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## Copacabana Public School

Term 4 Week 2 2021

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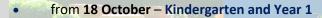
#### **Principal's Message**

"It takes a village to raise a child" African Proverb

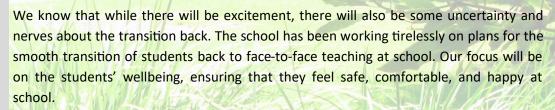
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our wonderful families. I hope everyone had a relaxing break and took some time to recharge and re-energise ready for the term ahead. As a staff we are thrilled to welcome our students back on site for face-to-face learning.

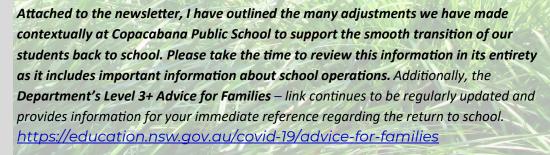
Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe settings on school sites in the following order:







Our COVID-Safe return to school plan is NSW Health approved and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These practices include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning.



Once again, I would like to thank and congratulate all parents and carers for the amazing work you that have been doing at home during this remote learning phase and to all our wonderful teachers and students for their tremendous effort. Thank you again for your unwavering, continued support. The partnership with our families has never been more important to ensuring the wellbeing and education of our children at Copacabana Public School.

Yours in education,
Mary Hunt
Principal







#### How will we know where your child is at with their learning progression when they return?

Please be reassured that when the children return to school from 18 and 25 October teachers will be able to pinpoint where students are in their learning progression and what they need to achieve their end goal. The teachers will use a variety of methods e.g: (assessments, teacher observations, student work samples) to inform daily teaching and learning.

#### **Semester 2 Reporting**

The Department has released guidelines for modified reporting for Semester 2. You will receive your child's Semester 2 report by the end of the year. This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive.

#### **Opportunity Class Placement Test Delayed**

As a result of recent advice from NSW Health regarding the duration of Covid-19 restrictions and the return to school plan, the Opportunity Class Placement test has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 17 November 2021**. Parents of our Year 4 applicants will be advised of new testing arrangements as soon as they are announced and should continue to check the NSW Department of Education website for up-to-date advice.

#### **Contact Details**

Please telephone the office to update and changes to contact details, mobile phone numbers, emergency contacts and email addresses.

#### 2022 Reminder

Should you be leaving our area in 2022, please contact the office to advise as a matter of urgency. We are currently updating our projected student enrolment numbers for 2022 and the accuracy of this information will allow us to plan for the required number of teaching spaces at Copacabana Public School from the start of the 2022 learning year. Likewise, if you are enrolling in Kinder or moving into our area, please also touch base with the school's office. We appreciate your cooperation in advising us of this as soon as possible.

#### Wellbeing for students and families

Please take some time to review the NSW Department of Education's wellbeing resources for students and families. This website has many resources available for all ages. Our school has also been compiling social stories for children in support of their return to school, please discuss this with your child's teacher if you feel it would be of benefit.





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## What you need to know about our return to school in Term 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens. This is a short summary of what our parents and students can expect.



#### Key dates for our staged return

While we know there is excitement about the return to school it's important that we stick to the staged return to give us time to be ready to welcome back students onsite. Students will return to face-to-face learning in the following order:

- from 18 October Kindergarten and Year 1
- from **25 October** Years 2,3,4,5 and 6.



#### **Our school's COVID-safe operations**

Our COVID-safe return to school plan is NSW Health approved and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These practices include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning.



#### Keeping student groups together

As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment. This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.

Students will be in their designated cohort groups (K-2 and Yrs. 3-6) for playground areas in the morning, lunch and recess breaks and departures in the afternoon.



#### **Drop Offs and Pick-ups:**

#### Arrivals at school in the morning:

- **K-2 students.** Upon arrival at school **K-2 students** will put their bags outside their classroom and then go to their **designated playground area under the COLA**.
- Years 3- 6 students Upon arrival at school 3-6 students will put their bags outside their classroom and then go to their designated playground area which is the ball court.

