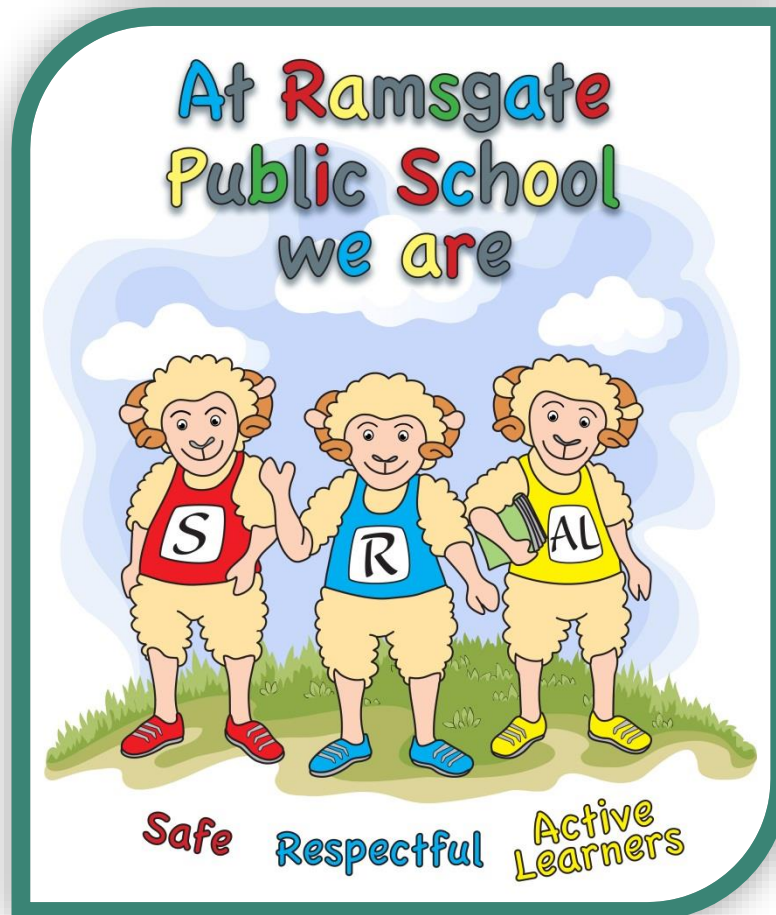


Ramsgate Public School



Information booklet for new students

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Welcome to Ramsgate Public School

It is with much pleasure that I welcome all children and families to our school. Ramsgate Public School is a dynamic and progressive school located on the western shores of Botany Bay. Established in 1928, it has continued to grow and reflect real and positive community values and expectations. Quality teaching and learning is a feature of our school and our strong student outcomes reflect the effectiveness of our programs. We have high expectations for our students both academically and socially and this is reflected by a broad range of student wellbeing initiatives, including Positive Behaviour for Learning, which creates strong relationships and a positive culture.

We have an emphasis on literacy, numeracy, sport and creative arts and this is all supported by a wide use of technology with interactive whiteboards in every classroom, iPads and BYOD (*Bring Your Own Device*). Students enjoy a broad range of extra-curricular activities which include performing arts, junior and senior band program, choirs, demonstration skipping teams, debating, gifted and talented art program and a very strong sports program.

Our students come from a wide range of cultural backgrounds and with our community we all work together to continue a tradition of successful learning, effective teaching and respect for their school and its partners. We reflect on a proud past and have solid plans for a strong future.

We live our motto - Ever Onward!

Ms Lorraine Simmiss-Taylor
Principal



RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL STATEMENT OF MISSION AND PURPOSE

At Ramsgate Public School we seek to achieve:

Effective and successful teaching and learning for all.

A positive, sustaining and enriching attitude to learning by all.

*A productive and supportive partnership between home, school and the
community that is founded on mutual respect.*

Ever Onward

Assemblies

K–2 assemblies are held fortnightly. Each class is responsible for hosting the assembly and demonstrating work they have done in class. Class awards are presented to students who have been working well in the classroom along with RAM awards for behaviour.

3–6 assemblies are held fortnightly on Friday afternoons 2:00 - 3:00pm. This is convened by our student leadership team. Students receive awards for classroom achievement and RAM awards for behaviour, along with having an opportunity to share their sporting achievements. Parents are welcome to attend both assemblies.

At the end of the year on Presentation Day, we acknowledge those students who have excelled in various areas such as academics, citizenship, improvement, consistent effort and sports. We also acknowledge excellence in performing arts categories such as dance, music and band.



Attendance

Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships.

Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver, you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school punctually every day, including sports days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to the school principal or the school counsellor.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, you will need to fill in a digital form on the **eNews app** within 7 days of the absence. Students arriving late are to go straight to the school office in the morning for a late slip and parents wishing to take students early from school need to notify the office and ensure that this takes place before 2:30pm.

Should your child/children be absent for 10 or more school days, you will need to fill an Extended Leave form and bring in to the school office.

EVERY
DAY
COUNTS

In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school per year. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6.**



Bell Times

8:30am	Teacher supervision commences in the playground.
8:55am	Bell rings – students line up
9:00am	Class commences
11:00am	Eating time in class
11:10am	Lunch
11:55am	Bell to return to class – end of lunch
1:35pm	Recess
1:55pm	Bell to return to class – end of recess
3:00pm	End of the school day – home bell. There is no formal supervision after this time. The OSCH is available for after school care.

NOTE: Students should NOT be at school before 8:30am as there is no supervision for them

Bicycles and Riding to School

Students not living close to school and are 10 years old and over may ride bikes to school, only after presenting written permission from parents to the Deputy Principal. The students must wear a helmet and must lock their bikes to the racks during the day. Students must dismount before entering the school grounds through the back gate. There is a bike "Code of Behaviour" that must be signed.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. Students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 bring their own device to school in order to access the internet and school network through Wi-Fi, be it a smartphone, tablet, laptop, iPad or other device.



Canteen

The canteen is conducted by the P&C to support a wide range of school needs. The menu offers a diverse range of healthy food items. It is dependent upon the voluntary support of parents for its survival. Many parents enjoy visiting the school and working at the canteen with other parents. Profit from the canteen helps to equip our school.



If you would like to help, please let us know at the school office by phone or by sending a note. A canteen committee member will then contact you. Our canteen also uses the online ordering system of Munch Monitors. The canteen is open during recess for primary and lunchtime for all children.

Classrooms

Students may not enter classrooms before school, at recess or at lunchtime unless given permission by the teacher. This ensures adequate supervision for the students and also helps protect property within the rooms.

Confidential Pupil Information Sheets

Each year parents are asked to update family information. All information is strictly confidential and is essential in cases of sickness and emergency. Your cooperation is appreciated. If during the year, you change address or phone numbers, it is essential that you let the school know so the information can be further updated.

Crunch & Sip (5 minutes)

At approximately 10:00am, during the morning session, students have a short break that includes a piece of fruit or vegetable and a sip of water. Please make sure that their fruit is cut up in small, easy to eat pieces and in a labelled container.

eNews App

All communication for parents is available via the [eNews app](#), this includes grade based notes and newsletters. The app also includes the school calendar, an online payment feature and digital forms (including absentee forms & change of detail forms)



English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)

The school has specially trained teachers to assist students who have a non - English speaking background to become competent in the use of the English language. The specialist teachers work within in the classroom and collaboratively plan with the classroom teacher.

Excursions

Planned excursions, including special sporting and cultural events, are an important part of a child's development. Excursions may vary from short walks around the local area, full and half day trips and for senior classes, excursions involving overnight accommodation. Parents are always given prior notice well in advance of a planned excursion.

Health Issues

Good health is vital to school progress. Immunisation is a safeguard to health and we recommend that you contact your doctor concerning protection against measles, diphtheria, whooping cough, meningococcal poliomyelitis and tetanus. It is probable that at some time during your child's school career, he/she will contract one or more of the common diseases of childhood. Please keep your immunisation book for reference.

Note: Unimmunised children who have been in contact with sick children must stay home during any outbreak of disease for which they are not immunised.

Language, Learning and Literacy

All students in K-2 participate in a research-based literacy program which provides rich literacy experiences to support all students to become successful readers and writers. Students engage in short, sharp explicit lessons in groups on a daily basis. The program responds to the learning needs of students as they progress in the acquisition of literacy skills through consistent monitoring and analysis of student assessment, work samples and observations.

Learning and Support Teacher (LAST)

The school also has a specially trained teacher to assist students with learning difficulties. When difficulties are identified, the specialist teacher will support students and work with them individually or in small groups.



Library

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 attend the library each week for an organised lesson. In addition, there are times when the library is available for class research work. Students are encouraged to borrow books from the library each week.



To protect the library books, each student should have a material library bag (approx. 40cm x 35cm) before being permitted to borrow books. You can purchase these from our School Library or the School Canteen for \$5.

Lunch (55 minutes)

Students eat in the classroom for 10 minutes and remain seated until the teacher dismisses them. They are then free to play (45 minutes). Lunch needs to be packed in a box clearly labelled with the students' name and class. Sandwiches, fruit and water is a suitable lunch.

