

- Last day of Term 1

29 April

- Staff return

30 April

- Students return

## School Photo Day Wednesday

### 3 April 2024

Envelopes were handed out on Monday 26 February which are to be handed to the photographer on the day. Family envelopes are available from the school office.

## Plan for Public Education

The Department of Education NSW reviewed and revised its strategic plan in 2023. Our plan sets our direction and priorities for the coming years, and harnesses the commitment of our teachers and schools to provide an outstanding education for every learner.

We believe in every student and support them to achieve their potential by enabling lifelong learning. Students will be prepared for life as informed, critical thinkers with a love of learning – ready to contribute to the world as active citizens.

Our commitment to equity and excellence means every student can learn, grow and belong at school. They do this in a safe and inclusive environment that celebrates the strength of our vibrant, diverse and multicultural community.

We are committed to improving the status of the teaching profession as well as the wellbeing of our teachers and staff – by addressing workload concerns and supporting teachers to do their core job of teaching and leading students.

Our Plan for NSW Public Education outlines how we will create an equitable and outstanding education system, and strengthen trust and respect for the teaching profession. Our approach has been informed by evidence and insights from engagement with our education community.

Dorrigo High School is committed to this plan in meeting our responsibilities to transform lives through learning. For more information on Our Plan for NSW Public Education, use the following link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/plan-for-nsw-public-education>

## Mrs Cameron Principal



## NAPLAN 2024

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year. Dorrigo High School will be doing NAPLAN testing in Weeks 7 and 8 of this Term, beginning on March 13. Adjustments and supports are available for students with a disability, parents can contact the school to discuss their child's individual needs. Please see the attached information for more detailed information and a link to the NAPLAN website. If you have any additional questions about the NAPLAN program, please contact the school.

## Mrs Atkins

### Canteen Roster

**The canteen is closed every Tuesday and Wednesday**

#### Week 5

Thursday 29 Feb	Michele Kellett
Friday 1 March	Kylea Cavanagh

#### Week 6

Monday 4 March	Anna Guest
Thursday 7 March	Susan Freeman
Friday 8 March	Amii Francis

#### Week 7

Monday 11 March	Michele Kellett
Thursday 14 March	<b>CLOSED</b>
Friday 15 March	Robin Burley

**Students are reminded to order their lunch at the office before school or the canteen at recess**



## P&C

Welcome back to 2024, a new school year and a new P&C year. We have had our first meeting of the year and caught up on everything that is underway in and around the school – thanks to all those who attended.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 March at 5.15pm. We will start with our AGM (usually short) and elect our Committee for the year and then follow with our General Meeting. Please put aside some time to attend so you can have your say on who does what and have input into our direction for the year.

## Canteen

This is an important service and continues to be our major fundraiser. Thank you and farewell to Lisa Lowe who has finished up as Canteen Coordinator. We are pleased to welcome Melissa Finlayson to the P&C and to the role of Canteen Co-ordinator.

The start of term roster is short and there are days the canteen is closed. It takes many shared hands to be able to offer canteen for 3 days each week over the 10 weeks of each term.

Please consider giving up one or two of your mornings a term to help with canteen – you can work with a friend or by yourself, invite a neighbour or another family member. If you can find a day or need to know more, please email the P&C at [dorrighigh.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:dorrighigh.pandc@gmail.com).

## Walcha Canteen

Volunteers are needed to share rostering during the Walcha visit so we can open the canteen each day – Mon 25, Tues 26 and Wed 27 March. An all-day service to keep up food, drinks and snacks is planned. An updated menu will be available to ensure variety and ease of preparation given the busier volume.

## Eftpos is coming

We have completed our application for Eftpos facilities at the Canteen and expect that this will be ready to go by Walcha visit (if not sooner). We have selected a simple to use Tyro portable device which will accept debit and credit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay and Samsung Pay. Cash can still be used. We don't have any plans to stop taking cash.

## Insurance

The P&C Committee continues to make annual payments towards student insurance, ensuring that our students are protected at school and while undertaking school activities and representative duties. Our insurance coverage extends through our Committee covering directors' and officers' liability and to our volunteers with personal and accident cover. This is one important part of P&C spending.

**Michele Kellett**

**President**

**DHS P&C Committee**

DORRIGO VS. WALCHA

# WE NEED HANDS ON CANTEEN

Mon 25, Tue 26 &  
Wed 27 March

A shared roster to keep up  
food, drinks & snacks

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Expressions of interest to:  
[dorrighigh.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:dorrighigh.pandc@gmail.com)  
School Office 6657 2001





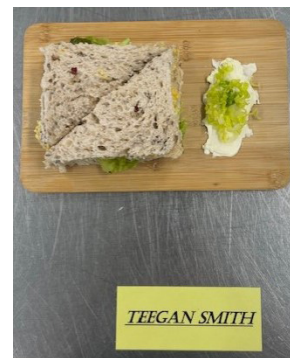
## Our Library

The Library has a great selection of new books and magazines. Call up and have a look on the stands. Titles include

- The Sky Dragon one - we have the whole series now.
- The John Marsden "Tomorrow When the War Began" we have the whole series now. They often come asking for the second one as they read the first in class.
- The Thursday Murder Club one we have the whole series now.
- Adventure Bike is a magazine.
- Campdrafting is a magazine.
- Teen Breathe is a magazine.
- Double Helix is a magazine.
- National Geographic is a magazine.

