



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 3

BUS DRIVERS

Warrow

Chris Letton - 0407 109 352
Kelvin Starke - 0428 852 246

Mt Hope

Kym Griffiths - 0400 667 472

Karkoo

Kelvin Starke - 0428 852 246

Vanilla

Wayne Bockman - 0487 824 854

Cockaleechee

Susan Hughes - 0477 088 043

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.

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Cummins SA 5631
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Government of South Australia
Department for Education

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By the end of this week we are going to see some tired Primary students as they complete swimming lessons and finish with our fabulous Swimming Carnival alongside their secondary peers on Friday. We are fortunate to be utilizing our newly redeveloped pool, and it is yet another reminder of the power of being supported by such a driven community. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend and soak up the atmosphere as Eyre and Sturt seek to dethrone Flinders, who had a successful 2025.



Tonight is our Governing Council AGM, to be held at the Cummins Hotel at 7.00 pm. We are always looking for more parents to be part of this important element of school governance. Governing Council plays a vital role in school decision-making, including budget oversight, policy development, and strategic planning. We would love to welcome parents from all areas of the school, as well as the various areas of Lower Eyre from which we draw our students, to gain a broader perspective of our school community. Please feel free to attend if you are interested in learning more.

This week we will be advertising our Agriculture Manager role. With Megan pursuing her gardening dream, we have taken the opportunity to create a position that will support the development of our Agriculture program, currently being undertaken by our Ag Team under the guidance of Pathways Coordinator Kirsty Fox. We will inform our school community once the position is live and ready for applications.

After Week 1 began with a focus on building and strengthening relationships across the site, classes are well and truly back into learning mode. Front and centre for us are the three elements of our Site Learning Plan and their interaction with our whole school Purpose Statement, which was constructed following the forums in 2024. This statement was based on the consensus we developed across staff, students and families, and is at the centre of all that we do as we move towards achieving our outcomes. Our purpose states the following:

CAS DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1, 2026

WEEK 3

Mon 9/2 – 12/2

- F-6 Swimming Lessons

Tues 10/2

- Governing Council AGM, 7pm

Fri 13/2

- 3-12 Swimming Carnival

WEEK 4

Wed 18/2

- JP Family Learning Sessions

WEEK 5

Thurs 26/2

- Primary Family Learning Session

WEEK 6

Wed 4/3

- yr 3-12 Sports Day

WEEK 8

Mon 16/3

- yr 7 Immunisations

Wed 18/3

- yr 10 Immunisations

2026 TERM DATES

Term 1

- Tuesday, January 27 – Friday, April 10

Term 2

- Monday, April 27 – Friday, July 3

Term 3

- Monday, July 20 – Friday, September 25

Term 4

- Monday, October 12 – Friday, December 11

To INSPIRE our students through rigorous and engaging learning experiences that foster critical dispositions, capabilities, and knowledge needed for a future world that is both rich in possibilities and full of uncertainties.

We strive for excellence in academics and character, nurturing kind, empathetic, resilient, courageous and resourceful citizens so that they can actively contribute to their community.

When our young people learn and achieve, thrive and prosper, so does the community of Cummins.

To achieve this, our Site Learning Plan currently focuses on three strong drivers: Crew, Reading Improvement, and Engaging Learning. This does not mean other elements are forgotten or less important; rather, these are the areas we believe will give us the best foundation for achieving our outcomes. We look forward to sharing more about these areas through future newsletters, Family Learning Events, and Three Way Conferences.

Have a wonderful fortnight, and I hope to see many of you on Friday at Swimming Carnival.

Regards Mel

Our Home Economics faculty and students would like to sincerely express our gratitude to Rahel Gerber for her generous donation of spices for our cooking endeavors. Your contribution is truly appreciated.

CAS CHAPLAINCY GROUP

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our esteemed and longtime committee member, Dean Richardson.

Dean has served on our committee for many years with dedication, passion, and support for the Chaplaincy School programme and his impact will be felt for years to come. Our heartfelt condolences and love go out to Barb and Mardi (our school Chaplain), Tim, Adam and Narelle and their family and loved ones.

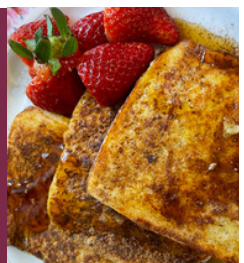
We will also be postponing our CAS Chaplaincy Group AGM until further notice.