Medications at School

It is important to have safety with medicines at school. Medication that is necessary for children should be brought to school in a clearly labelled container showing the child's name and clear instructions for dosage and use. The container should be brought directly to the school office where it will be kept for safekeeping. You will then be given an Indemnity Form to sign, which then allows the staff to administer the medication.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Students can also be registered with OSHC, allowing parents the flexibility of their child attending before and/or after school if unforeseen circumstances occur during the year. This centre is in full operation within the school grounds. The centre also provides vacation care.



Opening Hours:

Before School: 7:00am - 8:30am

After School: 3:00pm - 6:30pm

Contact details:

Phone: (02) 9529 6950 Email: manager@ramsgateoshc.com.au

Web: www.ramsgateoshc.com.au

Out-of-Bounds Areas

- Behind buildings along the southern fence
- Verandahs of buildings except during lesson times
- Behind the canteen
- Along the front of school buildings
- Behind demountable buildings
- Past the yellow lines marked on the playground

Parent Online Payment (POP)

Our preferred payment method is online via the school website.

Parents/Caregivers in the Playground

Children adjust, make friends and settle into a large school community much more quickly if allowed to play with others before school. Those whose parents or caregivers stand beside them every morning find the sudden goodbyes at bell time very upsetting. For the child's sake, we ask you to encourage your child to play with others. You are most welcome to listen quietly to morning assembly.

Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

All parents, caregivers and citizens are invited to join this Association which meets monthly throughout the year. Please refer to the school newsletter for times and details of upcoming meetings. At these meetings you will get to know matters relating to the school, your child's education and other parents. School policy is outlined and reports on school activities are given. We invite your support for all P&C activities. All funds raised by the P&C are used to add to the educational facilities of the school.

Parent and Community Partnership

For a school to function successfully it must have parent and community understanding, support and cooperation. When staff, students, parents and the community work together, learning most effectively takes place for the students. It is important for carers to be informed and to contribute to the life of the school. This can be done in a variety of ways - such as:

- attending monthly meetings of the Parent and Citizens Association
- attending school functions (in and out of school hours)
- participating in the Parent/Teacher interview days
- reading information sent home from school
- involvement in the School Council
- joining the volunteers on the canteen committee
- volunteering for reading support or helping in classrooms
- reading our online newsletter

Parent Teacher Meetings

During the year special days are set aside for the arrangement of an informal “**Meet the Teacher**” night. Towards the end of Term 1, formal Parent/Teacher interview sessions are organised to discuss student progress.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Program

At Ramsgate Public school we have a specialist PE teacher that works with each of the classes throughout the week. Students work on the fundamental movement skills, participate in gymnastics, athletics and dance activities. They also participate in lessons on health and safety, personal development, positive relationships and wellbeing.

Performing Arts

Performing Arts is a feature of Ramsgate Public School. Students participate in music lessons once a week where they experiment with percussion, features of sound and sing songs. We also have opportunities for students to learn and play the recorder and sing in the choir. Another outstanding musical feature is our School Band. Years 3 to 6 students are encouraged to join the band, which performs at many school and community functions. The school often runs other programs throughout the year catering for activities such as dance and skipping.

Playground Supervision of Students

Teacher supervision on the playground commences at 8.30am. ***Students should not arrive at school before this time and should move directly home after being dismissed.*** The only exception is when students are involved in teacher organised extra-curricular activities before or after school. Students who need to arrive before 8.30am are to wait outside the school office until the bell rings. There is no programmed supervision after school. OSHC is available for registered children when collecting parents are delayed. * **REGISTRATION IS FREE**

Raincoats

Please make sure your child has a raincoat in their bags at ALL TIMES for safety in wet weather. Children **should not bring** umbrellas to school for safety reasons.

