



FAIRVIEWS

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Term 1, Week 6
Monday 4 March 2024

MEET OUR NEW YEAR 7 YEAR ADVISERS

Mr Andrew Patrizi



Ms Ngoc Ho



Welcome Year 7 to 2024 and your new High School. It is a time to start fresh. It is the time to focus. It is the time to become the best version of yourself. We are all shy in some way but now is the time to get to know yourself, your peers, and do the best for yourself. Ask as many questions as you can. The Say "Hello" and "How are you" to your classmates and teachers. You will be at Fairvale High School for the next six years of your lives so make the most of it by having a positive attitude and being a respectful individual.

Ms Ho has a Home Economics background and can be found in the HEC Staffroom. Mr Patrizi has an English background and can be found in the Newling Staffroom. We are both passionate about helping Year 7 as a whole and would like to see improvements in our students' learning and positive attitudes across our whole year group. We value respect, positivity, and friendliness.

The transition to high school is a significant milestone, and we are here to guide, support, and ensure that your experience at Fairvale is enriching and enjoyable. Our doors are always open for questions, concerns, or just a friendly chat. Remember, you are not alone on this adventure; you are now part of a supportive school community that values being focused, aspiring, inclusive and respectful. We look forward to witnessing your achievements and being a part of your wonderful journey through Fairvale High School.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 1, 2024. It is wonderful to see a new group of Year 7 students starting at Fairvale High. The staff are hopeful that 2024 will be a most successful year where our students can focus on their learning and be successful in all their endeavours.

We are fortunate to welcome the following staff member to our team:

- Amany Farache

Fairvale High teachers were satisfied with the 2023 HSC results with our students performing above state average in a number of Key Learning Areas, despite experiencing lockdowns during their Stage 5 time frame. Congratulations to the following students who achieved 90 plus ATARS:

- Elly Su - DUX
- Anthony Le Huynh
- Fiona Nguyen
- Imeelya Al Hadaya

We trust that our new and continuing staff have a productive year working together to improve the learning outcomes of our students. The final aspects of building works at the school will be - new student toilets in E Block and the extension of our COLA to ensure shade cover for all year groups.

A reminder to all parents/carers that if your son or daughter is sick could you please provide a text, email, or written note of **explanation immediately** after their absence. This provides the school with accurate records of attendance and assists our partnership in ensuring that students attend school every day. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Our annual conference for staff will be taking place once again this year from 22nd to 23rd March. We discussed the variation to the end of year Staff Development Days at our most recent P & C meeting, and this was approved.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

Dr. K Seto



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Congratulations to our DUX for 2023 Elly Su

And an additional congratulations to the following students who achieved 90 plus ATARS:

Anthony Le Huynh
Fiona Nguyen
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WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY YEAR 12 CONFERENCE

On Wednesday 21st February, students from the Fast Forward Program attended Western Sydney University's Year 12 Conference day.

Visiting Western Sydney University was a truly enriching experience, immersing us in a vibrant academic atmosphere. The University's commitment to fostering a dynamic learning environment was evident in student hubs, where collaborative discussions and group sessions unfolded. Engaging with passionate professors and interacting with other students broadened our perspective, creating a sense of intellectual curiosity. The experience was extremely insightful as it provided a sense of what University and varying courses may look like. My time at Western Sydney University left me with a lasting impression of a place dedicated to academic excellence, cultural diversity, and a welcoming community.

Sama Al Hadaya (Year 12)



ATTENDANCE

Why attendance matters

Your child may fall behind in their subjects and this can have an impact on their learning in the long term.

Missing school for students means missing assignments, time with friends, an important math lesson or getting picked for a sports team.

All Australian school-age children are legally required to attend school every day. Read more about compulsory school attendance.

What you can do Building positive attendance habits

You can help build positive attendance habits by:

- helping your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- making sure your child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to take part
- reducing disruption to learning where you can, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- contacting your school to explain any absences (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- making sure any holidays or medical appointments are taken outside school hours
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.



Reasons for missing school

Being absent, late or leaving early

- If your child misses school for any reason, please contact the school within 7 days to explain why.
- If your child needs to arrive late or leave early, please notify the school.
- If you have difficulty getting your child to school on time every day, please also contact your school. School staff are here to support you and your child to help them come to school.

