



# CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 9

## BUS DRIVERS

### Warrow

Chris Letton - 0407 109 352  
Wayne Bockman - 0487 824 854

### Mt Hope

Kym Griffiths - 0400 667 472

### Karkoo

Susan Hughes - 0477 088 043

### Wanilla

Jake Moos - 0493 855 123

### Cockaleechee

Leon Seaman - 0429 703 030

### Douglas Well

John Norton - 0400 087 616

### Koppio/Yallunda Flat

Helen Robinson - 0428 885 017

### Brimpton Lake

Barry Boyce - 0418 762 319

Parents must contact the bus driver at least 24 hours prior to travel being required on an alternate bus.

UHF channel 10

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Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a relief to finally see some consistent wet, cool weather across our school community! After the unpredictable weather patterns we've experienced recently, I'm sure this welcome change is bringing smiles to faces throughout our agriculture-dominated region and providing much-needed water for our tanks.



### Semester 2 Begins

The end of Term 2 has arrived quickly, and this week we've successfully launched our Semester 2 subjects across the school. Please check Daymap for updates to your child's timetable and subject offerings. We've made every effort to maintain continuity of learning by keeping teachers with their existing subjects, making only necessary adjustments where appropriate.

### Work Experience Success Stories

Our Year 11 students completed their Work Experience last week and received outstanding feedback regarding their commitment to exploring potential career pathways. This week, our Year 10 students are participating in their Work Experience placements, which once again highlights how fortunate we are to be part of such a supportive community. Local businesses continue to generously open their doors to our students, providing invaluable real-world learning opportunities.

Next week, our Year 10 students will conclude the term with an action-packed Careers Trip to Adelaide, visiting various workplaces to broaden their understanding of post-school opportunities. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr Woolford and Julie Harder for their excellent organisation, and to the parents who are supporting the trip with transport. We're also grateful to have received Drought Funding from the Department for Education, making this important experience more affordable for families.

### Innovation in Action

This Thursday and Friday, some of our Year 10 students will head to Adelaide to participate in the H2GP Hydrogen Car Racing event. This marks our second year in this exciting competition, and we're already preparing a new cohort of Year 9 students to develop the skills needed for next year's participation. We wish this year's team the very best of luck!

### Community Connections Through Learning

Several of our Junior Primary and Primary classes have been engaged in Expeditionary Learning, connecting with our community while exploring curriculum topics in authentic, hands-on ways. These classes have focused on

## CAS DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 2

#### WEEK 9

**Mon 23/6 – Fri 27/6**

- Year 10 Work Experience

**Thurs 26/6–Fri 27/6**

- Yr 10 H2GP, Adelaide

**Thurs 26/6**

- Coffee with Leaders, 8:30am, school plaza
- JP & Primary Family Learning Sessions, 8:45am

#### WEEK 10

**Sun 29/6 – Thurs 3/7**

- Yr 10 Career's Trip

**Thurs 3/7**

- year 5/6 Soccer, Tumby Bay

**Fri 4/7**

- End of Term – Early dismissal, 2:15pm

### TERM 3

#### WEEK 1

**Tues 22/7**

- Year 10 Immunisations, 8:45am

#### WEEK 2

**MON 28/7 – TUES 29/7**

- SAPSASA Golf, Adl

#### WEEK 3

**Tues 5/8**

- yr 5/6 boys netball & girls football, Tumby Bay

**Wed 6/8**

- Yr 7 European Handball, Cummins

**Thurs 7/8**

- Yr 10 European Handball, Cummins

### 2025 TERM DATES

#### Term 2

- Monday, 28 April – Friday, 4 July

#### Term 3

- Monday, 21 July – Friday, 26 September

#### Term 4

- Monday, 13 October – Friday, 12 December

gardening and food sustainability, including visits to the Cummins Community Garden and working with community members Val Slater and Robyn Wedd on crop rotations, planting, composting, and vegetable growing. They're now ready to replicate these skills at school. Mrs Phelps' 5/6 class reciprocated by organising seeds for the Community Garden's seed cupboard. These partnerships represent exactly the type of community connections we hope to expand moving forward.

