



NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 10 – December 18, 2024

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday December 18

Last day of term for students

Thursday February 6

First day of term for Years K-6

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



ASPIRE

Accept opportunities and challenges.

Principal's Report

Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 Farewell was held last night at Castle Hill RSL. A special thank you to Miss Brown and the Year 6 team, along with our parent committee, for their time and effort in preparing for this special occasion. The many smiles on student's faces suggested that everyone had a fantastic evening!

Gala Day

Thank you to everyone involved in a very successful Gala Day last Thursday. It was lovely to see many parents and community members in attendance as well.

Castle Hill Public School has a long and proud history of supporting Stewart House with all proceeds raised from Gala Day donated to assist in supporting approximately 1600 public school students to attend Stewart House for a 12 day stay at no cost to their parents/carers. You can learn more about the amazing work that the staff at Stewart House do at Welcome to Stewart House - Stewart House Children's Charity

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 reports were uploaded to School Bytes last Friday. A small number of reports were subsequently uploaded on Monday morning.

If your child is leaving CHPS at the end of this year, regardless of the grade they are currently in, please ensure that you have downloaded your child's report(s) from School Bytes as your access will shortly be removed.

Farewell....

...to all our Year 6 students and our families who are leaving Castle Hill Public School at the end of this week. We wish you the very best for the years ahead.

We have some teachers leaving Castle Hill Public School at the end of the year. All the best to Miss Eivers, Miss Stanley, Mr Oldman and Mrs Gupta for their new roles at other schools next year. Miss Dawes and Miss Jones will be taking leave next year.

Holiday Works

Over the Christmas holidays, the hoarding and fencing between the current school playground and the worksite will be removed.

New fencing will be installed around our demountable classrooms and each of these rooms will be decommissioned over the holidays in preparation for their removal in February. Because of these works, the back gate (Gilham Street) will be closed to pedestrians throughout the holiday break, as will the western driveway. Parents accessing Funhouse will need to enter the school via the front gates of the school. Parking will be available until teachers return to school in the lower section of the carpark.

Happy Holidays!

On behalf of the staff of Castle Hill Public School, I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas with your families. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Please note that students in all grades (K-6) 2025 will re-commence on Thursday 6 February 2025. Teachers will be involved in four School Development Days from Friday 31 January to Wednesday 5 February inclusive.

Please watch for School Bytes notifications from 31 January onwards for information on where students will line up on their first morning back at school on 6 February. Years 1-6 2025 students will line up in their 2024 class lines at 9.00am on this day. Students will stay in their 2024 classes for the first few days of Term 1. 2025 classes will not be formed on the first day of school next year.

Our 2025 Kindergarten students should have received a letter informing parents of the class their child will be in next year. This letter will also indicate the time we ask that your child is brought to their new classroom on 6 February.

Enrolling at Castle Hill Public School

If you are reading this newsletter with the intention of enrolling your child at Castle Hill Public School in 2025, please complete an application to enrol form at:

<https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=1529>

Craig Oliver-Principal
Craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au

News from the Deputies

Changes to the application process for 2026 - Opportunity Class (OC) and Selective High School

A reminder to all families in Year 3 and Year 5, that the application for Opportunity Class and Selective High School are open. Information was emailed to families in November. Parents wishing for their child to sit either exam, are asked to read the information contained in the email carefully and to pose any questions to Miss Machuca.

A reminder that a parent information session will be held on February 10, 2025, to discuss the assessments and to answer any questions. A time will be communicated before the end of the term.

Parents can also find some key dates below:

Key dates – applying for entry in 2026

- 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025 – parents and carers apply for selective high school or opportunity class entry in 2026.
- 2-4 May 2025 – students sit the selective high school or opportunity class placement test for entry in 2026.
- 19 May 2025 – make up test date (approved illness/misadventure requests)
- Term 3, 2025 – placement outcomes and offers released to parents and carers
- Term 1, 2026 – students who gain entry begin attending their opportunity class or selective high school

Our school gates

Please be advised that our school gates are now being locked at 9.00am and then unlocked at 2:50pm to ensure the safety of our students. A reminder that if your child is late to school, they must report to the office for a late note.

Similarly, if you need to collect your child from sick bay or for an appointment, you will need to access the school via the front gate of the school.

**Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals**

P&C News

President message

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to become a financial member of the P&C, please feel free to contact me at the address below.

Erica Miller CHPS P&C President
president@chpspandc.org.au
<http://www.chpspandc.org.au>

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop open hours for the start of Term 1 2025

The uniform shop will be open after the school holidays - Monday 3 February 2025 8.30-11.30am.

If you need to exchange or purchase uniforms, we strongly encourage you to do that on Monday February 3, 2025.

We will be open on Thursday 6 February 2025 8.00-10.30am, however this will be an extremely busy day, usually with a very large queue and long wait times. Appointments are encouraged.

Uniform Purchases

If you need to purchase uniforms and accessories, the uniform shop is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30am or you may purchase online through Flexischools and delivery will be made to your child's class.

Appointments are encouraged.

To make an appointment to visit the uniform shop, please visit
<https://outlook.office365.com/book/UniformShop1@chpspandc.org.au/>

Exchange is always available if you've ordered the wrong size provided the item hasn't been worn and is accompanied by the Flexischools receipt and original packaging.

Uniform donations in good condition are always welcome.

You can drop these into the uniform shop on Monday or Thursday mornings or any time during the day to the front office.

If you have any uniform questions, please contact our Uniform shop manager, Amanda
at uniformshop@chpspandc.org.au

**Amanda Turner
Uniform Shop Manager
Castle Hill Public School P&C Association**

Castle Hill Public School Project update | December 2024



Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$8.9 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

Project overview

The upgrade of Castle Hill Public School will include new fit-for-purpose classrooms and upgraded core facilities to support the growing population of North West Sydney.

The project will deliver a new three-storey building with permanent classrooms, a new hall and canteen, covered outdoor learning area (COLA), and student amenities. The upgrade will also provide facilities for specialist support classes, and refurbished administration and staff areas.

Progress summary

Work is progressing well on the upgrade. Construction is now finished on the new classroom building (Building I), and work to prepare the building for use as well as external landscaping is underway.

For the new hall and canteen building (Building H), the hall flooring and stage have been completed. Work is continuing on the interior, including installing lighting and fixtures as well as new equipment for the new canteen.

Next steps

Upcoming works include relocating the administration facilities to Building A and finishing works in Building B for the new facilities for specialist support classes for Term 1 2025.

Works to remove the temporary demountable school classrooms from the school are scheduled to take place in early 2025 with an aim to have minimal impact to school operations.



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School holidays works

Over the upcoming school summer holidays, the administration facilities will be moved from the temporary location in Building B to the newly refurbished Building A.

Final furniture and learning equipment will be installed in the new classrooms in Building I before the start of Term 1 2025, to allow the returning students to be welcomed into the new classrooms.

More information

You can find more information about the project at edu.nsw.link/CastleHillPS or by scanning the QR code on the left.

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on the contact details below.