ATTENDANCE CONT...



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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been great to have our students back in classrooms and settling into the school year. I know all our teachers are looking forward to a successful 2024 and are excited to work with you to make this a memorable year for your child.

The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing assignments, time with friends, an important maths lesson or getting picked for a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the **first or last day** of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). **Medical appointments should take place** outside school hours where possible and **family holidays should be taken** in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me directly. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [Every Day Matters website](#).

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow and belong in our equitable and outstanding education system.

Yours sincerely

Dr Seto
Fairvale High School

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FVHS SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION



School Travel Advice Sheet

FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL

Details of specialised trips operating to or from school are listed below, please call our helpline (8778 5830) or visit our website www.transitsystems.com.au/sydney to check details are still current. For personalised trip planning advice between home and school use the TfNSW Trip Planner at: www.transportnsw.info, alternatively call 131 500.

HANDY TIP: Real-time transport apps such as *Next There* or *Trip View* can be downloaded to your smart phone and show the exact location of your bus in real-time.

Conditions of Carriage: Students must have a School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) Opal card issued in their name, Child/Youth Opal card, or pay the correct cash fare. **Opal Cards must be carried and ready for inspection on every trip, and tapped on at the start and end of every journey.** Always arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes prior to the bus departure time. Further information about SSTS Opal cards is available at: www.transportnsw.info.

MORNING BUSES		
Bus No	Departing	Bus Route
9023	7:17	EX SELKIRK & CECIL via Selkirk, R> Duff - Georgina, R> Mt Vernon, R> Capitol Hill, R> The Appian - Bowood, L> Capitol Hill - Horsley, R> Garfield, L> Lincoln, R> Horsley, R> The Horsley Dr to Marion PS (07:43) then via The Horsley, R> Cowpasture, L> Prairie Vale, L> Mimosa, R> The Horsley, R> Justin, R> Neville, L> O'Connell, L> Brenan, R> The Boulevarde, R> Kalora, R> Maud, L> Thorney to school (Arr. 08:31)
9018	7:28	EX WALLGROVE RD BEFORE REDMAYNE RD via Wallgrove, R> Redmayne, L> Ferrers, L> Chandos, L> Wallgrove, R> Redmayne, R> Walworth, L> Burley, L> Arundel - The Horsley Dr to Marion Primary School (Arr. 07:43) then transfer to route 9023 for travel to school
9062	7:27	EX POLDING ST & PRAIRIE VALE RD - via Polding, R> Conrad, R> Vidal, L> Lily, R> Shakespeare, L> Wetherill, R> Brenan, R> Dublin, L> Polding, R> Smithfield, L> Canley Vale, R> Melbourne, R> Canberra, L> Brisbane, R> Melbourne (07:49), R> Edensor, L> Bonnyrigg, L> Tarlington, L> Cabramatta, L> Humphries - St Johns, L> Cambridge, L> Canley Vale, R> Avoca - King, R> Hamilton, R> Cumberland Hwy, L> Thorney to school (Arr. 08:12)
9052	8:09	EX CABRAMATTA STATION (stop A) - via Railway Pde, L> Canley Vale, R> Cumberland, R> Thorney to school (Arr. 08:24)

AFTERNOON BUSES		
Bus No	Departing	Bus Route
9591	15:10	TO BONNYRIGG (Dep Thorney Rd opp school) - via Thorney, R> Cumberland, L> Hamilton - Bulls, R> Richards, L> Winburndale, R> Canley Vale, L> Smithfield, L> Edensor, R> Humphries, R> Cabramatta Rd to Bonnyrigg High School
9551	15:10	TO CABRAMATTA STATION (Dep Thorney Rd opp school) - via Thorney, L> King, R> Humphries, L> St Johns, R> Gladstone, L> Hughes, R> Railway Pde to Cabramatta Stn
9507	15:27	TO HORSLEY PARK (Dep Thorney Rd outside school) - via Thorney, R> Maud, L> Kalora, L> Boulevarde, L> Polding, L> Smithfield, R> Beavors, R> Corio, R> Polding, L> Wetherill, L> The Horsley, L> Lily, R> Polding, L> Mimosa, R> Praire Vale, R> Cowpasture, L> The Horsley to Horsley Park Post Office

Key: L> Bus turns left; R> Bus turns right; EX - bus departs from

Effective: 08-May-23

SCHOOL BYTES (NEW PARENT PORTAL)

We are excited to announce, Fairvale High School is transitioning to an upgraded Finance System, School Bytes, as of Term 1, 2024.