Students are not permitted on school grounds before 8:30 AM, as there will be no supervision available during that period. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Breakfast Club

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



Year 12's Food and Hospitality

Thank you to Jess Wedd who came in last week to help Mrs Watson and our year 12 food class make homemade pasta.





SIES
Statewide Inclusive
Education Services

The fifty puzzle pieces in this activity make up ten two sided, self correcting puzzles.

Players are given the opportunity to practise social skills and the concept of waiting in a fun, interactive way.

Players can develop skills in: colour recognition; hand-eye coordination; matching and memory skills.

SIES Satellite Library:

We have an excellent range of resources, games and activities available for families to borrow, with thanks to Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES, formerly Seru).

They are a great additional, educational support for various ages to assist your child's development.

Pop in to peruse the selection.



Most Popular Children's Fiction for 2025

Looking for inspiration to spark your child's love of reading?

Check out the top 5 most popular books of 2025-all of which are part of a series! That means there are plenty more exciting stories to discover and enjoy together.



TALK

Tip of the day

Get down to their eye level and talk.

Babies watch your lips and expressions to learn how words are formed.

When you get down to their level, babies can see how your lips move and notice your expressions. This helps them learn how sounds are made and builds early social skills.

CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN - ROSTER TERM 1 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	09/02/2026	10/02/2026 Kirsty Breed	11/02/2026	12/02/2026	13/02/2026 CANTEEN CLOSED Swimming Carnival
Week 2	16/02/2026	17/02/2026	18/02/2026 Simone Murnane	19/02/2026	20/02/2026 Cathy Haarsma Amy Jolly
Week 3	23/02/2026 Leanne Vigar	24/02/2026	25/02/2026	26/02/2026	27/02/2026 Tegan Modra Caitlin Haarsma

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

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**



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.



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	\$14.00
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

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
WINTER JACKET	\$75.00

**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.

Term 1 Dates, 2025



Come join us every
third Friday after
school for some fun!

Week 3 – 13th Feb
Week 6 – 6th Mar
Week 9 – 27th Mar

We are a Kids Club for anyone
from Foundation to Year 7
with afternoons full of **fun**,
food & faith-based activities.

Give Amy Maddern a call on
0429 090 276 for more
information.

*If your children are meeting at the
school shelter for pickup, please
text Amy.*

**Finishes at Cummins Uniting
Church Hall at 5.30pm**



Years 7 – 12

A fun & relaxed space for
teens to **hang out**, **make
friends**, play **games**, share
food and **chat** about life and
faith. No pressure – just good
people and good fun.

Week 2 – 6th Feb
Week 5 – 27th Feb
Week 8 – 20th Mar

Please contact:
Sandra Eldridge 0400 800 346
or Jordy Wilksch 0428 865 055
for more info.



Grief and Loss

Grief and loss are feelings and experiences that everyone will face at some point in their lives. It is important to understand that these feelings are a normal and natural response to losing something or someone that was important to us. When we experience loss, it can be difficult to understand and accept. However, with love, support, and time, most people are able to heal and move forward. As a parent, it is important to talk to your children and adolescents about grief and loss, to help them understand what they may be feeling and provide them with the support they need to heal.

STARTING NETBALL IN 2026

Is your
Cougar Cub
the future
of our club?

Cummins Kapinnie Netball Club is proudly looking ahead and welcoming the next generation of netballers into our club community. If you're 11 and under as of December 31st, we have spaces in our non-competition E Reserves, E3s, and Netta sides, as we look to develop our next wave of junior netballers. All teams train Thursday in Cummins after school. E Reserves and E3s will play match days where the opposition can fill a side.

Whether you're new to netball, or looking for a club to grow with into the future, please contact any of our club people, or President Danielle Meaney ckncpresident@gmail.com to discuss.

CAS GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Date: 10th February 2026

Time: 7:00_{pm}

Location: Cummins Hotel Conference Room

To nominate for a seat on the committee, nomination forms must be filled out and can be accessed on our CAS website under the Governing Council tab.

Please ensure that nominations are submitted by 6th February at 3:00_{pm}, either via email to (mel.degner251@schools.sa.edu.au) or delivered directly to the front office.

