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Principal's News

Public Education Week 2025 will be held from 4–8 August, and this year's theme is **Ignite your potential**. This is a time to come together and celebrate the strength, diversity and achievements of NSW public education — where every student is supported to learn, grow and thrive.

On Wednesday 6 August, we will be inviting families to come and share experiences where we showcase how we ignite potential. The school will be open during the morning session for an Education Week assembly, parent workshop on restorative practices, open classrooms and a picnic recess.

This year we will also be running a book fair during Education week. Families will have the opportunity to pre order books, or purchase them on the day, adding to the possibilities for igniting imagination, creativity and further learning through the love of reading. Details will be shared early in Term 3, but **save the date** now, so we can all come together to 'ignite our potential' as a school community.

During the second part of Term 2 we have continued with our regular experiences such as Athletics Carnival, Spelling Bee, mufti day and the Shine Brightly disco. Students have excelled in these areas and participated with enthusiasm. We have been successful at reestablishing our parent reading program and we thank the many parents that have come to training and committed to regular times to support some of our Stage 1 readers. It is exciting to have these family members working alongside teachers in support of all learners.

Term 2 also sees the distribution of your child's Semester One report. These are accessed through the Sentral for parents app. Please speak with your child's teacher or call into our office if you require assistance in navigating the system. All students have demonstrated growth over the semester and discussing the report with your child is a great way to celebrate their achievements.

Have a wonderful holiday break and we will see you all back in Term 3 (22 July).

Jan Holt | Principal

Our Vision:

At Harcourt Public School every learner receives a high-quality education that enables them to achieve ambitious learning goals within a school culture that strengthens student wellbeing and development.

**Public
Education
Week 2025**

4-8 August
Ignite your potential



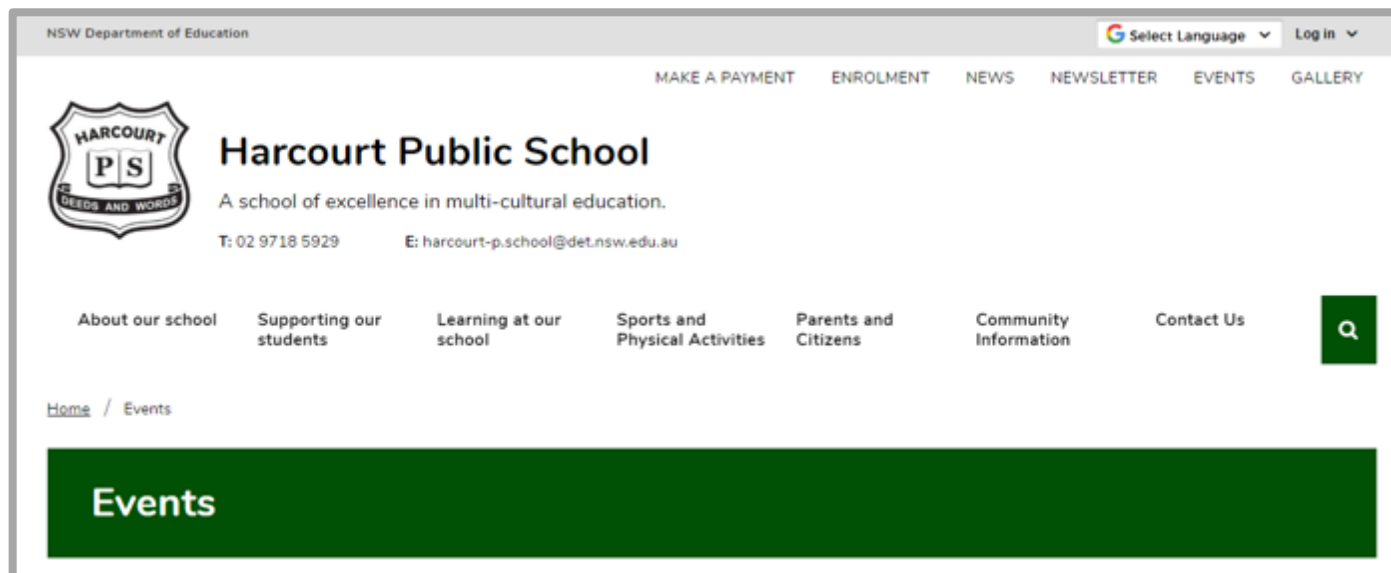
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Term 3 Week 5 2025

Our school website contains information on upcoming events so click on the image below to access this information.



