Department of Education

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Yangebup Primary School
Parent Handbook 2027



Our vision is to promote a respectful environment that gives students a sense of belonging, the safety to take risks and the opportunities to achieve continuous growth in their learning journey.

Principal's Message

Yangebup Primary School is located in the heart of the Beeliar wetlands. This beautiful location means that from time to time, we are visited by unique wetland birds, and we try to reflect this natural environment in our school with plenty of trees and native plants. Our school boasts spacious classrooms as well as varied play areas including a sensory nature play garden. We are a relatively small school, and this allows us to foster a strong sense of community and belonging.

Yangebup Primary School opened in 1982 and caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The school population consists of students from wide cultural backgrounds, providing rich and diverse opportunities for all. We offer specialised subjects in Visual Arts, Physical Education, Music, Japanese and Science from Year 1 – 6.



Every class has a structured morning to explicitly teach students basic skills to be able to read, write and understand mathematics. Our programs are designed to build students' knowledge and skills from K to Year 6.

In the early years, we use a synthetic phonics approach to teach students how to read. Once students have mastered the phonetic code, they graduate to reading independent texts.

We believe that every student can learn, and every student is an essential part of our school community. Therefore, we take a restorative and educative approach to behaviour and use every opportunity to teach our values and behaviour expectations.

Our staff are highly dedicated to our students, providing fun lunch time activities, breakfast club and lots of support to help them achieve their best.

The Yangebup community is highly supportive of the school. We have a pro-active and effective P&C and School Board. Parents are also welcome to become Class Parent Representatives, allowing them to meet with the principal once a term to give feedback from their classes' parents.

We are committed to our goals of giving all students a sense of belonging, the safety to take risks and the opportunities to achieve continuous growth in their learning journey. We provide a safe and supportive environment dedicated to giving children opportunities to learn, create and become responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

Andrea Macfarlane
Principal

Absences

Parents are asked to contact the school through the Compass app if their child is unable to attend. Alternatively, you can contact the school via phone or email.
Parents need to apply to the Principal by email if they wish to go on holidays during the school term. Please see our Attendance Policy on the website for more details.

Allergies

It is vital that you let the school know if your child is allergic to anything, including food. If your child suffers from a medical condition that the school needs to know about, please let the front office know. Some conditions will require a medical form to be completed along with a Medical Action Plan for staff to follow.

Assemblies

School assemblies are held throughout the term on a Wednesday, starting at 2.15pm, in our Undercover Area. Each class from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will host one assembly per year. *Please see the term planner for dates.*

Before and After School Care

Teddy Bear Corner OSHC Club operate a Before and After School program on our school grounds. Vacation Care is also offered. Contact: 0402 162 697
email: yangebup.teddybearcorner@iinet.net.au or visit www.teddybearcorner.com.au

Bell Times

Start of Day:	8.40am
Lunch Play:	10.50am
Lunch Eating:	11.20 - 11.35am
Recess:	1.35 - 1.55pm
End of school:	2.55pm

The office opens at **8.15am**, and classrooms at **8.30am**. Students may enter the school at 8.15am but will be supervised in the library every day or at Breakfast Club in the Science Room on Mondays and Fridays.

Breakfast Club

All students are welcome to come to Breakfast Club on Monday and Friday at 8.15am in the Science Room.

Car Parking

Off road parking is available either by the tennis courts or Kindergarten on Osprey Drive, at the bottom of Moorhen Drive, or behind the shops on Swallow Drive.
At no stage are parents to use the Staff Carpark as this can cause a dangerous situation due to staff vehicles, delivery trucks and school buses using this carpark.
Please do not park on the verges.

Chaplain

Our School Chaplain Joel supports the school's Pastoral Care and Values programs including a School Mentoring Program.



School-Parent Communication

Compass is used for all attendance and communications.
You will receive messages or emails from Yangebup PS. Upon commencing school, parents will receive a link to log in. Please download the app in preparation. We also communicate through these avenues:

www.compass.education/guide/

- Fortnightly school newsletters – sent out by email
- Facebook
- Email – yangebup.ps@education.wa.edu.au
- Compass – messages from school and class teacher
- Student Reports – available on Compass (hard copy in Kindergarten)

Dentist

Our School Dentist is located at South Lake Primary School on Mason Court, South Lake.
Contact number: 9417 3242.

Dress Code Requirements

Hats

Black bucket hats with reversible faction colours.
Plain black bucket hat or legionnaires cap (cap with long ear flaps). Logos are not acceptable.
Caps are not sun smart so they are not acceptable.