\*\*\* Please note, at this stage the back gate will be closed in the mornings. Staff will greet children at the front gates each morning. \*\*\*



#### Departures in the afternoon:

- K-2 Students: At the end of the school day, K-2 students will assemble at the basketball court ready for pick-ups at the end of the school day promptly at 2:45pm. Dismissal of students will be the same procedures as at the start of the year, leaving through the front gate (Pueblo St entrance). Please let your child's teacher know if you plan to pick up your child/ren at the back gate, (Del Mar St).
- Years 3-6 students: At the end of the school day, 3-6 students will assemble under the COLA to be dismissed by their teacher at 2:45pm. Students can exit the school via front gate, back gate or via the oval. A staff member will be present at the back gate (Del Mar St) to ensure the safety of all students.
- Students attending After School Care will wait in the normal location for collection by After School Care educators.
- Students who access the school bus service will do so in a Covid safe manner underneath the COLA.
- Siblings: Siblings will leave school together. Any 3-6 siblings will be directed from the COLA to the ballcourt to younger sibling before exiting the school via front gate, back gate or field.

At the end of the day, K-2 and 3-6 students will assemble in their designated areas. Kindergarten students will leave first, followed by the other year groups in a sequential order. Primary students can go to the ball court to collect their sibling before exiting the school. A staff member will walk K-2 students across the field and another staff member will walk 3-6 students across the field.



#### **Physical Distancing**

All adults must keep 1.5 metres distance from each other, including teachers and support staff, and parents and carers waiting to collect children.



#### **Playground**

Playground spaces will be allocated to specific cohort bubbles – K-2 and 3-6. Please ensure your children come to school each day with their hat and a refillable drink bottle.



#### Mask wearing for students and staff

Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff indoors and outdoors and strongly recommended for primary students indoors and outdoors unless exercising or eating. Masks are available at the school for all children and adults.



#### **Vaccinations**

All staff required on site supporting the return to school will need to be fully vaccinated from 18 October. Then from 8 November all staff, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated, including Outside of School Hours Care staff.





Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air. The department will continue to work with NSW Health to provide us with advice and guidance on maintaining good ventilation in our school and we will make use of our outdoor spaces wherever practical.

All schools in NSW have recently undertaken an audit of windows and fans to ensure that they are operational. Our classrooms have been inspected and have good cross ventilation and ceiling fans. Additionally, all classroom wet areas have access to running water, soap dispensers, paper towel and hand sanitiser to maintain high levels of personal hygiene. All toilet blocks have access to soap dispensers.



#### **School activities**

During Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advise otherwise. This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation days and graduations, arts and sports events. Please be assured the school will communicate to parents and carers any operational changes to school-based activities as per COVID safe practices for schools. For further information please refer to

https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families



#### **Attendance**

All students should be at school on the date indicated for their year group, unless:

- they have a medical certificate which says they can't return to school due to a condition or illness
- they are currently unwell
- they have been asked by NSW Health to self-isolate

Learning from home materials will no longer be provided when returning to face-to-face unless your child has a medical exemption. If you have medical reasons for not returning to face-to-face on the allocated dates, please contact the school and provide your child's medical certificate.



#### **Covid Communication**

Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19.

During this time we will continue to provide learning from home activities and we will let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning.

Information about the operational status of the school will be distributed through the school's website, the Copacabana Public School Facebook page and emails to families Please ensure that your contact details (email, postal address, and mobile phone number/s) are current. Please contact the school immediately to update your detail as this is vital information, we need to have to assist us when communicating important messages.





#### Sickness

If students are presenting cold, flu or COVID like symptoms a test will need to be carried out and returned and the student will be unable to attend school until results come through as per NSW Health and DoE Guidelines.



#### Canteen

Our canteen can operate with Covid safe conditions and will **reopen** from **27 October**. Please see the P&C report in this week's newsletter (Term 4, Week 2) for further information.



#### Preschool and out of school hours care

Out of school hours care, vacation care settings and preschools operating on school sites will follow the same COVID-safe guidelines as public schools including the requirement to be fully vaccinated from 8 November.