School Bytes provides a parent/carer portal to help us communicate with you.

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for parents/carers to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including multiple siblings at once)
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- View, complete and submit digital permission notes

Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

The School Bytes Parent Portal also enables you to view the profiles of all your children in one section and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction.

Please note all previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes system and portal.

You will need to create a login for access to the School Bytes Parent Portal.

Instructions for registration have been provided on the next couple of pages.



<https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/sections/4414095645839-Parent-Guides>

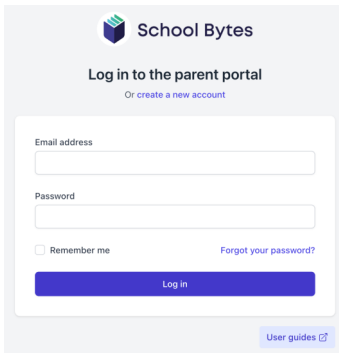
SCHOOL BYTES REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT: To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

To set up your parent portal, follow the steps below:

1. Open the parent portal link

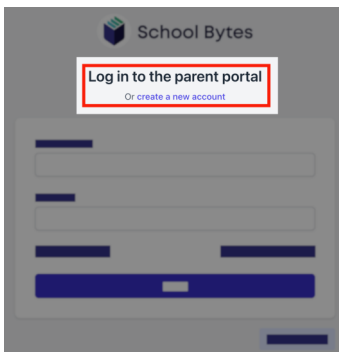
Direct link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>



The screenshot shows the 'School Bytes' login page. At the top, it says 'Log in to the parent portal' with a link 'Or create a new account'. Below this are two input fields: 'Email address' and 'Password'. There is a checkbox for 'Remember me' and a link for 'Forgot your password?'. A blue 'Log in' button is at the bottom. A 'User guides' link is in the bottom right corner.

2. Select the **create a new account** link.

Direct link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/register>



The screenshot shows the 'School Bytes' registration page. The 'Log in to the parent portal' link is highlighted with a red box. Below it is the 'Or create a new account' link. The rest of the page is dimmed.

3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
3. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

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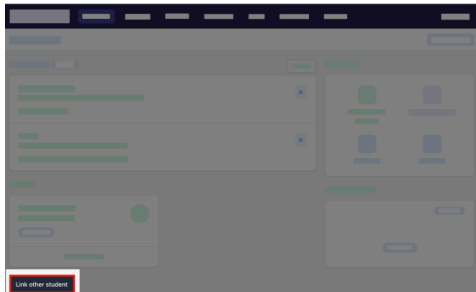
SCHOOL BYTES REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS CONT..

5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.
6. Enter a password.
7. Confirm the password.
8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address. Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal. You can now link your account to all students in schools that use the School Bytes platform. When linking a student, the system automatically matches the data you provided with details stored on the student's school profile.

Linking Student to School Bytes Account

1. Select link other student.
2. Search for the school's name.
3. Enter the student's first name.
4. Enter the student's last name.
5. Select the student's current grade.
6. Enter the student's date of birth.
7. Select search.



If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.