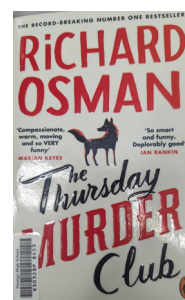
## Food Technology

Food Technology students have been cooking interesting tasty recipes. Hospitality made Pullmans Sandwiches and Smoked Salmon Sandwiches while Year 9/10 made Marshmallow Jam Biscuit Slice.



Food Technology Requirements		
	<b>Term 1 Week 5</b>	
<b>7 Purple</b>	<b>Coconut and Yoghurt Fruit Salad Between 2</b> Students need to bring 1 apple, 1 banana, 1 small vanilla yoghurt	Thursday 29 February P1 & P2
<b>Hosp</b>	<b>Open Sandwich Turkey Ribbon Sandwich Individual Work</b> Students need to bring 100g sliced turkey, ¼ cup parmesan cheese, 1 chicken thigh, 1 bacon rasher	Thursday 29 February P3 & P4
<b>Hosp</b>	<b>Pinwheel Sandwich Domino Sandwich Individual Work</b> Students need to bring 1 sml can creamed corn, 2 slices ham, 50g can red salmon	Friday 1 March P3 & P4
	<b>Term 1 - Week 6</b>	
<b>7 Blue</b>	<b>Soft Taco Between 2</b> Students need to bring 120g beef mince 1/4 cup cheese 1 small carrot 1 small tomato	Tuesday 5 March P1 & P2
<b>8</b>	<b>Poached Chicken Soba Noodle Salad Between 2</b> Students need to bring 1 chicken breast 1 small carrot 1/2 red capsicum	Tuesday 5 March P3 & P4
<b>9/10</b>	<b>Churros Slice Between 2</b> Students need to bring 10g butter 50g dark chocolate 1 small caramel sauce	Friday 8 March P3 & P4
<b>Senior Hosp</b>	<b>Bahn Mi Individual Work</b> Students need to bring 1 chicken thigh	Thursday 7 March P5 & P6

<b>Senior Hosp</b>	<b>Chicken Schnitzel Burger Individual Work</b> Students need to bring 1 large potato 200g beef mince 1 small brown onion 1 slice cheese 1 tomato 1 bacon rasher	Friday 8 March P3 & P4
	<b>Term 1 Week 7</b>	
<b>7 Purple</b>	<b>Soft Taco Between 2</b> Students need to bring 120g beef mince 1/4 cup cheese 1 small carrot 1 small tomato	Thursday 14 March P1 & P2
<b>8</b>	<b>Gozleme Between 2</b> Students need to bring 150g beef mince 50g fetta 2 large wholemeal wraps	Tuesday 12 March P3 & P4
<b>9/10</b>	<b>American Savoury Muffins Between 2</b> Students need to bring 40g butter 2 cocktail frankfurt 3 slices tasty cheese	Monday 11 March P3 & P4
<b>Hosp</b>	<b>Mini Fish Taco Individual Work</b> Students need to bring 1 apple 1 small carrot 1 small red onion 1 white fish fillet	Thursday 14 March P3 & P4
<b>Hosp</b>	<b>Simple Sliders and Chips Individual Work</b> Students need to bring 1 large potato 200g beef mince 1 small brown onion 1 slice cheese 1 tomato 1 bacon rasher	Friday 15 March P3 & P4





# Rural and regional school travel

Apply online for free school travel in rural and regional NSW. You only need to complete one form, even for journeys using more than one operator.

## Who can apply?

To be eligible for free school travel, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

### Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

### Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

### Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.

## Who needs to apply

You only need to apply if the student has never been approved for free school travel before. Students in a shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody) should submit a separate application for both addresses.

## How to update your details

You need to update student details online if the student is changing their name, address, school or campus, or their Transport operator. You can update them at [transportnsw.info/ssts-update](https://transportnsw.info/ssts-update)

## Frequently asked questions

### Does the approved free travel include travel outside school hours?

Approved free school travel is only for travel to and from school. So for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays, students will need to buy a ticket.

### What if there's no public transport in my area?

In areas where there is no public transport, you may be able to get a subsidy for driving the student to school. For details, visit [transportnsw.info/school-students](https://transportnsw.info/school-students)

### How do I apply if the student needs to travel from two addresses because the parents live separately?

Each parent (or the student if aged 16 or over) needs to apply separately for each address. The same minimum distances apply.

## How to apply for free travel for the first time

You can apply for free school travel for next year from the start of Term 4 this year.

### Step 1

Once you have enrolled your child at the new school, apply online by giving your home address and telling us which bus company the student needs to travel with between home and school. You can apply online at [transportnsw.info/school-students](https://transportnsw.info/school-students)

### Step 2

The school then confirms to us that your details are correct.

### Step 3

We will then work on your application. You will get an email confirming if the student is approved for free travel. If so, we will tell your local bus company who may send a school travel pass (if needed) to your school or, in some cases, the bus company will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students aged 15 years and under. Students who are 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

## What my card will look like



## Want to know more?

For more information, visit [transportnsw.info/school-students](https://transportnsw.info/school-students)

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

### Privacy

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at [transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal-privacy-policy](https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal-privacy-policy) and the School Pass Terms [transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms](https://transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms)



# NAPLAN

## National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



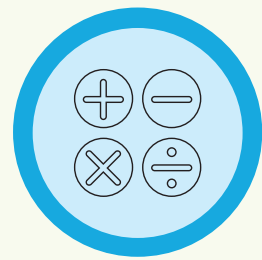
**Writing**



**Reading**



**Conventions of language**  
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



**Numeracy**

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

**Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.**  
For more information on NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).