



ASHBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL

INFORMATION FOR NEW FAMILIES

BAND

The Ashbury Public school band program, conducted by Mr Jason Isaac, is one of the most prestigious of its kind. Students in years 3-6, are eligible to participate in Concert, Intermediate and Training Band, as well as Jazz and percussion ensembles. New enrolments to the program may begin as raw beginners in the Training Band, where they quickly move from novice, to being able to play complex and exciting works. The program involves weekly attendance at band rehearsals, an end of year exam, and private music lessons, paid for by the students, during term time. Regular performing opportunities for the ensembles occur as part of the school calendar, and at occasional, distinguished events, such as the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Town Hall and the Manly Jazz Festival. Graduates from our program often go on to participate in Department of Education ensembles, such as The Senior Wind Orchestra and The Senior Wind Ensemble, indicative of the musical standard facilitated by our program. Instruments involved in the program include: euphonium, french horn, saxophone, clarinet, flute, bass guitar, percussion, keyboard, trombone, tuba and trumpet.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ashbury Community Garden is an award-winning project of the Ashbury Public School P&C Association which started in 2010. The garden is managed and maintained by volunteers and all school families are encouraged to visit the garden and get involved in our many activities and events. Your family can participate in a number of ways – from feeding the chooks, watering or helping at monthly gardening bees, to assisting your child’s teacher with kitchen garden workshops, attending the fabulous ‘Jazz in the Garden’ events or buying produce at our regular garden market stalls.

Visit the garden’s website ashburycommunitygarden.org.au, follow us on instagram or email info@ashburycommunitygarden.org.au for more information and to subscribe to the garden’s email newsletters.

Danielle Domone President Ashbury Community Garden

SPLASH CENTRE

Splash is an ACECQA licensed, community based Before and After School service that has offered high quality care onsite at Ashbury Public School for over 20 years. Our highly professional team provides a safe, fun and caring environment for your child with before school care from 7am, after school care until 6pm and vacation care during the school holidays. A volunteer Management Committee elected at the association’s Annual General Meeting provides overall governance and strategic direction to Splash.

For more information please visit Splash's website www.splashcentre.org.au, email care@splashcentre.org.au or phone our Centre Manager on (02) 9797 8854.



WELCOME



Ashbury Public School has been serving the community since 1928 and today continues its long-standing tradition of providing a solid academic grounding whilst offering all children the opportunity to develop their own strengths and interests to their full potential. 'Education forms the Mind' is the school motto and forms the foundation of the school culture.

The school maintains a strong emphasis on the cultivation of sound personal values and social responsibility - a goal which is greatly assisted by the positive community spirit that exists. The school has a strong working relationship with the community which provides many opportunities for students.

Parent involvement in decision making is encouraged through various parent bodies, including School Council, Parent & Citizens Association, Band Committee and Uniform Shop. Parents may also help in classrooms with reading, music, art, sport and computer lessons as well as being involved in social events, fundraising or other activities.

Our teachers are committed to delivering quality teaching programs and outstanding opportunities for all students. Assessment practices and technology are embedded into a broad and balanced curriculum, with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy from Kindergarten to Year 6. The school has strong student wellbeing programs to ensure that all students are provided with a caring and nurturing school environment in which they develop to their full potential.

Ashbury Public School offers students many exciting opportunities for extracurricular activities including:

- Primary School Sports Association (PSSA)
- Band
- Choir
- Recorder Groups
- Dance Groups
- Chess
- SRC
- Environmental Officers
- Kitchen Garden Workshops

INFORMATION & PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Assistance from our parent community is always appreciated. There are many ways that you can become involved with the school, from assisting with classroom activities, helping out with sporting events, P&C initiatives, the Uniform Shop, Community Garden and Cheeky Chook Club or Band.

A brief outline of our parent groups is over the page, but more detailed information on these and much more can be found on our website www.ashbury-p.schools.nsw.edu.au along with all you need to know about our school routines, procedures, expectations and opportunities. Please take the time to have a read of our School Information Booklet, which can be found on the website also.

Keep up-to-date on happenings at school through our newsletter, which is posted on the website Monday fortnightly. You are able to subscribe to have the newsletter emailed to you there as well.

P&C ASSOCIATION

The Ashbury Public School P&C is a friendly and interested group of parents who meet at 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Being part of the P&C is a great way to find out what is happening in the school and to get involved in making our school a great place for our children and teachers. To support our school, the P&C puts a lot of effort into raising funds to spend on resources our children need to keep receiving the rich and exciting educational opportunities on offer at Ashbury Public School.

Carolyn Jury P&C President

At Ashbury Public School we encourage walking or riding to and from school. Accompanying children to school teaches them good pedestrian habits, so that children can comfortably negotiate travelling about in their community independently when they are older. Ashbury PS takes students from a small catchment area so most families should be able to walk to school at least some of the time.

We ask that parents and carers are good role models in that they obey the road rules around the school. This is crucial for the safety of all members of our school community. If you are running late it is better to park safely and get a late note than to park illegally and unsafely.

P&C Road Safety Officer

UNIFORM SHOP

The Ashbury Public School Uniform Shop is run by the P&C and is located in the school grounds, opposite the hall / canteen. It stocks the majority of the essential school uniform items for students.

There are three options to purchase uniforms:

- The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays during term time from 3pm – 3.30pm.
- Online orders and payment can be made through the FlexiSchools website.
- Order forms are available on the school website. These can be printed, completed and left at the school office with the correct cash or cheque payment.

All orders are processed when the shop is open and can be given to your child or collected from the school office the following day. The Uniform Shop is staffed solely by volunteers who will do their best to assist you with your uniform purchases and any queries. Any parents/carers who are willing to help out in the Uniform Shop occasionally are very welcome. Please contact the school for more information.

Anita Hawkins & Amanda Turner Uniform Shop Coordinators