Elected members are required to obtain a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) and complete the RRHAN-EC training.

Note: Several positions will be vacant and open for nominations.



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

TERM ONE PLANNER 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	26/01/26	27/01/26	28/01/26	29/01/2026	30/01/26
Week 1	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	yr 12 camp, Thuruna	yr 12 camp, Thuruna	yr 12 camp, Thuruna	
Week 2	02/02/26	03/02/26	04/02/2026	05/02/2026	06/02/2026
Week 3	09/02/2026 yr 3-6 Swimming lessons	10/02/2026 yr 3-6 Swimming lessons Governing Council AGM	11/02/2026 yr 3-6 Swimming lessons	12/02/2026 yr 3-6 Swimming lessons	13/02/2026 yr 3-12 Swimming Carnival
Wk 4	16/02/2026	17/02/2026	18/02/2026 JP Family Learning Session, 8:45-9:20	19/02/2026	20/02/2026
Week 5	23/02/2026 Yr 12 Outdoor Ed - Greenly	24/02/2026 Yr 10 Outdoor Ed - Greenly	25/02/2026	26/02/2026 Primary Family Learning Session, 8:45-9:20	27/02/2026
Week 6	02/03/2026	03/03/2026	04/03/2026 yr 3-12 Sports Day	05/03/2026 Yr 11 RAP session, 9:30am	06/03/2026
Week 7	09/03/2026 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/03/2026	11/03/2026	12/03/2026	13/03/2026
Week 8	16/03/2026 Year 7 Immunisations	17/03/2026 Secondary Family Learning Session, 8:45-9:20	18/03/2026 Year 10 Immunisations	19/03/2026	20/03/2026
Week 9	23/03/2026	24/03/26	25/03/2026	26/03/2026	27/03/2026
Week 10	30/03/2026	31/03/2026 Interschool, Cummins	01/04/2026	02/04/2026	03/04/2026 GOOD FRIDAY
Week 11	06/04/2026 EASTER MONDAY	07/04/2026	08/04/2026	09/04/2026	10/04/2026



CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM ONE 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wk 1	26/01/26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27/01/26	28/01/26	29/01/2026	30/01/26 Paige Minhard Megan Briesse
Wk 2	02/02/26	03/02/26	04/02/2026	05/02/2026	06/02/2026 Sophie Blacker BJ Moroney
Wk 3	09/02/2026	10/02/2026 Kirsty Breed	11/02/2026	12/02/2026	13/02/2026 Hannah Mickan Coral Wagner
Wk 4	16/02/2026	17/02/2026	18/02/2026 Simone Murnane	19/02/2026	20/02/2026 Cathy Haarsma Amy Jolly
Wk 5	23/02/2026 Leanne Vigar	24/02/2026	25/02/2026	26/02/2026	27/02/2026 Tegan Modra Caitlin Haarsma
Wk 6	02/03/2026 Amy Fuss	03/03/2026	04/03/2026 SPORTS DAY	05/03/2026	06/03/2026 Lucy Pedler Tegan Stephens
Wk 7	09/03/2026 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/03/2026	11/03/2026 Jenna Letton	12/03/2026	13/03/2026 Katrina Phelps Claire Mickan
Wk 8	16/03/2026	17/03/2026	18/03/2026	19/03/2026 Hayley Ness	20/03/2026 Leanne Vigar Alisha Elliot
Wk 9	23/03/2026	24/03/26	25/03/2026	26/03/2026	27/03/2026 Bec Habner Alicia Laube
Wk 10	30/03/2026	31/03/2026	01/04/2026	02/04/2026 Jess Wedd	03/04/2026 GOOD FRIDAY
Wk 11	06/04/2026 EASTER MONDAY	07/04/2026	08/04/2026	09/04/2026	10/04/2026 Cathy Haarsma Ash Lawrie

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer at the Canteen.

The Canteen volunteer hours are as follows:

- Monday to Thursday: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

If you cannot work on your scheduled day, please arrange for your own replacement or swap shifts. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Important Notes:

- All volunteers must possess a current Working with Children Check, complete RRHAN-EC Training, and fulfill the DO FOOD safety requirements.