URL: <https://harcourt-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>



Our school uses the Sentral for Parents app so that parents can stay connected and informed about their child.

This app enables families to give permission for their child's activities and events, make payments to the school, inform the school of the reason for their child's absence and receive messages and notifications to keep them informed.

Download and connect with us now!



Click the image above for instructions on how to get started with this app.



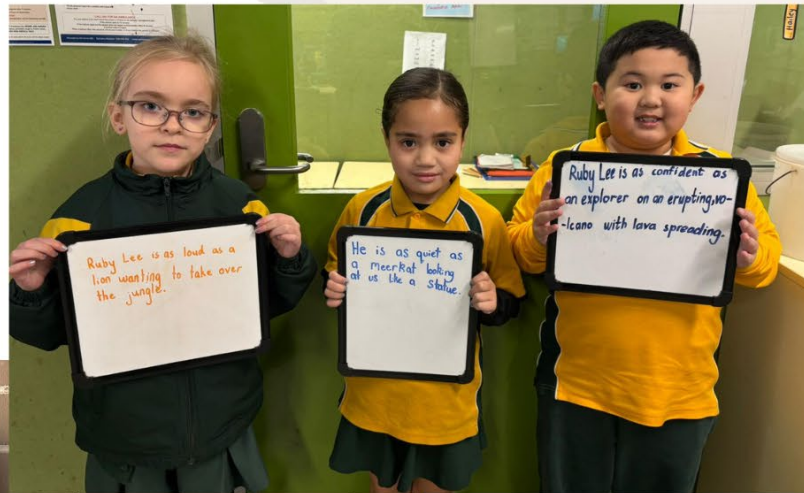
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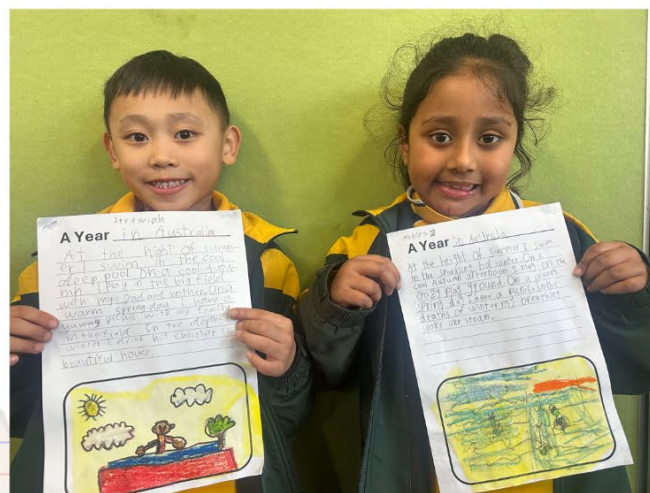
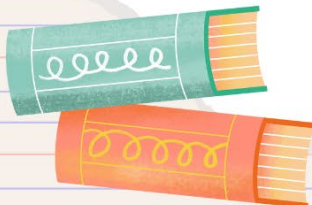
Authors in Stage One

We use similes to enhance our descriptive writing.



We include adjectives to add detail and make our sentences engaging.

We use prepositional phrases to help the reader visualise the story.



Future Ready Stage Two Learners in Action!

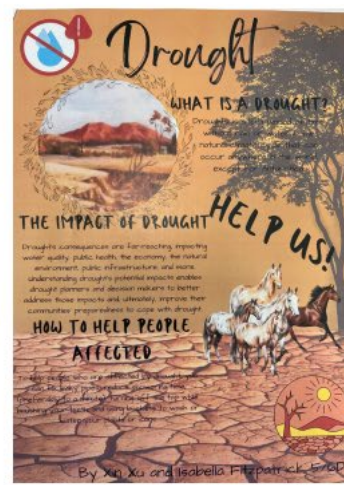
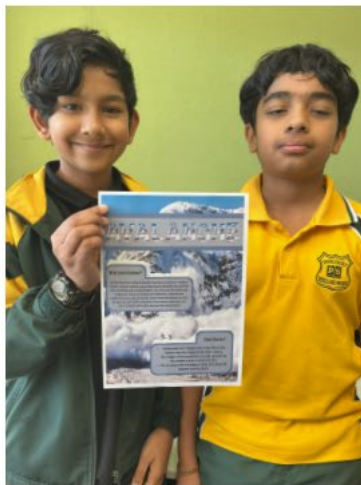
Stage Two students have been diving into the digital world as they integrate ICT skills across a variety of subjects. From collecting and graphing data in Google Sheets during Mathematics, to exploring robotics with Ozobots in enrichment groups, our learners are building future-ready skills today!

