



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 7

BUS DRIVERS

Warrow

Chris Letton - 0407 109 352
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Mt Hope

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Karkoo

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Wanilla

Jake Moos - 0493 855 123

Cockaleechee

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Helen Robinson - 0428 885 017

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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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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we enter Week 7, I'm delighted to reflect on the incredible showcase of learning and community spirit that has defined recent weeks at Cummins Area School.



Book Week: "Book an Adventure"

Our Book Week celebrations brought stories to life as students and staff embraced this year's theme. Thanks to our outstanding library team, we stayed current with the 2025 Children's Book Council of Australia winners, inspiring fresh reading adventures across all year levels. The Book Week Parade was a particular highlight, with students arriving as an amazing array of beloved characters – from classic literary heroes to contemporary favourites.

Junior Primary Community Meeting

Last Tuesday's JP Community Meeting, expertly hosted by Mrs Maddie's Year 1/2 class, was a wonderful demonstration of our youngest learners' growing confidence. Following a proud rendition of our National Anthem, students shared fascinating insights into their History unit on "gadgets from the olden days." Their presentations revealed not only their learning about historical objects and their purposes, but also showcased impressive artwork. It was heartening to see every student participate at their own comfort level while building essential public speaking skills.

Gardening Gurus Share Their Expertise

Our Gardening Gurus delivered engaging educational videos on Wednesday, confidently presenting their learning from sessions with Mrs Dennis. These student-created resources covered practical topics including chicken care, composting with manure, and the wealth of knowledge available at our local Cummins Community Garden. This initiative exemplifies the authentic, real-world learning experiences we're committed to expanding throughout our curriculum.

Family Learning Sessions Build Community Connections

Wednesday's Primary Family Learning sessions saw wonderful parent and extended family participation. Walking through classrooms filled with families learning together perfectly embodied our Crew values in action. The enthusiasm and engagement were palpable as family members experienced firsthand how Crew operates at Cummins Area School.

CAS DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

WEEK 7

Mon 1/9 – Wed 3/9

- year 11 Outdoor Ed camp, Greenly to Drummond

Tues 2/9

- 1/2B Excursion to Koppio

Wed 3/9

- Foundation B excursion to Tumby Bay

Fri 5/9

- Fathers Day coffee, 8:30am
- JP Family Learning Session 8:45 am–9:20 am

WEEK 8

Wed 10/9

- Coffee with Leaders 8:30 – 8:45am
- Secondary Family Learning Session 8:50 – 9:20am

WEEK 9

Wed 17/9

- Open mixed netball, Pt Lincoln
- JP Community Meeting, 9:00–9:20am

Fri 19/9

- SAPSASA Track & Field, Adelaide

WEEK 10

Wed 24/9

- JP Sports Day, 9:20–1:00pm

Thurs 25/9

- yr 7–12 formal

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

Upcoming Family Learning opportunities:

- *This Friday: JP classes plus Father's Day Coffee*
- *Next Wednesday: Secondary classes*

I strongly encourage families who haven't yet attended to join us – witnessing Crew in action and its positive impact across our school community is truly rewarding.

Daniel Day: Tradition Meets Future Aspirations

Last Thursday's Daniel Day continued our cherished Year 12 tradition of fundraising for their chosen orphanage while developing valuable event management skills. This year's theme, "When I Grow Up," sparked creativity as students envisioned their futures. The school was filled with aspiring AFL players, artists, tradies, teachers, accountants (complete with business cards!), a Prime Minister and legal team, equestrians, fishermen, healthcare professionals, farmers, and shearers. The enthusiasm of our secondary students in embracing the dress-up opportunity was particularly encouraging, and our Year 12s achieved impressive fundraising results while creating an enjoyable whole-school experience.

Cross-Year Learning in Action

Monday morning brought an excellent example of authentic learning when Miss Stephen's Year 9 students invited me to witness the testing of their electric circuit projects. These students had designed sideshow-style games featuring circuits that illuminate when players achieve their goals. Miss Bennie's enthusiastic Year 1/2 class served as the perfect test team, and the excitement in the room confirmed the projects' success. This collaboration beautifully demonstrates both the real-world application of STEM learning and the benefits of our Preschool–12 structure, where older students naturally mentor and support their younger peers.

Looking Ahead

I look forward to seeing many more families at our upcoming Family Learning sessions over the coming weeks. These opportunities to witness our educational approach firsthand continue to strengthen the vital partnership between home and school that makes Cummins Area School such a special learning community.

Regards,
Mel



SCHOOL DRESS UPDATE

Ace are taking pre orders on their website for school dresses. Expected delivery is the end of October, 2025.

[ACE GROUP WEBSITE](#)

CAS UNIFORM COMMITTEE

Governing Council is looking for new members to sit on the School Uniform sub committee. If this sounds like you, please reach out to Governing Council Chairperson, Bec Habner to express your interest.