### Professional Development Success

Last Friday's Student Free Day brought together approximately 160 staff members from across the Eyre Peninsula—a fantastic opportunity to share our collective work on Crew and Expeditionary Learning initiatives. The new Community Sporting Complex provided an excellent venue, and we enjoyed wonderful catering from the Ramblers Netball and Football Clubs. We're excited to use the insights gained to further develop these innovative approaches at Cummins Area School.

### Family Learning Opportunity

Don't miss our final Family Learning session for the term this Thursday, focusing on Junior Primary and Primary classes. Join us at 8:30 AM for coffee with school leaders—a wonderful opportunity for casual conversation and connection-building. Then visit your child's Crew from 8:45–9:20 AM. These popular sessions showcase key elements of our Crew program and we'd love to see as many families as possible.

### Looking Ahead

Please remember that Friday, July 4th is the last day of term with early dismissal at 2:15 PM. Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support, communication, and participation throughout the term. We're looking forward to an exciting second semester, highlighted by our much-anticipated Shrek production from August 14th–16th. The excitement is definitely building!

Regards

Mel

## Governing Council Update

Governing Council met in week 8. During our meeting we welcomed Jessica Green as our newest member onto the Governing Council.

We discussed communication from the school, school finances with guest Anna Richardson, the fundraising policy, and a welcome for new students and families in Term 3 amongst other items.

Mel Degner gave her Principals report which included information on many things including the Outdoor Ed camp, Hydrogen Cars Event and Work Experience, funding received for the upcoming Careers Trip and staffing news welcoming back Jacqui Phelps in an Ag role and new teacher Kathy Keenan for our secondary school.

Our next Governing Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th August, 7:00pm at the library. Governing Council can be contacted on [casgoverningcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:casgoverningcouncil@gmail.com)

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CAS Governing Council Chairperson



## Excursion to The Little Mermaid

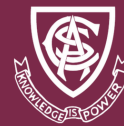
On Wednesday 18th June, Miss Bennie & Mrs Maddies' Year 1/2 classes, along with Miss McFarlane's Year 3s, headed off on an exciting excursion to Port Lincoln!

After a breezy morning of travel, we kicked things off with a visit to the foreshore playground for recess and lunch — fresh air, big energy and lots of fun!

Then it was showtime! We were lucky enough to watch the final dress rehearsal of St Joseph's incredible stage production of Disney's The Little Mermaid. What a treat! The students absolutely shone on stage and kept us entertained from start to finish.

There was even a bit of unexpected drama during intermission when we had to make an emergency exit from the theatre — nothing like herding 70 students safely across a road and away from traffic! But our kids were amazing and followed instructions brilliantly. Thankfully, we were soon back in our seats and enjoying the rest of the performance.

A huge well done to the St Joseph's cast and crew — your hard work and talent blew us away and left us even more excited for our very own Shrek production later this year!



# Breakfast Club


*Toast & Fresh Fruit will be available every morning from 8:30am at the canteen during the school term for our students.*



## Family Learning Session

JP & Primary Classes



 June 26, 2025

**Plus Coffee with Leaders from 8:30 to 8:45 AM**

Join your JP and Primary students for their morning crew. A great opportunity to actively engage in your child's learning journey whilst learning about Crew





## COMMUNITY NEWS



Week 9 27th June

### ALL WELCOME!

Come join in the fun!!! We are a Kids Club for reception to year 7's Full of FUN, FOOD, & FAITH Based lessons.  
Please feel free to contact Amy Maddern 0429 090 276 for more information.  
Please text if your children are meeting at School Shelter for pickup. Collect at Uniting Church Hall at 5.30pm

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Group advertising in the newsletter is available at a minimum cost of \$6.00 (inc. GST) for up to 5 lines. Larger items of 1/4 page size cost \$22 (inc. GST) which is the maximum size for an article or notice.

Payment needs to be made to the finance Office prior to inclusion by Cash or Bank Transfer to our School account. No invoices will be issued for payment – a tax invoice / receipt can be issued upon request.

**BSB – 633 000, ACC – 112 105 770**  
**REF – Newsletter & Entity Name**

Only Advertisements or notices of community interest or non-commercial value will be published.

**Students are not allowed on the school premises before 8:30 AM as there will be no supervision available during that time.**  
**Thank you for your cooperation.**

## APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications are now online.



You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

#### STEP 1

Visit [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

#### STEP 2

Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.