#### Orientation and transition to school

Onsite orientations and transition programs are <u>not</u> currently allowed in person on school sites until we are advised differently by NSW Health. We have flexible arrangements so that students and parents and carers can still get help with orientation and transition to school in a COVID-safe way. **Kindergarten and Year 7 transition** and orientation programs will be virtual for our school, during a **staged return at Level 3+.** We are currently operating at Level 3+.

On the Copacabana Public School website, we will have Kindergarten HeadStart information for parents to assist with Kindergarten Orientation – HeadStart. If we move to **Level 3**, transition and orientation programs will be possible, however **only** children will be allowed on school grounds. Parents will be notified of proposed dates for HeadStart soon with further information.

Our local high school – Kincumber HS will advise us on their proposed Yr. 6-7 transition plan.





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## COVID-safe operations for schools

Department Preschools, Kindergarten & Year 1

> 18 October

All other years

25 October

From 18 October, students sitting their HSC exams will be able to access their schools full-time for revision and study sessions.



Students should be at school from the date indicated for their year group unless they are unwell.

## Drop-offs and pick-ups

Drop-offs and pick-ups will be by staggered groups and all entrances and exits will be used to start and finish school days.

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Please follow the physical distancing rules, avoid gathering outside gates, remain off school grounds and wear a mask. (some exceptions made for vulnerable students.)

Try to stay in the car. This does not apply to (OOSHC). Sign-in procedures are required.



#### Ventilation

Open or well-ventilated spaces reduce the risk

of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air than in spaces with less ventilation. Outdoor settings will be used where practicable. Students return to face-to-face learning in staged cohorts.

COVID-safe operations are maintained through high rates of staff and student vaccination, safe rostering and physical distancing.

#### Vaccination

All adults on school sites must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including employees, contractors, volunteers and essential visitors.

Students aged 12 or above are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination. Parents and carers can book in a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine now.

#### **Visitors**

Only essential visitors are allowed on school sites. All visitors are required to wear a mask and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.



#### Masks

Masks will be required for all staff and all students

in Year 7 and above while they are indoors and outdoors on school sites unless eating or exercising. Masks are strongly recommended for primary students both indoors and outdoors unless eating or exercising.

Students should bring their own masks where possible, but schools will have back-up supplies just in case. Masks are also required for all travel on public transport for children 13 years and older.



#### Hand hygiene & cleaning

Students will be reminded to wash their hands often.
Sanitisers, soaps, paper towels and other essential items will be readily available for students. Enhanced cleaning will continue on our school site.









## Saying Goodbye at the Gate

Are you worried about how the first back to school drop off will go?

School drop offs might look different when school resumes, some children and parents might find saying goodbye difficult. We can prepare our children for this by:

#### Planning ahead:

- Talk about whatever details you already know who will be where to drop and pick them up. Reassure them the teachers will help them if any changes are made.
- Create a quick goodbye 'ritual' for each child e.g. a secret handshake, special wave or triple kiss just for this occasion.
- Organise for a buddy to walk into school with them or for them to keep a special item that helps them feel "brave".



#### Practice, Practice, Practice!

- Practice small periods of separation prior to school starting e.g. hanging out the washing while your child stays inside or leaving them with a friend while you go to the shops.
- Practice your goodbye ritual so your child knows what to expect.



#### At the gate:

- Remain calm, confident and be consistent.
- Give your child your full attention.
- Say a proper goodbye (but keep it brief) and tell them when you'll be back e.g. "I'll be back later today after school". Do not sneak away when your child is distracted and don't linger.
- Perform your goodbye ritual once only.
- Reassure them that their teacher and school staff will be there to help.



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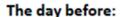


Will your child and family need some adjustment to get back into school learning?

Getting your child and family into a regular routine in the weeks leading up to returning to school will help make the transition and change easier to manage.

#### The week before:

- Return to usual school day wake up, morning and bedtime routines.
- · Ensure they are getting enough sleep.
- Practice having breakfast, lunch and snack times that coincide with typical school breaks.
- Create a calendar that counts down the days until their return.
- · Practice getting ready to go to school e.g. finding their uniform and packing their bag.