Students are also learning fundamental coding concepts like sequencing, events, loops, and algorithms to program their Dash robot. In Geography and English, they are showcasing their creativity through presentations made on Canva, blending design, writing, and research. It's exciting to see our students confidently navigating technology while enhancing their learning in fun and meaningful ways.



STAGE 3 SCIENCE

Stage 3 have been investigating the effects of sudden geological changes and extreme weather events on the Earth's surface. For example, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, cyclones, storms, drought and floods.



5/6D have been using ICT to create posters explaining the impact of different weather events and some preventative measures humans can take.



STAGE 3 SCIENCE

In 6H, Muhammad, Sampu and Shibana created posters on droughts. Trisha created a poster on bushfires.



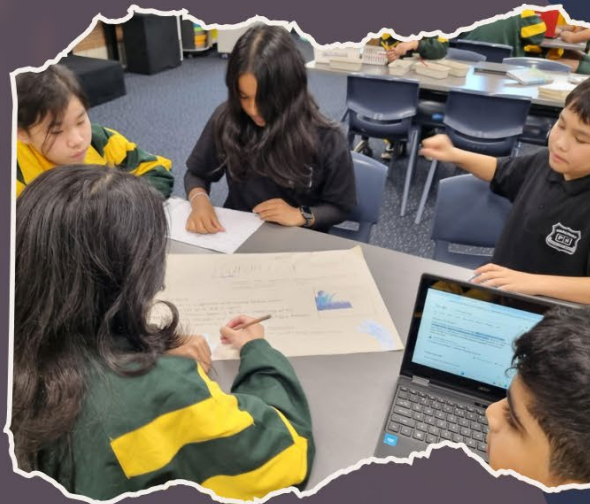
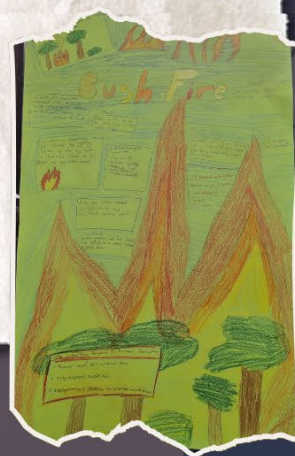
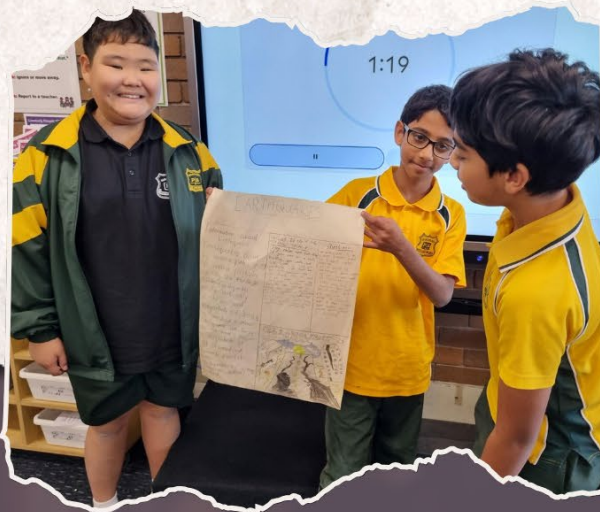
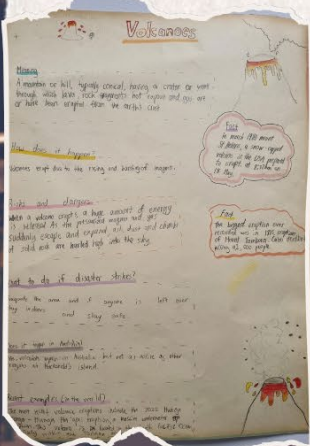
5F & 6T's posters on earthquakes, volcanoes, blizzards, bushfires & tsunamis



Library, Term 2

Collaborative Posters

In Geography, Stage 3 worked in **expert groups** to research natural disasters, and create **collaborative posters**. This helped students build skills in teamwork, multi-literacies and research.



Library Monitor Badges

The Stage 3 Library Monitors received their badges during assembly to celebrate the completion of their training. Thank you for helping keep the library a fun, safe and organised place to be!



Coming in Term 3

Term 3 is a very exciting time for the Library. Watch this space to learn more about:

- Education Week Book Fair
- Book Week
- Finishing the Premier's Reading Challenge



Education Week Book Fair!

In **Term 3, Week 3**, we will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** to celebrate Education Week - and **YOU** are invited!

We will have an exciting range of new and popular titles for all ages,
including books for **\$10 or less!**

Wed 6/8	Fair open to families and students all day!
Thurs 7/8	Open to families before school! Final student purchases

Exact times and more information coming soon.

Every book purchased earns **credit for our school** to spend on more resources and books!

Questions?

Which books will be available?

In **Week 2**, a list of available Scholastic books will be sent out. Students will also preview the books in Library Time. They will be a lot like the **Book Club** titles!

How can we purchase the books?

- Cash
- Online pre-paid credit (coming soon!)
- Card payments (parents and carers only)

Can we pre-order?

You can add **pre-paid credit** in **Term 3, Week 2.**

In **Week 2**, students write down the name and price of the books they want on a **wish list**. You can then scan the wish list **QR Code** and add the **cost** of these books as **pre-paid credit**.

If your child's choice has sold out, they can:

- Choose a different book for the same price
- Ask us to order another copy (2 weeks wait)





HARCOURT



SPELLING BEE 2025

On Thursday 19th July the annual Harcourt Spelling Bee Competition was held. Students from Stage 2 and 3 participated in a friendly competition which showcased many of our talented spellers.



Stage Three Participants



Congratulations!
Winner: Eden 5/6D
Runner Up: Nicole 5/6D

Stage Two Participants

Congratulations!
Winner: Lucy 3M
Runner Up: Miller 3E



OUR WINNERS WILL NOW GO ON TO THE REGIONAL COMPETITION IN TERM 3.



SRC PYJAMA AND SILLY SOCK DAY



In Week 6, the SRC organised a mufti day to raise funds to donate to **The Australian Red Cross**. The SRC asked everyone to dress up in their comfiest and cosiest outfits paired with silly socks. We loved seeing all the extremely warm outfits and silly sock designs!



Aaron 3E

FUNDS RAISED: \$1310

We truly appreciate the generosity of our HPS community. Your support helps to make a real difference and will go towards people and communities affected by extreme weather events, emergencies, conflict and isolation.





CANTERBURY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

CBHS Year 5 Pathways to Potential
Unlocking Potential. Inspiring Excellence.

Dear Parents and Carers

To celebrate Education Week, Canterbury Boys High School invites your son to participate in our **Year 5 Pathways to Potential Program**, held over two days in Week 3 of Term 3.

This program offers students with high academic potential a unique opportunity to engage in our award-winning Enrichment Program, an initiative designed to challenge and inspire through collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and curiosity.

Over the course of the two days, students will participate in a range of hands-on, inquiry-based learning activities led by our expert teachers across key learning areas. The program is designed to stretch students' thinking, spark curiosity, and provide a taste of the learning culture that defines Canterbury Boys High School.

Dates and Times

Thursday 7 August

Sign-in between 8:30 am and 8:50 am for a 9:00 am start
Finish: 3:00 pm

Friday 8 August

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Parents are invited to attend a short presentation and farewell from 2:40 pm – 3:00 pm on the Friday afternoon.

Students are asked to wear their primary school uniform and bring a packed lunch. Afternoon tea will be provided. Our school canteen will also be open and available.