#### STEP 3

Complete all mandatory fields.  
Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.

#### STEP 4

Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.

#### STEP 5

Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.  
Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



[sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

Little Town Productions Presents

# Kick off ya BOOTS

**COMMUNITY MOVIE EVENT**  
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL, TUMBY BAY

**FREE TICKETS**  
Saturday 5th July from 5pm

Creche available



### WHAT TO EXPECT

Tumby Bay Interchurch Council are proud to be hosting a 'Kick off ya Boots' (KOYB) movie screening event, to be held on Saturday, 5th July 2025 at Soldiers Memorial Hall, Tumby Bay.

KOYB is a highly acclaimed dinner theatre production performed in Loxton, SA developed in partnership with ifarmwell. It follows the life of the Conners – a farming family spanning 5 generations who are struggling with the issues of drought, finances, succession and family communications. It uses humour, fun parody music and impactful storytelling to focus messaging around normalising conversations about mental health and well-being, and finding strategies to create a good work-life balance.

The Tumby Bay event will include a screening of the professionally filmed 2024 KOYB Loxton Production of 'This Farming Life', preshow entertainment, plus a delicious supper during interval. Doors open 5pm for you to purchase tea before a 6pm start to show. Tickets are free, but please bring cash for purchasing dinner and drinks (alcohol, soft drinks, and cuppas).

We would love to have you join us in this unique 'Kick off Ya Boots' experience while enjoying a fun night out with friends and neighbours in a relaxed atmosphere.



Book your FREE tickets at  
[www.trybooking.com/DCLPT](http://www.trybooking.com/DCLPT) or scan the QR code below. Enquiries to Mel at 0478 616 475

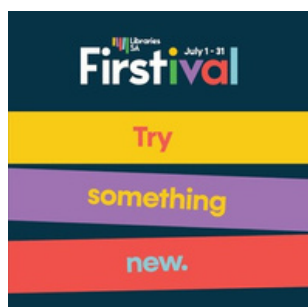


SCAN  
FOR  
TICKETS

Follow Kick off ya Boots on Facebook to learn more about the show







LEARN HOW TO CREATE WALL HANGINGS/BUNTING, DECORATIONS OR A FRAMEABLE ARTWORK



As part of Libraries SA Firstival event, we invite you to try something new, with a Metal Embossing workshop, conducted by Adelaide Hills' artist, Rebecca Prince. Participants will learn how to design decorations, create patterns and use various embossing tools on coated forms of thin metal, creating hanging decorations.

Don't miss this unique opportunity.

**Where: Cummins Library**

**When: Tues. July 15**

**Time: 2.00 - 4.00**

**Ages: 10+**

**RSVP essential to 86762476**

**Limited numbers**



## FREE Child Development Checks



Government of South Australia



**Health**  
Eyre and Far North  
Local Health Network



Government of South Australia  
Office for Early Childhood Development

### FREE Child Development Checks

As part of our Words Grow Minds campaign, bringing allied Health Professionals to our library, we are delighted to welcome Eyre and Far North Local Health Network back, to offer


Free Child Development Checks on  
**Friday July 25**


Child development checks assess important areas of a child's development, such as communication, motor skills, problem solving and social/emotional development.


These checks are conducted by a trained professional (Registered Nurse).

Please phone 86762476 to make an appointment

Call in during the upcoming school holidays for giant board games, puzzles and coffee. Lots of fun for families in our lovely, warm space!

 [cummins.library@libraries.sa.gov.au](mailto:cummins.library@libraries.sa.gov.au)

 [www.libraries.sa.gov.au/cummins](http://www.libraries.sa.gov.au/cummins)

 86762476

  Follow us on socials



### School Holiday Opening Times

Monday: CLOSED  
Tuesday: 9.00am-5.00pm  
Wednesday: 9.00am-5.00pm  
Thursday: 9.00am-6.00pm  
Friday: 9.00am-5.00pm  
Saturday: 9.00am-12 Noon  
Sunday: CLOSED  
(Lunch Daily: Closed @ 1.30-2.30)

# Australian Government mobile service centres



If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile service centres (MSCs) travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia to provide help and support. During natural disasters and emergencies, they can provide on-the-ground support for disaster recovery efforts.

Services Australia staff travel with the MSCs and can help you with Medicare and Centrelink payments and services. Our MSCs also have disabled access.