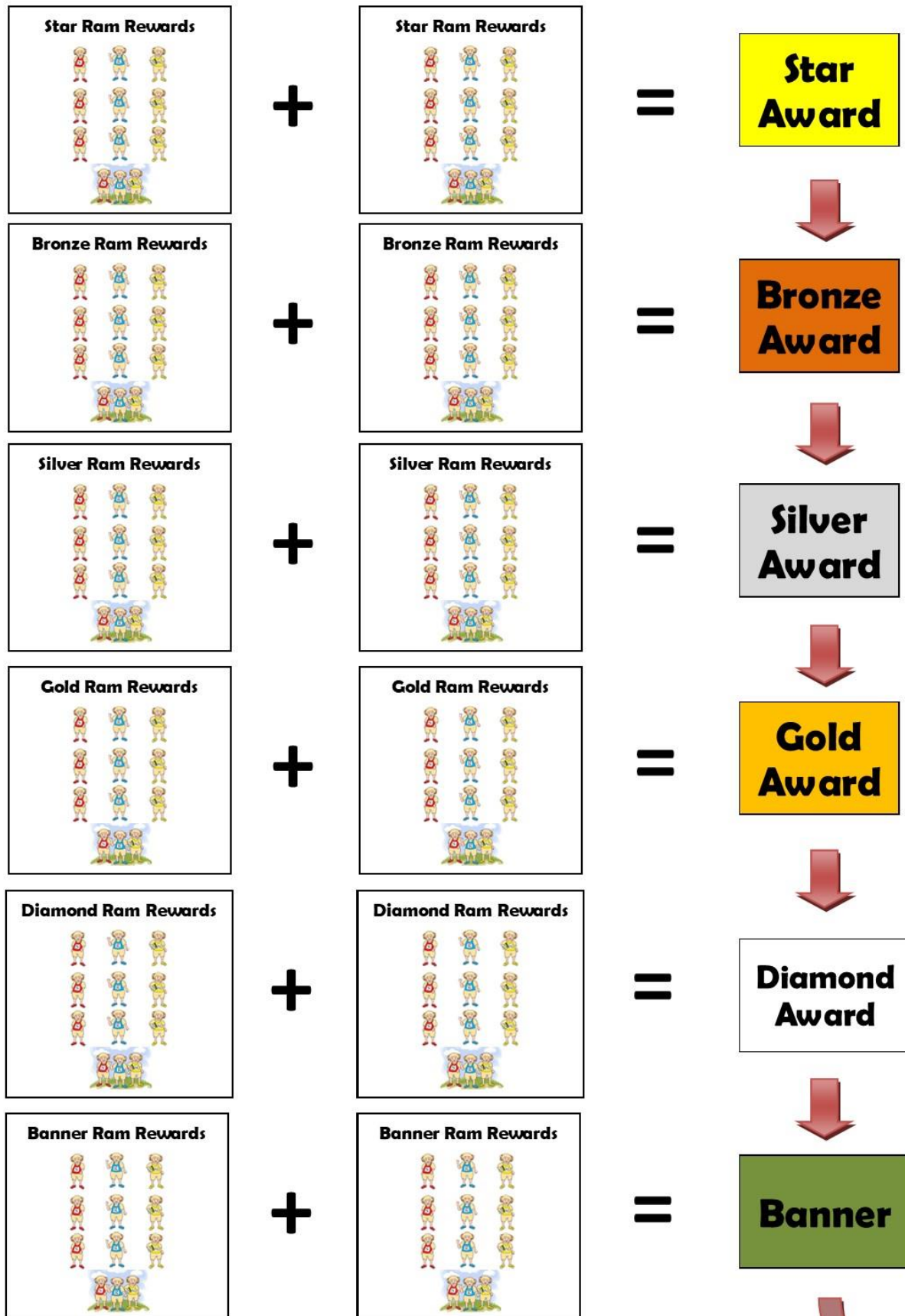


RAMS

At Ramsgate we follow the *Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)* model which is a whole school systems approach to behaviour management. It establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community and allows students to respond positively as they have been taught what is expected of them. Our three school rules include; being safe, respectful and active learners. If students during the week have adhered to these rules, they have their RAM card stamped at the end of each week.

Once 20 RAMS have been collected, students are awarded the special RAM award at assembly. These awards continue to build as students continue throughout their time here at Ramsgate.

Ramsgate Public School Ram Rewards



Safe, respectful, active learners can achieve one ram per week (20 rams = award)

Recess

Recess is of short duration. It is a time for students to visit the toilet, have a drink and have some food and fresh air. Their food and drink for recess should be in a separate container to their lunch.

Reports

Student progress is reported on regularly through parent interviews and written reports twice a year. Parents are welcome to arrange an interview with the class teacher at any time throughout the year.

School Counsellor Service

The School has the services of a trained counsellor 2 days a week. The counsellor works with students for a variety of different reasons, it is important to remember that no child is referred to the counsellor without parent consent.

School Functions

Parents, caregivers and friends are invited to join us at various special functions and activities during the year. These include the ANZAC Day Service, Education Week, Grandparents Day, Father's Day Breakfast, Annual Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, Presentation Assemblies and other special occasions, such as Picnic under the Stars.