- Include your child in packing their school bag and getting their uniform ready.
- Talk with them about the plans for the next day including the morning routine, what to expect when they arrive at school and afternoon pick up plans.



#### The morning of:

- Allow extra time to get ready.
- Keep yourself calm to help your child remain calm.
- Repeat all the information you discussed with them the previous night about what their day will look like.





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#### Preparing to Return

Unsure how to prepare your child to return to school?

#### Step 1: Get information from your school

 Your child's school will be in touch to explain the various new procedures in place. If you have not received information or are unsure of anything, you should contact the school.



#### Step 2: Talk to your child about returning

- Talk to your child about the changes the school has let you know about and tell them the teachers will be there to help if they are unsure about anything.
- · Reassure them with calm words and actions that going to school will be safe and fun.

#### Step 3: Talk to your child about their feelings

- Encourage your child to share their feelings and any concerns they have before and after returning to school.
- Reassure them that it is normal to have big and sometimes mixed feelings such as excitement or worry.
- Practice some deep triangle breathing together and let them know they can do it on their own at school to help with any big feelings there.

#### **Triangle Breathing**



Use your index finger to trace a triangle on the palm of your hand as you take deep breaths

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#### A Message from your P&C...

It is so exciting that we are finally taking those first steps out of lockdown. I'm sure many children are excited (and possibly a little anxious) to be returning to school in the coming weeks – and I'd imagine most parents are also looking forward to it. Things may take a while to go back to 'normal', but the school and the P&C are working hard to make sure the transition is as convenient and safe as possible for parents and students. We're doing this while upholding the Covid rules and guidelines, as provided by the Department of Education.

#### Canteen

The Canteen is reopening! The Canteen will reopen for lunch orders only from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October and will continue to open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The canteen will be operating a simplified menu initially. Drinks will be available to order and will be sent out to students in the lunch order baskets. There will be no frozen treats available and no over-the-counter sales. Please remember to place your orders on Qkr! by 8:50am on the day.

Unfortunately, we are unable to have parent volunteers in the Canteen at this stage. If you have any questions about the Canteen, don't hesitate to send Kim an email at copacanteen@gmail.com or message her on Remind (class code @copasnacks).

#### **Uniform Shop**

Our online Uniform Shop is open on Qkr! You will notice a separate uniform menu in Qkr! along with our canteen menu. If you haven't yet downloaded the Qkr! app, it is completely free and there are no additional costs to parents for ordering using the app. Please refer to the Qkr! user guide in this newsletter for details on setting up your account and profiles for your children.

Due to Covid restrictions, we are still unable to open our physical store at school. Our uniform shop managers will be working hard to fill orders, which they are only allowed to do outside of school hours. It is anticipated that orders placed by Sunday evening will be delivered to your child's class on the following Tuesday and orders placed by Wednesday evening will be delivered on Friday. Deliveries will commence once all children return to school in Week 4.

Please note, if you are new to the school, or have a Kindergarten child starting in 2022, we will be offering a face-to-face uniform sale later in the term. This will be by appointment only and more details will be provided closer to the date. This will allow new families to try on uniform items and discuss their uniform requirements with Beckie and Jem, our uniform shop managers. Stay tuned for more information.

Lastly, please be advised that we have recently revised our uniform prices and our new prices are also included in this newsletter. We will continue to use the P&C Facebook page for communication about the uniform shop. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Beckie and Jem at copauniformshop@gmail.com.

#### We're looking for a Treasurer

Our wonderful treasurer, Marlene, will be stepping down at our next AGM (March 2022) and we are wondering if there is a parent or relative out there who might be interested in stepping into the role. We have plenty of time to provide a thorough handover and training with both Marlene and our bookkeeper. No previous experience is required. If you, or someone you know, has a few hours a week free, and would like to help out the school in a very tangible way, please get in touch. If you have any questions about the role, or would like some additional information to help you decide if it's right for you, please send us an email to copapandc@gmail.com .

#### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm over Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact Linda at copapandc@gmail.com .

If you ever have any questions about the P&C, please don't hesitate to contact me at copapandc@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lucy Wenzke - President



# CANTEEN OPENS 27TH OCTOBER



Lunch Orders and Drinks Only
NO Frozen Treats
NO Over-the-Counter Sales
Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Order on Qkr! by 8:50am

## UNIFORM SHOP

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**Deliveries commence Week 4** 

Orders delivered to your child's class on Tuesdays and Fridays



## **K-2**

Class	Student
KB	Frankie L
	Drew M
	Jonah G
	Jack D
K/1W	Iris C
	Ella M
	Levi D
	Harvey R
1M	David D
	Angus C
	Malia H
	Arlo K
1/2LP	Imogen P
	Isaac M
	India S
	Harrison R
2C	Evie H
	Zoe H
	Ari H
	Aurora f
2/3R	Avery G
	Ryder M





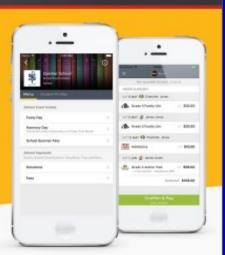


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Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

#### With Qkr you can:

- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



#### Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

#### Step 1 Download Qkr!

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#### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

#### Step 3 Find our school

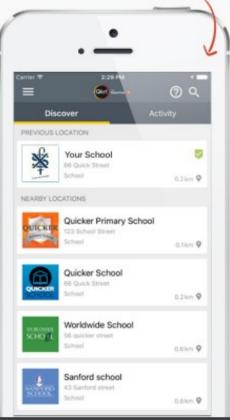
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

#### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them. If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

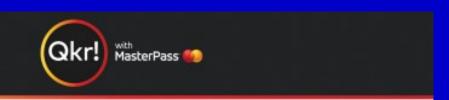


school from 'Nearby Locations' Search for our school name









#### Add your children's details in Student Profiles





Manage each child's details in **Student Profiles** 

#### Purchase school items









Select your items Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

#### Making payments



#### Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.



#### Please see below our new Price list for the uniform shop:



## Copacabana Public School Uniform Price List

Any queries please contact the School Office or the Uniform Shop Managers at copauniformshop@gmail.com

GIRLS	PRICE
Senior skirt* (year 5 & 6 only)	\$35
Junior Option 1 Dress (Kindy – year 4)	\$44
Junior Option 2 Skort* (Kindy – year 4)	\$30
BOYS	
Button up short sleeve shirt	\$25
Grey cargo shorts	\$30
Grey cargo Pants	\$38
UNISEX SPORT UNIFORM	
Polo shirt	\$25
Navy sport shorts	\$25
JUMPERS & TRACKSUIT PANTS	
Hoodie jumper	\$42
Hoodie with zipper	\$46
Navy tracksuit pants	\$25
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS	
Navy broad brim school hat	\$12
Calico library bag	\$5
Navy canvas chair bag	\$18
Navy school bag	\$45

<sup>\*</sup> Senior skirt & junior skort are worn together with the unisex polo shirt



#### **School Travel for 2022**



2022 school travel applications are now open Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody). Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before the end of term 4. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card. If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email. Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply. Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply. Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022. Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. Note: so me R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### **School Student Transport Scheme site change**

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

#### Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year. Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can apply or update details early and be ready for the start of the new school year. Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year. The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult. We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs. Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year. Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Student code of conduct and Opal terms of use.



Further information can be found at <a href="mailto:transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel">transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel</a> Enquiries can be submitted at <a href="mailto:transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback">transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback</a>



#### Coast OOSH

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#### Avoca Before- and After School Care



#### If you need care for your children, when you are not there...

Daily hours: Before School 6.30 - 9.30 am / After School 2.30 - 6.30 pm

Vacation care: 7 am - 6 pm

Please contact us with your needs and we will send you an enrolment form and an information package.

We have permanent and casual places available.

#### How you can reach us:

\* Landline: 02-43826601

\* e-mail (preferred): avocaschoolcare@gmail.com

\* Facebook: Julee Dean (Avoca School Care)

\* Blog: http://avocaschoolcare.blogspot.com



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#### JUNIOR BLASTERS

#### AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- · Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- · Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.

# STARTER KIT







#### AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- · Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- · For kids with basic cricket skills.
- · Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!