Our staff can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the MSC and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the MSCs.

## Information and help you can access on board the MSCs

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Medicare and Centrelink information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

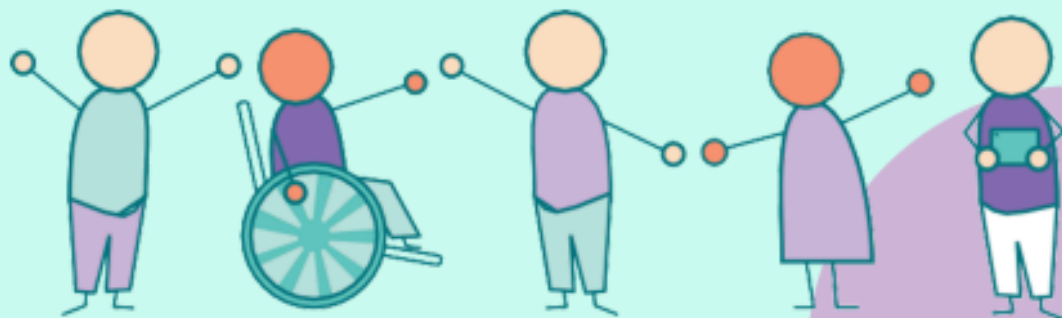
**Wednesday, 9 July 2025**

10 am to 4 pm Near the  
recreation grounds, Bruce  
Terrace CUMMINS

## More Information

To view the latest itineraries for the MSCs, go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice)

The stopping locations are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.



Inclusive Teaching & Learning

# SIES

*You're invited*

## PARENT/CARER MEET & GREET



SIES will be in Port Lincoln on 7th July 2025 for our Inclusive Education Expo, and we'd love to take the opportunity to connect with local families.

Join us for a relaxed morning tea in the Port Lincoln Hotel Boardroom, to learn more about who we are, what we do, and how we can support you and your family.

Please register via the link below—we look forward to meeting you!



Monday  
7th July



11:30AM - 12.30PM



Register [HERE](#)



8235 2871 [education.parentforum@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.parentforum@sa.gov.au)



[www.SIES.sa.edu.au](http://www.SIES.sa.edu.au)



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# Could Saver Plus help with your education costs?

Google

Q Saver Plus YouTube

to see our quick explainer video and find out if you're eligible.



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and social justice organisation the Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL).

It is delivered in partnership with not-for-profit organisations The Smith Family, Berry Street and BSL.

ANZ and the Department of Social Services fund it.

[saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)

Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply.



## Late Lunch Orders

Any late lunch orders placed by phone or Daymap to the school after the QKR cutoff must be paid for using the IOU option on QKR before the order can be processed.

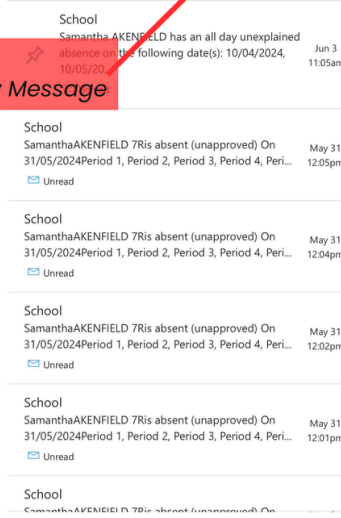
Remember: no payment means no order.



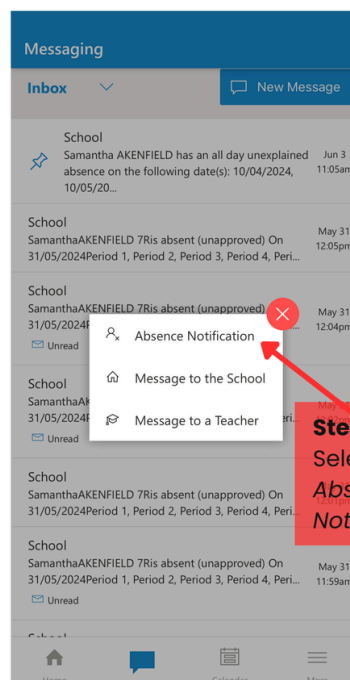
## Notifying CAS of a student absence using the DayMap App