This experience is open to talented, engaged and hard-working students, regardless of which high school they will attend in 2027. It offers a valuable taste of secondary learning and helps to build confidence for the transition to high school.

To support families and minimise disruption to local primary schools, Canterbury Boys and Canterbury Girls High Schools have scheduled their respective Enrichment Programs on the same two days.

Application Process

Places are limited and will be allocated in order of application. Please only apply if your child is available for both days. Applications can be made via this link: <https://forms.gle/8X9GRzchUiXPt1pL7>

Applications close Friday 4 July 2025. No late applications will be accepted. Confirmation will be sent via email by **Friday 25 July** (Week 1, Term 3).

If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Dwyer or Fiona McKenzie at Canterbury Boys High School on 9798 8444. We look forward to welcoming your son on 7 August 2025 and thank you for your interest in our program.

Yours sincerely

Ross Dummett
Principal

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CANTERBURY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

19 June 2025

INVITATION – YEAR 5 ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Dear Parents/Caregivers

To celebrate Education Week, Canterbury Girls High School invites your student to participate in our Year 5 Enrichment Program.

The aim of this program is to immerse students in an engaging day high school experience which will broaden their perspective on learning and introduce them to our school environment. Students will engage in practical and problem-based learning activities designed to promote higher order thinking. The program will include workshops by our English, Science, Maths, PDHPE, TAS, CAPA and Language faculties.

Dates and Times:

The program will operate over two consecutive days in Week 3 of Term 3.

- **Thursday 7 August**
Sign in between 8:30 am and 8:50 am for a 9 am start. Finish 2:50 pm
- **Friday 8 August**
9:00am - 3:00pm. Parents are invited to attend a presentation and farewell from 2:40pm – 3:00pm

Families are required to drop their student/s to the high school and arrange for their pickup. Students are asked to wear their primary school uniform and bring a packed lunch; afternoon tea will be provided. Students will also be able to access the school canteen. The menu is on our website: <https://canterburg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

This is an excellent transition experience for your student regardless of which high school they will attend in 2026. It is aimed at those students who are talented, hard-working and engaged in their learning.

Numbers are limited and **students will be selected on a first-in basis**. Please only apply if you expect your child to be available for the two days.

Applications can be made via this link:

<https://forms.gle/JGquqxTr1P7MVsbj9>



Applications will close on Friday 4 July 2025. No late applications will be accepted. We will confirm your booking by email by Friday 25 July (Week 1 of Term 3).

If you have any queries, please contact Pamela Arrivolo (bookings) or Rosemary Henzell (Co-ordinator) at Canterbury Girls High School on **9718 1805**. We look forward to meeting you on 7 August 2025 and thank you for your interest in this program.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Cameron
Principal



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NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

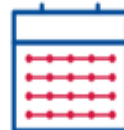
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= **4** weeks

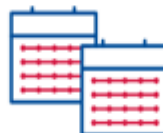


= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

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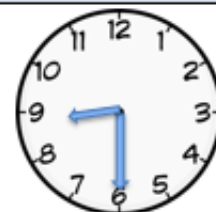
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EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