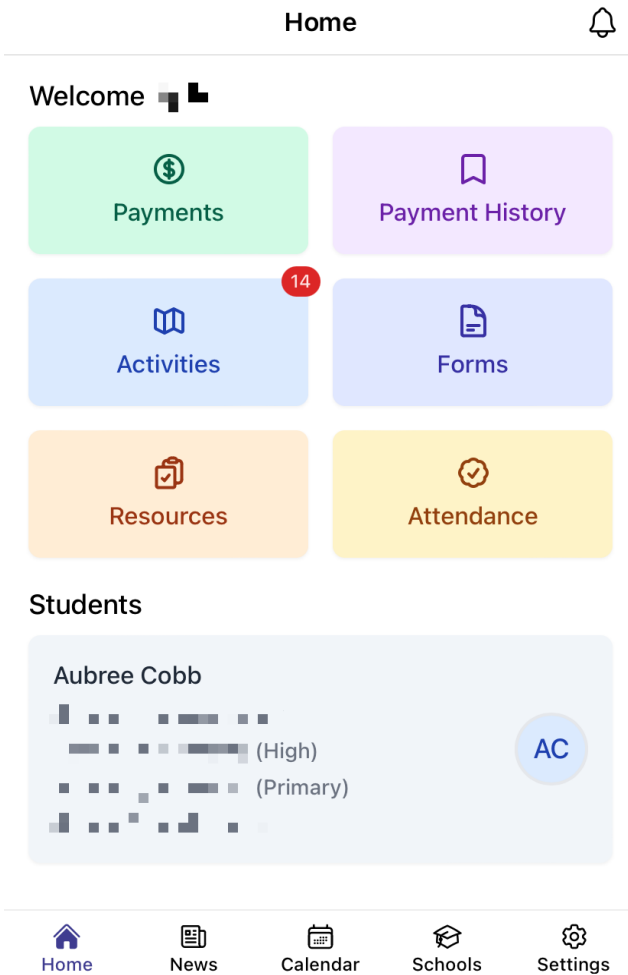
If you are unable to link a student to your account or if you have any questions relating to this article, please contact the school for further assistance.

SCHOOL BYTES PARENT APP

We are happy to announce the School Bytes team have launched a parent app for Apple and Android devices.

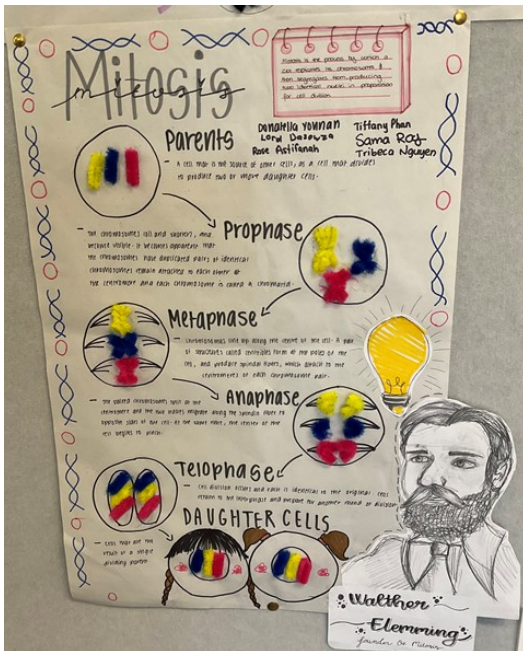
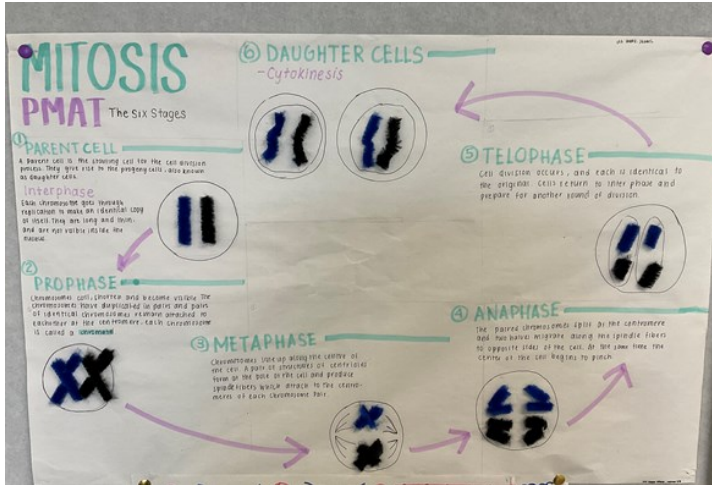
The app makes it easier for parents to use School Bytes on their mobile devices. In addition, a highly recommended key feature is the addition of push notifications so our school can send out alerts to parents through the app for things such as; permission notes, Important notices etc.