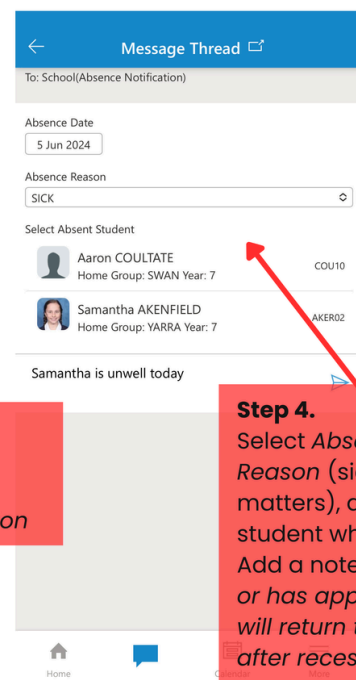
**Step 2.**  
Select New Message



**Step 1.**  
Select Messages



**Step 3.**  
Select Absence Notification



**Step 4.**  
Select Absence Reason (sick or family matters), and then student who is absent. Add a note i.e unwell or has appointment will return to school after recess.



## CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN – ROSTER TERM 2 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 9</b>	23/06/25 Bec Habner	24/06/25 Gemma Crettenden	25/06/25 Ali Ward	26/06/25 Kirsty Koch	27/06/25 Cathy Haarsma Amy Jolly
<b>Week 10</b>	30/06/25 Belinda-Jane Moroney	01/07/25	02/07/25 Jenna Hughes	03/07/25	04/07/25 Leanne Vigar Penny Baker

**PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED**



**HOME/RESIDENTIAL  
ADDRESS?**



**MOBILE  
NUMBERS?**



**EMAIL  
ADDRESSES?**



**EMERGENCY  
CONTACTS?**



**FAMILY  
INFORMATION?**



## CAS LESSON TIMES

<b>Morning Crew</b>	<b>8.45am – 9.20am</b>
<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>9.20am – 10.00am</b>
<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>10.00am – 10.40am</b>
<b>RECESS</b>	<b>10.40am – 11.00am</b>
<b>Lesson 3</b>	<b>11.00am – 11.40am</b>
<b>Lesson 4</b>	<b>11.40am – 12.20pm</b>
<b>Lesson 5</b>	<b>12.20pm – 1.00pm</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>1.00pm – 1.40pm</b>
<b>Lesson 6</b>	<b>1.40pm – 2.20pm</b>
<b>Lesson 7</b>	<b>2.20pm – 3.00pm</b>
<b>Afternoon Crew</b>	<b>3.00pm – 3.15pm</b>



## CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL merchandise

We have plenty of stock available from the Finance Office for any new 2025 students and replacements for any current students.

Please see either Anna Richardson or Cathy Haarsma to purchase any of the school stock.

CAS MAROON HATS	\$13.00
CAS MAROON SCHOOL BAG	SMALL - \$50.00 LARGE - \$75.00
ART SMOCK, MAROON	\$18.70
PENCIL CASE, MAROON	\$6.50
CAS LIBRARY BAG	\$10.00
CASIO FX-82AU PLUS II (REQUIRED FOR YR 7 - 10 STUDENTS)	\$39.50
HEADPHONE MOPO M831HP	\$20.50
ATTACHE READING FOLDER	\$6.75
ZIPPER BINDER READING FOLDER	\$5.45
CASIO FX-CG50AU COLOUR GRAPHICS CALCULATOR	POA



[WWW.ACEUNIFORMS.COM.AU](http://WWW.ACEUNIFORMS.COM.AU)

### Cummins Area School Uniform Supplier

Choose "Ship to shipping address" and pay postage fee to have the order go direct to your chosen address.

### PRICE LIST

SUMMER DRESS	\$65.00
CAS SCHOOL JUMPER	\$60.00
CAS POLO SHIRT	\$35.00
SCHOOL PANTS (BLACK)	\$40.00
SCHOOL SHORTS (BLACK)	\$22.00
BUCKET HAT	\$11.00

7 BLACKMAN PLACE, PT LINCOLN  
PH: 0421 797 612

## Student Lunch Passes

Students leaving the school grounds during the lunch break must carry a LUNCH PASS. There are two types of passes.