Uniform

Black skorts / shorts.
Royal Blue & Black school polo shirt
Black track suit bottoms
Long sleeved black or blue shirt can be worn under polo shirt.
Suitable and safe footwear for participation in activities as directed by class teacher.
School uniform jackets and tops that comply with the school colours, not including hoodies or logos.

PE and Sports Uniforms

Suitable and safe footwear for participation in activities as directed by class teacher.
Faction coloured tee shirts or polo shirts (Gold, Red, Green).
Interschool uniforms for students in Years 4-7 are provided by the school.

Faction Friday

Faction t-shirts are encouraged to be worn on Fridays and on Carnival days.

No brand motifs, stripes or multicoloured patterns are to be on any part of the school uniform
Please remember to CLEARLY NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING, especially jackets and hats.

Hair

Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back with a hair elastic (males & females). This is to ensure hair to hair contact is limited, therefore reducing the ability of lice to spread between students.

Jewellery

To reduce occupational health and safety risks and to ensure standardisation, jewellery, (excluding ear studs, one thin chain & watches), nail polish / varnish and make-up are not to be worn.

Uniform orders

When the uniform shop is not open, orders can be placed online via the QR code. More details are on the P&C Facebook page.

For any queries, please email the uniform shop P&C coordinator at yangebupprimaryuniforms@gmail.com. Orders will be checked on a regular basis and delivered to the office.

eRideables and eBikes

The safety of students is our priority and under WA laws, only individuals aged 16 and over are permitted to use eRideables or eBikes with the motor engaged.

From 1 February 2026, the Department of Education is introducing a ban on the use and storage of eRideables and eBikes on public schools' grounds by students under the age of 16. This ban supports student safety and aligns with road safety laws.

Please be advised that if a student **under 16** brings an eRideable or eBike onto the school grounds, the device will be confiscated, and parents/carers will be contacted to collect the device. Please be aware that not all eRideables or eBikes sold in WA are legal to ride on WA roads and paths.

Visit the www.wa.gov.au/organisation/road-safety-commission for more information on eRideable and eBike laws, penalties, buying guides and safety.

We encourage children to ride or scoot to school. We have a lock up shed where bikes, scooters etc can be safely stored during the school day.

Events

There are a variety of events each year organised by either the school or the P&C. Some highlights are Book Week Dress Up, NAIDOC Week, Open Night & Family Picnic, Disco and Colour Run.

Faction Teams

The school has three Factions – Koort (Red), Boodjera (Green) and Ngangk (Gold). Students are encouraged to wear their faction shirts to school on Fridays.
Faction shirts can be purchased from the P&C, along with reversible school/faction hats.

Homework

At Yangebup we believe homework to be worthwhile as it extends learning opportunities beyond the school environment.
Homework is a positive learning tool that develops, consolidates, and reinforces skills and understandings presented in class.

We recognise that homework can assist in developing sound work routines, organisational skills and self-discipline and should be of educational value. Completing homework is the responsibility of the home.

The purpose of homework is

- For students to practise and reinforce what has been learned in class.
- For students to develop sound study and work habits.
- For students to develop good reading habits.

Homework will not be set for children who are sick or who are going away on holiday.

Parent Responsibility

- To provide an area where the child feels comfortable.
- To monitor the time spent on homework- a routine time block considering other activities.
- To check and sign homework tasks.
- To show interest and to offer guidance but not to solve content problems.
- To notify the teacher in writing, if the homework could not be completed by the due date.
- Read to and listen to your child read.

Independent Public School

Yangebup Primary School was awarded Independent Public-School status in 2023, commencing in 2024. This is a recognition of our commitment to working with our school community and our ability to make significant improvements to the school in order to increase student outcomes.

Late Arrivals

If your child arrives at school after the start siren at 8.40am, they will need to collect a late slip from the office.

Mobile Phones, Smart Watches and Smart Glasses

Mobile phones and other electronic devices brought to school by students need to be handed in to the front office at the start of each day. This includes watches that connect to the internet (even if they are set on school mode) or can take photos or record. Valuables should not be brought to school and should not be left in school bags.

Optometrist and Glasses

Parents can apply to the school for financial assistance with optometrist appointments and glasses if they are having financial difficulties. We have an arrangement with Cockburn Health, so please don’t hesitate to ask.

Parents and Citizens (P&C)
The P & C works positively and effectively with the school to achieve its aims. Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, during school terms, at 6.30pm in the library.
Email: yangebuppandc@gmail.com

Parent Representative
At the beginning of each year, the class teacher will call for a volunteer to be the class Parent Representative.
Parent Reps meet with the Principal once a term to get updates about the school and bring up any issues of concern. Some Parent Reps also use social media to give information and reminders to the parents in their class.