An example of the look and feel of the parent app is below:



YEAR 10 GENETIC SCIENCE

Year 10 have been studying genetics and inheritance throughout Term 1. 10A and Ms Moore were able to produce models of DNA using lollies and toothpicks. These models are visual representations that help make the learning of abstract ideas much easier to understand. 10A have also explored how cells divide and how this is a key step in passing on DNA to future generations. The students created amazing posters to represent this process of cell division known as mitosis.

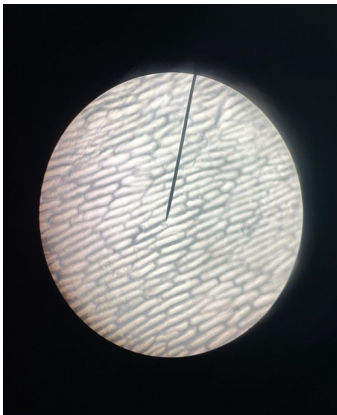


Mr D.Trevor - Head Teacher Science

YEAR 11 INVESTIGATING SCIENCE

Year 11 Investigating Science students have been making observations about many everyday items and living things throughout Term 1. The students have made onion cell slides, inspected the composition of soil and even cultured microorganisms to see bacterial growth. Well done!

**Mr D.Trevor - Head Teacher
Science**



YEAR 11 EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science students have been studying the formation and properties of various minerals found on Earth, with their teacher Ms Nguyen. They had the opportunity to create some beautiful copper sulfate and epsomite crystals. Great job!

**Mr D.Trevor - Head Teacher
Science**

SULPHATE MINERALS



Rock Currier CC BY

Anhydrite
 CaSO_4



R. Wellert Cochrise College

Gypsum
 $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$



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Barite
 BaSO_4



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Celestite
 SrSO_4 



FAIRVALE PUBLIC SCHOOL MULTICULTURAL DAY PERFORMANCE

In Term 4 of 2023, Fairvale High School were invited to attend Fairvale Public School's Multicultural Day as guest performers.

The day began with a traditional smoking ceremony followed by a lion dance representative of the different cultural groups within the school.

The students were accompanied by our Student Support Officer Mr Vaisagote and Head Teacher of History Ms Brown. Students performed a mix of Samoan, Tongan and Fijian dances fused together to illustrate some of the heritage of Pacific Island students at Fairvale High School.

Fairvale High School were commended by staff and parents from Fairvale Public School for their wonderful performance celebrating diversity within the school community.

Students who represented Fairvale High School:

Saane Tuakoi
Brenda Tep
Siosaia Tohi
Hingano Helu
Floville Nafoi
Vineta Aмоса
Junior Hall
Shallon Tamausu
Laleiah Lakisoe-Mapuna
Sapi Hall
Soifua Folauga Nua
Rosalia Mai
Wilma Taotua
Loluama Amituanai
Juliet Tapaleao
Lupe Toefoki
Sally Pauulu
Miriam Mefiposeta