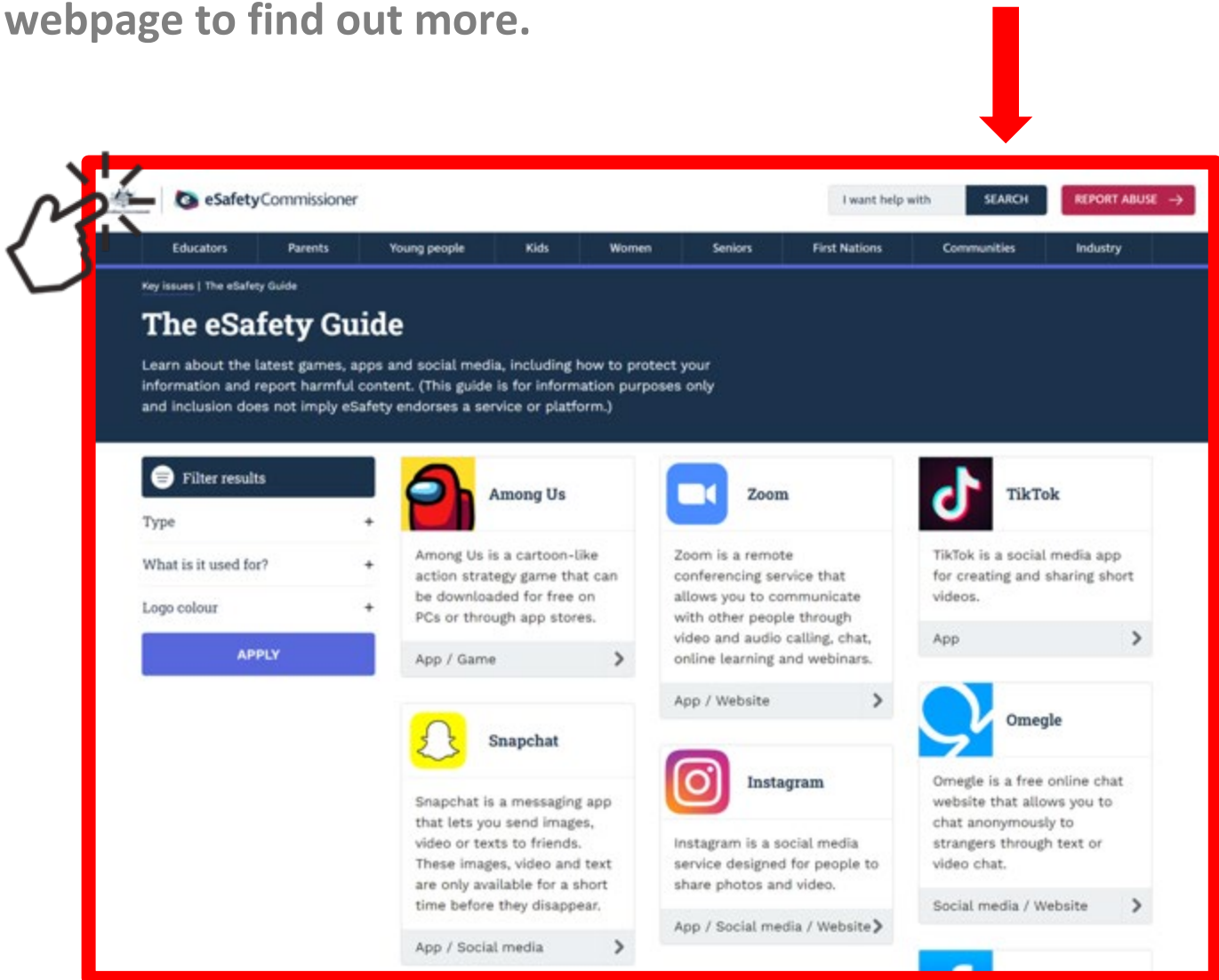
Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**Check the time
your school
starts.
DON'T BE LATE!**



Learn about the latest games, apps and social media, including how to protect you and your child's information and report harmful content.

Click on the image below to go to the eSafety Commissions webpage to find out more.





SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134
Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Harcourt Public School is held on Tuesdays from 1:05pm to 2:00pm, starting on 11 February 2025.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

ENROL TO
START NOW!

Limited vacancies!

LEARN MUSIC AT SCHOOL

MUSIC KEYBOARD CLASSES AT HARCOURT PS LESSON ON FRI 3.20-4.05PM

- 45-minute weekly sessions in small groups.
- Instrument not required initially.
- \$33 per session – follows the school term. New students are welcome to join mid-term.
- Ideal for beginners!

Music Shapes Minds!

Learning music enhances cognitive skills, builds discipline and boosts confidence!

To enrol, call 9411 3122 or visit:
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Beginners Welcome!

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Lesson!**



**Harcourt
Public School**

**Tuesdays &
Thursdays
6.30 – 7.30pm**

Enquiries: 0412 117 302





Code Camp could be coming to your school!



Harcourt Public School

are looking to partner with Code Camp to offer a weekly **STEM** program, starting in Term 3. **Code Camp After-School** provides a safe and educational environment where kids can hone their creative skills and keep practicing through weekly sessions throughout the term!

Register your interest for:



Coding
After-School



Robotics
After-School

Learn more and submit for EOI at:

codecamp.com.au/as-eoi/harcrtps



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