Personal Items
Students' personal items such as toys, collectables, fidget toys, sport equipment, extra stationery etc should not be brought to school. These items can cause conflict and can be lost, stolen, or broken. The exceptions are when staff ask students to bring an item from home for a classroom project or an object is designed to assist a student and is part of their individual plan agreed on by parents and teacher.

Reports
Student reports are issued at the end of each semester. PP to Year 6 reports are posted on Compass.

School Board
With the advent of Independent Public-School status in 2024, our School Council became a School Board. New members are called for, usually in Term 4, when tenures expire. The School Board is an advisory body and is not involved in the operational matters of the school.

School Nurse
The school Nurse provides screening of vision, hearing and development for all Kindy students, and/or any child commencing school for the first time in Pre-Primary and Year 1, on completion of a consent form (including children that are new to the country). The school Nurse is also available for children for whom parents and/or teachers have a concern. The school Nurse will send out consent forms early in the year.

School Parliament
The student parliament is a group of elected Year 6 students who are recognised and selected for their leadership skills. The parliament simulates the Federal Parliament, with ministries and deputy ministries formed to carry out many responsibilities around the school, including running our whole school assemblies. Each term Parliament conducts Question Time to allow students from Yr 3-6 to ask their questions.

Student Early Release
Parents/guardians who wish to take their child/children out of class during the school day MUST report to the office to sign their child out and receive a Student Leave Pass. Once this has been authorised by a staff member it then needs to be handed to the classroom teacher.

Sun Care

For vitamin D, children need a small burst of sun, as little as 15 minutes, each day. The sun's burning UV radiation is strongest in Australia from September to April, between 10am and 3pm.

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Sunscreen, a wide brimmed hat, protective clothing and shade are the best ways to stop sunburn, especially between 10am and 3pm. It's a good idea to apply sunscreen before you drop your child at school, so you know he/she is protected. Yangebup Primary School is a Sun Smart School.

Our school has an outdoor policy of **'no hat, no play'.**

Term Dates 2027

Semester One

Term 1	Monday 1 Feb – Thursday 9 April
Term 2	Tuesday 26 April – Friday 2 July

Semester Two

Term 3	Tuesday 19 July – Friday 24 Sept
Term 4	Monday 11 Oct – Thursday 16 Dec

2027 School Development Days

Term 1	Thursday **28 and** Friday **29 January**
Term 1	Friday **26 February**
Term 2	Tuesday **27 April**
Term 3	Monday **19 July**
Term 4	**TBA**

2027 Public Holidays

Monday **1 March** – Labour Day
Friday **26 March –** Good Friday
Monday **26 April** – Anzac Day
Monday **7 June** – WA Day

Voluntary Contributions and Charges

We ask parents and carers to contribute $60 per student per year, which works out to approximately $1.50 per week. While contributions are voluntary, they help us provide the best possible teaching and learning programs for all students.

These contributions help cover the cost of additional classroom materials and learning resources, supplementing the funding we receive from the State and Commonwealth Governments. We appreciate your support in helping us provide quality learning opportunities for every student.

2027 TERM CALENDAR

TERM ONE (1 Feb – 9 April)

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	1 Feb	2	3	4	5
2	8	9	10	11	12
3	15	16	17	18	19
4	22	23	24	25	26
5	1 Mar	2	3	4	5
6	8	9	10	11	12
7	15	16	17	18	19
8	22	23	24	25	26
9	29	30	31	1 Apr	2
10	5	6	7	8	9

TERM TWO (26 April – 2 July)

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	26	27	28	29	30
2	3 May	4	5	6	7
3	10	11	12	13	14
4	17	18	19	20	21
5	24	25	26	27	28
6	31	1 June	2	3	4
7	7	8	9	10	11
8	14	15	16	17	18
9	21	22	23	24	25
10	28	29	30	1 July	2

TERM THREE (19 July – 24 Sept)

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	19	20	21	22	23
2	26	27	28	29	30
3	2 Aug	3	4	5	6
4	9	10	11	12	13
5	16	17	18	19	20
6	23	24	25	26	27
7	30	31	1 Sep	2	3
8	6	7	8	9	10
9	13	14	15	16	17
10	20	21	22	23	24

TERM FOUR (11 Oct – 16 Dec)

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	11 Oct	12	13	14	15
2	18	19	20	21	22
3	25	26	27	28	29
4	1 Nov	2	3	4	5
5	8	9	10	11	12
6	15	16	17	18	19
7	22	23	24	25	26
8	29	30	1 Dec	2	3
9	6	7	8	9	10
10	13	14	15	16	17

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Public Holidays

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Term 1 Friday **26 February**

Term 2 Tuesday **27 April**

Term 3 Monday **19 July**

Term 4 **TBA** date and Friday **17 Dec**

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