*Ms Brown - Head Teacher
History*

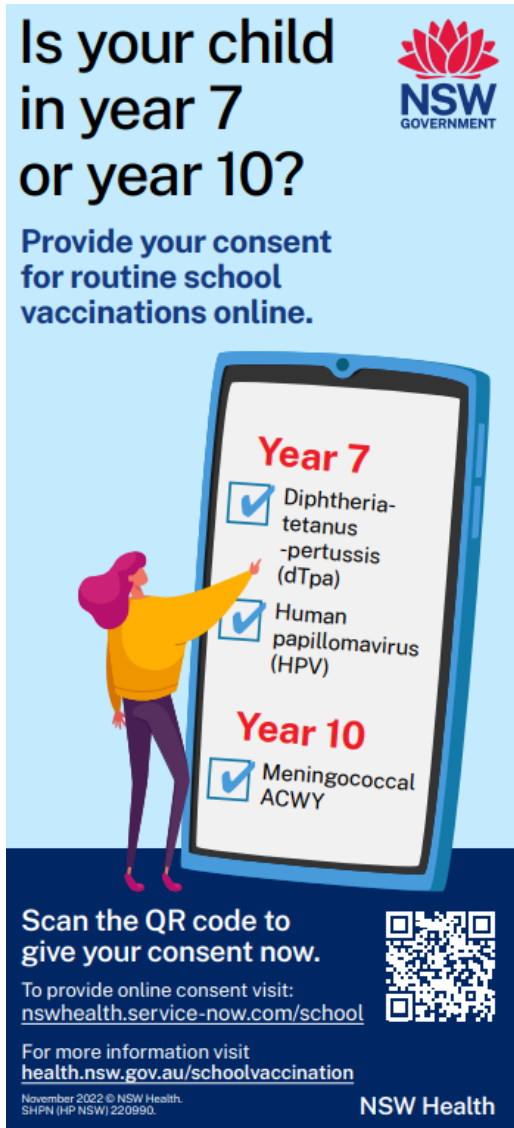


YEAR 7 AND 10 VACCINATIONS

The next vaccination days for 2024 are:

- Year 7 Vaccinations - 19 June
- Year 10 catch up vaccinations - 19 June
- Year 7 and 10 catch up vaccinations - 13 September

Contact the Head Teacher Welfare, Ms Efthymiades, if you have any questions or issues trying to provide online consent.



**Is your child
in year 7
or year 10?**

**Provide your consent
for routine school
vaccinations online.**

Year 7

- Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Year 10

- Meningococcal ACWY

Scan the QR code to give your consent now.

To provide online consent visit:
nswhealth.service-now.com/school

For more information visit
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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SCHOOL UNIFORM - SHOES AND SOCKS

It is important that parents and carers provide students with the correct school uniform elements throughout the students school years. Below is a friendly reminder of the types of socks and school shoes Fairvale students need to wear to school on a daily basis.

SOCKS: **Boys** must wear GREY fold down ankle



Girls must wear white fold down ankle socks or chocolate brown tights.



SHOES:

All students need to wear school shoes. School shoes must be plain laced leather enclosed shoes.

Slipper style shoes, sports style shoes and sports shoes are banned for safety reasons. Boots or shoes with steel caps are also not allowed. Students can attend Time to Shine on Fridays during the first half of lunch to polish their shoes in Wright Block, and are reminded to polish their school shoes on a regular basis.

Girls need to wear brown plain laced leather school shoes.



Boys need to wear black plain laced leather school shoes



Polishing your shoes shows pride in appearance and also helps to protect the leather, helps to keep the shoes waterproof and makes the shoes last longer. If parents / carers / students have any questions regarding the School's Uniform requirements and policy, please contact Ms Efthymiades on 9604 3118.

We would also be grateful for any uniform donations of school shirts, pants or shoes, you might have at home and no longer require, to refill our second hand uniform pool.

Ms Efthymiades - Welfare

SRC - THE COMMENTS BOX

The SRC is excited to introduce **The Comments Box!**

Do you have any suggestions, concerns or ideas for Fairvale High School?

The Comments Box is a confidential space where students can write down their thoughts, suggestions or even express concerns about any aspects of our school and its learning environment.

The SRC is committed to actively listening to your input, with every comment reviewed and considered during SRC weekly meetings. Your ideas matter, and the Comment Box is here to ensure that they are heard and acted upon.



Starting in 2024, The 'Comment Box' will be located at both the front office and the welfare hub to ensure accessibility for all students. So, if you have any ideas, comments, or suggestions, please fill in one of the slips below and place it in the comments box.



DATE: _____

Comments/Suggestions

DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 1 2024

Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	11 March	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March
Week 7			• NAPLAN online test period	• NAPLAN online test period	• NAPLAN online test period
	18 March	19 March	20 March	21 March	22 March
Week 8	• NAPLAN online test period	• NAPLAN online test period	• NAPLAN online test period	• NAPLAN online test period • Harmony Day	• NAPLAN online test period
	25 March	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March
Week 9	• NAPLAN online test period				
	8 April	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April
Week 11		• FVHS Senior Athletics Carnival	• FVHS Junior Athletics Carnival		• Term 1 concludes