Bec – 0427 171 279

A Shrek-tacular School Production

Our students lit up the stage during week 4 this term for our Cummins Area School production of *DreamWorks Shrek the Musical*. It was a truly magical adventure for those who came along and saw our talented and courageous cast on stage – singing, dancing and acting! Our swamp aka the school hall, was buzzing with laughter, gasps, tears and immense pride. Our band of student musicians had the opportunity to perform live (and by goodness, did they perform), with audiences clapping and singing along! And a show like this can't go on without its crucial team of backstage crew – directors, producers, stagehands, sound, lighting makeup, facepainting, hair, costumes, seamstresses, catering, publicity, ticketing, marketing and design, sets, props, decorators, choreographers, videographers, photography, vocal coaches, music leaders, ushers, maintenance and admin, support people – the list goes on and on like Pinocchio's nose.

We started with a full-dress rehearsal on Sunday 10 August, followed by an in-house performance for CAS students on Tuesday 12 August, during which a technical glitch resulted in some entertaining stand-up comedy by Shrek (Zora Curtis), Donkey (April Wagner) and Princess Fiona (Bonnie Maddern). Their impromptu performance really highlighting their incredible improvisation talents! Twelve of our cast then headed to Miroma Place Hostel, putting on a delightful array of songs for the residents. It was wonderful to be able to provide that sort of energy and entertainment for the elderly members of our community, with many connecting through music and song. On Thursday 14 August it was our Matinee – the first performance for the general public plus visiting students from Tumby Bay Area School, Elliston Area School and St Joseph's School. Next it was our sell-out show on Friday 15th and wow what a performance, followed by another showstopper on Saturday 16 August. The night shows were electric, and every member of the cast, crew, band and audience were glowing with achievement.

The shows were wonderfully complemented by the CAS Canteen who transformed our plaza into a swamp, working through the rain and serving everything from Ogre nugs to Shrexican swamp

bowls and Gingy biscuits. We were so very grateful to them for feeding us, our audiences and for their outstanding time and effort.

A huge week that would not have been possible without the students, their families, staff and volunteers. For the full list of thank yous, please pick up a copy of our Shrek programme now available at the library, where you will also now find a shrine to Shrek the Musical with many of the creative works of art from our production on display for your viewing pleasure. You will also find a display of breathtaking performance photos in the Front Office.

But above all, thank you to every person in our community who contributed something to create the magic that was the Cummins Area School Production for 2025. At its core, Shrek the Musical is about friendship, acceptance, and love of others and self. See you again in 2027...

Sophie Blacker & Tegan Modra
Co Director & Producer



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.

SchoolTV Topic: Healthy Study Habits

[Click here to learn about Healthy Study Habits](#)

In today's world, where distractions are abundant and the pressure to excel is high, guiding children to develop healthy study habits is more important than ever. As students aspire to achieve academic success, the cornerstone of that achievement lies not just in their intelligence or drive, but in the study habits they cultivate.

It's essential for students to recognise that good study habits aren't merely about spending extra hours hitting the books. It's more about quality over quantity and having a more balanced approach. Emphasising the value of a routine is essential. Consistent study times establish a sense of structure and discipline, turning studying into a natural part of their daily routine rather than a burdensome task.

Additionally, how students approach their study sessions is equally important. Taking regular breaks is a crucial part of this process in maintaining focus and preventing burnout.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle that includes sufficient sleep, a balanced diet, and consistent physical activity are indispensable elements that will significantly impact your child's ability to study effectively. Fostering these healthy habits is one of the most valuable gifts we can offer children, paving the way for a lifetime of learning and achievement.

This Special Report will help you support your young person as they embark on studying for exams.



STUDENT ID CARDS

Available to collect from
the finance office



CAS CHICKENS

\$30 PER BIRD
Chickens will be at Point of Lay
Available pick up at the end of term 4
(Sold by CAS students in year 8A)

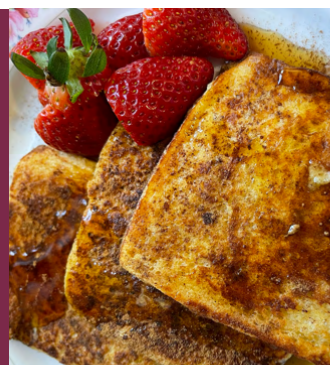
- ✓ Locally Raised
- ✓ Supporting School & our community

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Breakfast Club

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





Book Week Celebration: 'Book an Adventure'

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their incredible support and participation in this year's Book Week celebrations. A special appreciation goes to the primary classes for their creative Book Week Dioramas, the enthusiastic class attendance for the Virtual Author Visits, and the amazing costumes showcased in the Book Week Parade.

It was truly an epic week!



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CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN - ROSTER TERM 3 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 7	01/09/25	02/09/25	03/09/25	04/09/25 Ashley Lawrie	05/09/25 Alisha Elliot Claire Mickan
WEEK 8	08/09/25 Amy Fuss	09/09/25	10/09/25 Simone Murnane	11/09/25 Hayley Ness	12/09/25 Caitlin Haarsma Tegan Modra
WEEK 9	15/09/25 Bec Habner	16/09/25	17/09/25 Ali Ward	18/09/25 Kirsty Koch	19/09/25 Amy Jolly Bernie Crettenden
WEEK 10	22/09/25	23/09/25	24/09/25 Jenna Hughes	25/09/25	26/09/25 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

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



**JUNIOR PRIMARY
SPORTS DAY**

SAVE THE DATE!

**WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
9:20AM - 1:00PM, JP SCHOOL OVAL**

WITH THANKS

Community Bank
Cummins District
Bendigo Bank



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

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.



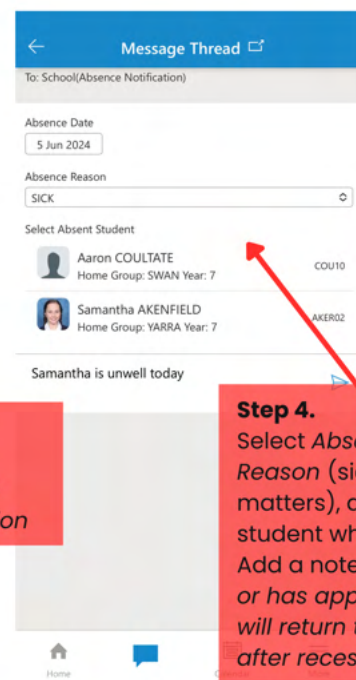
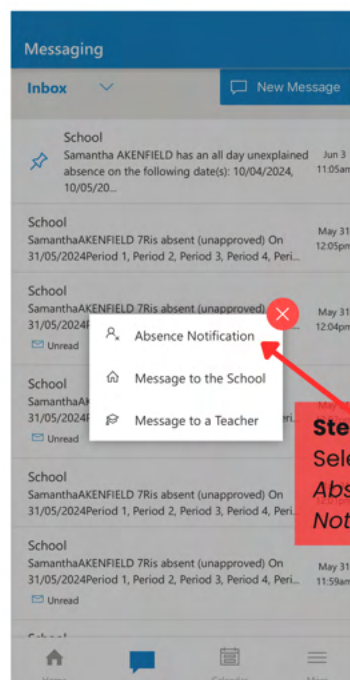
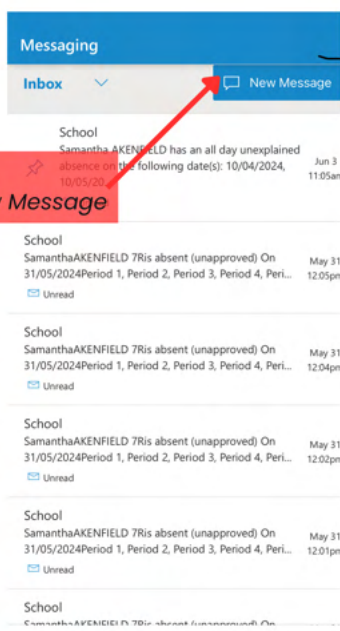
Notifying CAS of a student absence using the DayMap App

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Week 9 - 19th Sept

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

EPIC

YOUTH GROUP

Week 9 - 19th September

Youth Group is for year 7-12 All welcome!

Please Contact: Sandra Eldridge 0400800346

Jordy Wilksch 0428 865 055 for more information

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

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

CUMMINS & DISTRICT

BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Please use the QR code to register for this coming Basketball Season 2025/26

More information regarding divisions and season dates online.

Alternatively: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/cdba/home/>



Registration closes: Sunday 21st September

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.

KARKOO play group

Everyone welcome to join us for some fun!

Art, craft, singing, stories, music, play

9.30am - 12.00 pm every Thursday morning

Stay all morning or only part. For ages 0 - 4

Bring a piece of fruit and enjoy socialising your little ones
in a friendly, creative play space.

For more information contact
Kate Murnane 0429 795 443



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



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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.

JOB VACANCY

Casual Bus Driver Cummins Area School

➤ Responsibilities:

- Safely drive the school bus using judgement and care in response to the road, weather and driving conditions.
- Ensure the safety of students and other approved passengers, whilst they enter, exit and travel on the school bus, which includes assisting students and other approved passengers with disabilities (where applicable) to get on and off the bus, as well as monitoring the general behaviour of students.
- Follow an approved route to pick up and transport school children and approved passengers.'
- Obey the Speed limit and all road laws, rules, and regulations at all times.
- Conduct a full bus inspection at the end of each trip/journey to ensure No student remains on the bus.
- Complete a pre-journey checklist before and after each journey
- Maintain a clean and sanitary bus (Inside and out) at all times.
- Deliver the school bus to the servicing garage to undertake maintenance inspections.
- Contribute to maintaining a healthy work environment by taking personal accountability by identifying and reports incidents, hazards and injuries in accordant with Department for Education policies and procedures.

➤ Requirements:

- Minimum of MR South Australian Driver's License
- Minimum DIT Large Passenger Driver Accreditation.
- Working with Children Check
- National Police Clearance
- Be an up standing citizen with good morals.



Become a part of our dedicated team and help provide transport to rural students every day!



Benefits

- A supportive work environment with a focus on safety
- A flexible work environment with a work-life balance
- Providing an essential service to your local community.



To Apply

Eligible candidates must submit their interest online to Boyd West, or in writing to Cummins Area School



8676 2388



Boyd.West150@schools.sa.edu.au



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