For any inquiries, you can reach the Canteen contacts at:

- Tegan Cunningham: 0428 512 067
- Pennie Baker: 0428 968 962
- Cathy Haarsma: 0427 762 309



Tumby Bay and Districts OSHC are seeking an experienced and enthusiastic Director to lead our OSHC into the future.

**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE DIRECTOR
LEVEL 6.1**

This is a 2-year contract position of 20 hours per week (minimum) and will require the Director to work After School Care 2:00-6:00pm and a Vacation Care roster. There is a potential opportunity for this contract to be extended.

For further information, [application criteria](#) and a copy of the Job and Person Specification please telephone: 08 86882003 or email lisa.masters4@schools.sa.edu.au

**Applications must be submitted by close of business
23/2/2026**



Tumby Bay and Districts OSHC are seeking a Clerical Assistant

Clerk Private Sector Award Level 4

This is a casual position of between 3-6 hours per week

- Processing of fortnightly wages using Payroller
- Transfer of payroll information into the school Education Management System (EMS)
- Processing of accounts payable and bank reconciliations in EMS and SPIKE (Childcare Management Software System)
- Proficiency in the use of Excel
- Maintaining accurate employee entitlement spreadsheets
- Audit preparation
- Working collaboratively in a team environment

For further information and application criteria please telephone: 08 86882003 or email lisa.masters4@schools.sa.edu.au

Applications must be submitted by 5pm Monday 23rd February 2026

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – FRIDAY 13 FEB

With the pool renovation behind us and a two-year wait over, we're ready to dive back into one of the biggest events on the school calendar... the Year 3-12 Swimming Carnival!

House Colours

Show your house pride by wearing your colours:

- **Eyre** – Red
- **Flinders** – Yellow
- **Sturt** – Blue

Wear a T-shirt, shorts or accessories in your house colour if you can.

Getting There

Students will meet in class crew first, then walk to the pool with their teachers. When not competing, you'll sit with your house team in the designated bays.

Championship Events

These are the competitive races for confident swimmers. Events are 25 metres (one lap) and include:

- Freestyle
- Breaststroke
- Backstroke

Only enter if you can comfortably swim the distance. Life jackets are available for students who need extra support.

Novelty Events (from 11:45am)

These are fun, house-based relay activities in the shallow end – everyone is encouraged to join in! Events may include noodle relays, tube relays and other team challenges. All equipment is provided.

Participation Points

You earn one point per event you compete in, both championship and novelty events count toward your house total.

Medallions

Medallions are awarded to the highest point-scoring boy and girl in each age group based on their performance in individual events.

Safety First

Qualified swimming instructors will supervise throughout the day to ensure everyone stays safe in and around the water.

Sun Safety

When you're not swimming, you must wear a wide-brim hat and shirt. Bring sunscreen and use the shaded areas.

Not Allowed

Coloured zinc and coloured hairspray aren't permitted as they can damage pool filters. Parent photography is also not permitted during the carnival.

Food

The Cummins Pool canteen will be open with food and drinks available to purchase, or you can bring your own lunch.

Transport

Buses will take students home from the pool at the end of the carnival.

Spectators

Families are welcome to come along and cheer from the stands!

Let's make it a loud, proud and positive day for our houses, see you at the pool! 🌊



Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

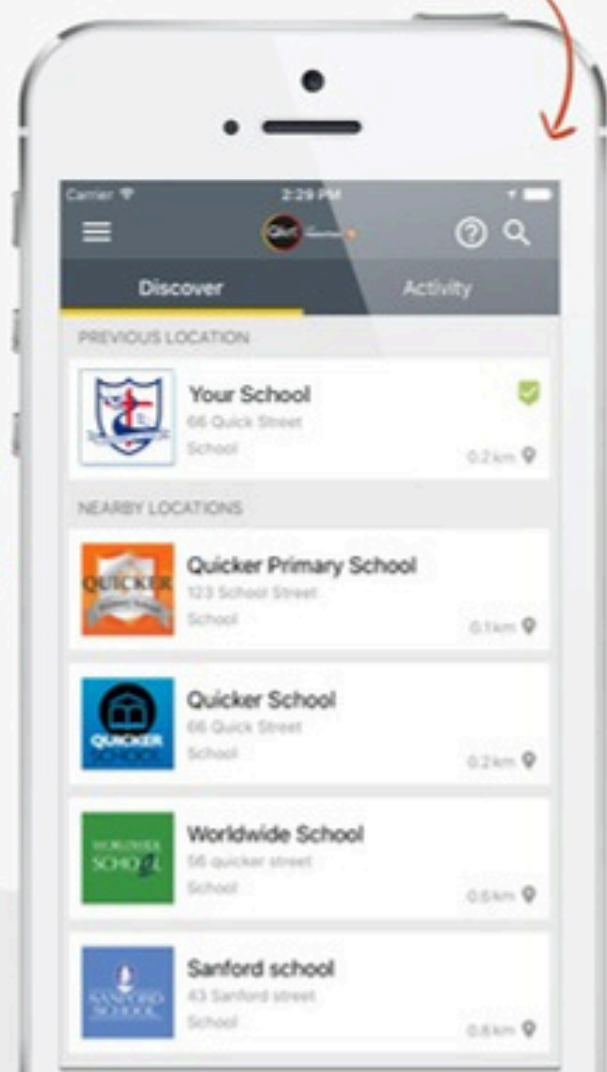
Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name



If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Add your children's details in Student Profiles

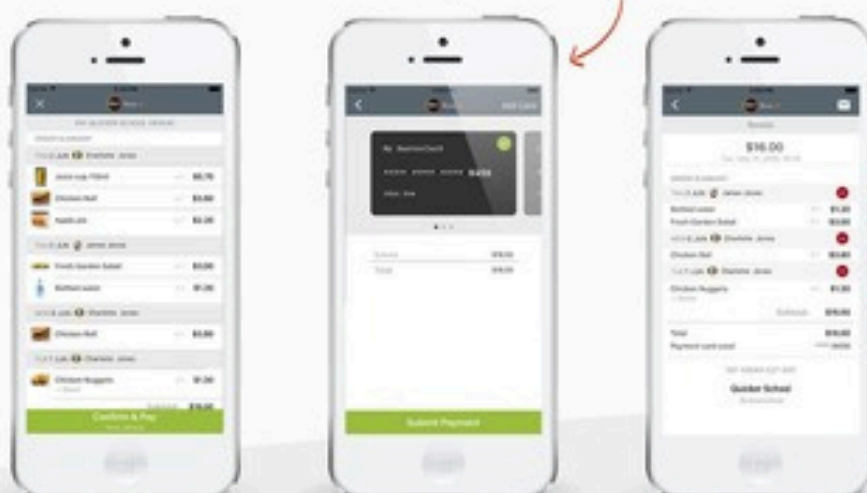


Order meals



Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

UNIFORM POLICY

POLICY UPDATED June 2024

At Cummins Area School we encourage all students to wear the school uniform with pride and in an appropriate manner. Wearing our uniform provides a sense of connection to the school community, assists in the provision of a safe school environment and promotes equality.

Our school colours are Maroon, Dark Grey and Black.

Students are to wear the following uniform:

Tops: Maroon Embroidered School Jumper
Maroon Embroidered School polo shirt

Bottoms: Black pants
Black Shorts

Dress: Grey/Maroon Check

Footwear: Enclosed shoes or sandals to be worn

Please Note: as of the beginning of 2025, black bottoms only will be worn as part of our school uniform.

Enclosed shoes or sandals are to be worn. Thongs or backless sandals are not acceptable. Shorts are to be an appropriate length for school, as are dresses.

It is school policy that hats are to be worn during Autumn, Spring and Summer seasons. Maroon broad brimmed hats are available for purchase through the Front Office and are worn by students in years F-6. For Students in years 7-12, a bucket hat can also be worn.

Interschool Sports uniforms & Show Team uniforms are owned by the school and loaned as appropriate to participating team members.

Classes involved in activities such as PE, Ag, or Tech may be able to change into clothes appropriate and safe for that activity. Students are to take direction from the teacher of that class.

All uniform items are available through ACE Merchandise and Apparel (7 Blackman Place, Port Lincoln). ACE has uniforms in stock for trying on, or can order items in. An online shop is also available at **www.aceuniforms.com.au**

Families can choose to purchase the dark grey or black bottoms from any retailer, however they are to be the same colour as the school's online options and have no commercial logo's larger than a 50c piece.