**1. REGULAR LUNCH PASS:** These will be issued at the beginning of each year on the written request of parents.

These passes are for students returning to their own home for lunch regularly. This pass is not to be used to access local shops to purchase lunch.

They may be issued to cover one or more days each week.

**2. SPECIAL LUNCH PASS:** Students are sometimes required to leave school for particular reasons on isolated occasions e.g. hair cuts, personal shopping, lunch at a friends, or a birthday party.

For each occasion, the student requires **a written request from parents through Daymap**. Students will not be permitted to phone home during the day to access a lunch pass.

Students in Year 6 or younger must be accompanied by an adult when they leave the school grounds and have the written consent of their parents if the adult signing them out is not their parent.

Students in Year 7/8/ 9 must have written parental consent and be accompanied by another student the same age or older.

Students in Year 10 - 12 are able to leave the school grounds by themselves provided they have written parental consent. Our preference would be that they don't leave the school grounds alone.

All students who leave the school at Lunch time must sign out at the computer located at the Front Office. They must sign in on their return. This is an WHS requirement and applies to students with both Permanent and Daily Lunch passes.

Cummins Area School Canteen

## Stickybeaks Lunch Bags

Paper lunch bag alternatives



**\$10.50 each**

Our Canteen has available the Stickybeaks Reusable Lunch Wallets/Bags which are great alternative to using the Paper Bags and good for our environment too.

They are available in Pink, Green, Grey, Blue, Red, and Purple and can be easily ordered and paid via our Canteen QKR page under the heading of Lunch Bag, or you can collect and pay at the Finance Office.



# BYOD LAPTOP PROGRAM FOR YR 7-12 STUDENTS



<https://cummins.orderportal.com.au>

All students from Year 7 to Year 12 are required to supply their own laptop for use at school.

We ask that *ALL* purchases of new laptops for school use, for all year levels, be made via the School Ordering Portal. This alleviates the current issue of the many varied devices being purchased which do not meet the required minimum specifications for use at school.

The online Order Portal provides families with a variety of suitable devices which meet the required specifications, including some accessories, insurance and finance options. The devices found on the portal have been chosen for their battery performance, durability of cases, network compatibility and based on recommendations from industry experts.

## Other considerations when purchasing a device for your student:

- **Insurance:** check your home contents insurance to see if the device will be covered
- **Transport between home and school:** device should be carried in a sturdy protective bag away from food & water bottles
- **Charging:** Students must charge their device at home and bring it to school every day fully charged. (Personal power adapters are not to be used at school unless Tag Tested).
- Students have access to **Microsoft Office 365** via their School email account at no cost, providing access to Word, Excel, Powerpoint, One Drive etc. There is no need to purchase this software separately.
- Whilst enrolled at school, students are connected to the school provided internet and are protected by a significant Departmental filtering system that prevents access to many harmful or malicious sites. According to Cummins Area School ICT Acceptable Use Policy, students may use the internet only for learning related activities that are approved by a teacher.
- It is the responsibility of the student / parent / caregiver to setup the Home-Internet connection on the device.
- Students must perform 'Software Updates' on the device as they become available in order to install the latest virus definitions and security patches.
- Students will use OneDrive provided through Office 365 which safeguards work from being lost on a USB etc. Students are also strongly encouraged to backup necessary files in numerous locations, including via email where appropriate. Technology failure is not an approved circumstance for extensions at Cummins Area School.

*\*Device chosen must take into consideration the types of subjects the student is studying eg; Design related subjects may require an i7 (Senior High School students)*

*\*\*Please note; Apple devices are not recommended for use in our school environment as they are not compatible with our school network and will impact your child's ability to access school services such as printing. Apple devices will not be supported by the School IT Department.*

If you have any questions or concerns, including concerns about financial hardship please do not hesitate to contact the school on 8676 2388.

## LWT PARENT OFFERINGS



### BETTER DEVICES

We only sell education specific and commercial grade devices. Retail devices aren't built for school.



### BETTER SERVICE

In LWT Service areas we can have devices repaired onsite in days, not weeks. Keeping your child up and running.



### INSURANCE

Accidents at school are common. Our Accidental damage Cover means that you can get devices fixed with minimum cost.



### PAYMENT PLANS

We can offer 36 month payment plans from Latitude Finance approved online, or Laybuy options.