School Newsletter

The School Newsletter is emailed once a month and featured on our school website and the eNews app. The purpose of the Newsletter is to keep parents informed of the whole range of activities of the school. It is also on our school website which can be accessed by visiting our school website.

Special Religious Education

We host scripture classes (Catholic, Combined Christian, Greek Orthodox and Islamic) which are conducted by visiting clergy and teachers each Tuesday.

Years 3 - 6: 12:00 – 12:30pm

K - Year 2: 12:40 – 1:10pm

School Sport

All students belong to one of four houses for the purpose of our in-school sporting activities:

Hinkler - Blue

Hillary - Red

Scott - Yellow

Piccard - Green

K-2 students participate in a Sports Program on Thursdays. This program is devised to teach students basic skills needed for the team sports they will learn in the 3-6 sports program. Further development of the fundamental movement skills occur in years 3-6.

All primary students participate in Friday morning sport, either as a member of a school representative team or in house sport. There are also opportunities for students to participate in sports run by external organisations such as tennis, and swimming at various times throughout the year.

The school representative teams play in competitions organised for schools in the Botany Bay PSSA zone.

As part of team membership, students must sign a "Sports Code of Behaviour" and their parents a "Code of Conduct for Parents".

Summer PSSA sports are: Cricket / Softball / AFL

Winter PSSA sports are: Oztag / Netball / Soccer



The school swimming carnival is for all Years 3-6 students while the school athletics carnival is for Kinder to Year 6. There is also a cross country carnival for Years 3-6. These events are held annually. Successful, selected students then proceed to the Botany Bay District Schools' Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Championships.

School Uniforms

Girls:

- Green Dobie check, A - line style with white Peter Pan collar, back zip and front button accent
- Black shoes with white socks
- Jackets and hats etc as listed below when necessary
- White polo with gold school logo and green tailored shorts



Boys:

- Grey shorts (standard school type)
- Bottle green short sleeve polo shirt with gold school logo
- Black shoes and grey socks
- Jackets and hats etc as listed below when necessary



Winter Uniform- Formal

Girls:

- Bottle green tunic or tailored bottle green pants
- White skivvy
- Black shoes with white socks
- Jackets and hats etc as listed below

Boys:

- Long grey trousers
- Bottle green polo shirt or bottle green skivvy
- Black shoes with grey socks
- Jackets and hats etc as listed below



Winter Uniform - Informal

Girls and Boys:

- Bottle green tracksuit pants may be worn with the jackets
- listed below instead of trousers or tunic.
- Skivvies, shoes and socks remain as listed for formal uniform

Sports Uniform

Girls:

- Bottle green pleated netball skirt or shorts
- Gold polo shirt with bottle green logo
- Black or green scungies
- Sports shoes and white socks

Boys:

- Bottle green shorts
- Gold polo shirt with bottle green logo
(purchased from school)
- Sports shoes and white socks



(Students in some interschool sports teams will be issued with items of clothing specific to those sports as needed)

Jackets - Girls and Boys

- Bottle green jumper with school logo
- Bottle green and yellow parasail jackets with school logo
- Bottle green zip up brushed cotton jacket with school logo

Hats

School hats are compulsory in the playground for sun safety and are sold at the school canteen.

Buying Uniforms

- Claudine Clothing – Caringbah
- Lowes - Rockdale Plaza



Note: you can purchase school hats and bags at the canteen

Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. Lost property is kept near the School Assembly Hall and in the Admin Block outside the Music Room.

Street Safety

Children need to, for their own safety, learn and follow the road rules. Likewise, parents need to ensure that they follow the rules for correct road use and parking.

If you bring your child to school by car or collect them in the afternoon, please make sure you follow all the parking signs and restrictions that are in place around the school.

These parking rules are there for the safety of the whole school community

Teach your child:

- How to cross the road where there are no traffic lights
- To look right, left, then right again before attempting to cross a road
- Do not cross if traffic is near
- To use a marked crossing if there is one nearby
- To walk quickly across the road, but not to run
- To take special care when getting off a bus
- Not to step out from behind parked cars or buses
- To play games in a safe place, away from the street
- Warn your child against loitering on the way home



TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy)

This is an early numeracy program designed to observe, assess and constructively guide and develop a student's thinking, problem solving ability and mental strategies. Kindergarten, Year 1, and Year 2, students take part in the program which focuses on the numeracy strand of mathematics. Students are encouraged to develop a positive, enthusiastic attitude towards mathematics learning.



The staff here at Ramsgate Public School look forward to establishing a learning environment where your child will learn, develop, grow and make friends.

You are sure to find everything you are looking for at RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL





