


Welcome to CPS



Cooma Public School 2025



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Communication with the school



Parents and Carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our school to work in partnership to promote student learning
- Communication from teaching staff that is timely, polite, informative and solutions focused
- Professional relationships with school staff that are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.



We do our best to update our school Facebook page daily so you can have a window into the goings on at Cooma PS. Simply like and follow us on facebook, perhaps leave a supportive comment and follow our hashtag #lovetolearnatcps.

All parents are asked to please download the following app:

Sentral for Parents

This app is what the school uses for all of their communication to our families and school community. All Permission notes for activities and excursions, along with requests for payment are sent out via this app, as are regular broadcasts with any relevant daily information. All payments for excursions are also made, quickly and simply, via the app.

The admin staff will provide you with a code that you can use to access information for your child at our school and are more than happy to help you if you're having any difficulty with the app.

Our handy tips for parents are to keep the Sentral Parent app on their front phone screen so that they see any notifications when they open their phone. We also suggest keeping your notifications for the app on at all times to prevent you from missing any important information!



Our School Programs

Targeted Literacy and Numeracy Programs:

We support students in learning through evidence-based programs, providing strong foundations to be life-long learners.



Personalised Learning Plans:

Every student at Cooma PS is known, valued and cared for. Each student has a meaningful education program that encourages student voice to allow every student to engage and take part in their learning.



Grow Your Mind:

Grow Your Mind is our whole school wellbeing program. This program aims to help students to develop the skills they need to be resilient and flourish.



Innovative Teaching and Learning:

With a focus on action learning we aim to develop authentic opportunities for student voice that empowers students to be active learners.

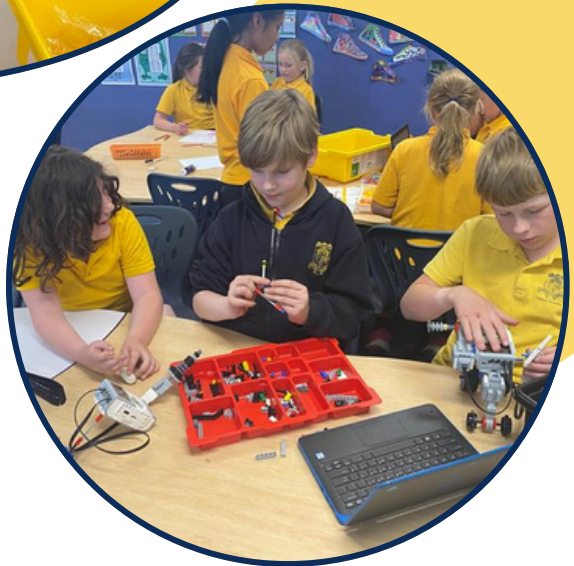


At Cooma PS we have

A culture of Mastery



At CPS we believe that each student has unique abilities, strengths and learns at their own pace. We believe in teaching every student for who they are in order for them to connect, succeed and thrive.



What makes Cooma PS a great place to learn?

Family-school partnership:

Our school and community actively work together as partners to support learning, development and wellbeing of students. This partnership is developed through:

- Communication
- Connecting learning at home and school
- Building community and identity
- Recognising and valuing the important role of the family
- Consultation on decision-making
- Collaboration beyond the school gate
- Participation by recognising the value of each child's family and support network.



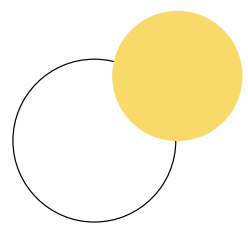
Bingitj Boorai's:

At Cooma PS we have created a safe space to give student voice, support and friendship to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Our Bingitj Boorai's - meaning cheeky child in Ngarigo language meet fortnightly to learn about and immerse themselves in cultural activities and focus on improving student outcomes.



Play based learning:

Children are naturally curious! At Cooma PS we recognise the need for students to learn about the world around them through watching, listening, moving, talking, feeling, exploring and questioning. These interactions and experiences often involve play. Through using play based learning our students can discover their own interests and abilities and imagine, investigate and explore!



The ins and outs of the school day



School Times:

Playground supervision starts:

8:40am

School Starts:

9:10am

Recess:

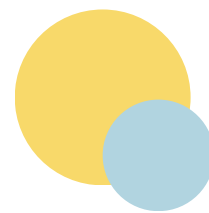
11:10am - 11:45am

Lunch:

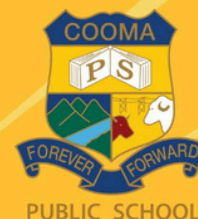
1:20pm - 2:00pm

End of School Day:

3:10pm



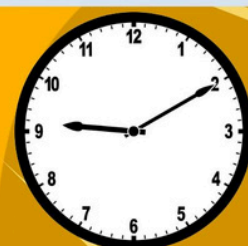
EVERY MINUTE AT SCHOOL COUNTS



When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning is at the beginning of the day!

**SCHOOL STARTS AT
9.10AM – DON'T BE
LATE!**



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

Important: Supervision does not begin before 8.40am.

Should you need to drop your children at school before 8.40am or collect after 3.10pm, we have a before and after school care program run by **Theircare operating from our school.**
Their phone number is: 0417042184 and they happily accept casual use of the program.

Transport and Uniforms

Transport to and from school:

If you need to privately transport your child more than 1.6km from your home to school or the nearest bus stop, you can apply for a Private Vehicle Conveyance subsidy. Follow the link for more details.

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolDriveSubsidy>

Buses:

Please contact the bus companies or check their websites for routes that may be appropriate for your needs and to apply for a bus pass. Our two local school bus companies are:

Cooma Coaches: 6452 4841 <https://coomacoaches.com.au/>

Snowliner Coaches: 64521584 <https://www.snowliner.com.au/>



School Uniform:

Our school uniform consists of:

- *Navy blue bottoms, pants/shorts/skirts/skorts
- *Gold polo tops (short or long sleeve)
- *Girls blue/white check tunic (*if desired - ordered at Mainstreet Clothing*)
- *Navy jumpers
- *Bucket hat (no caps please)
- *Appropriate closed in runners/school shoes



Where possible, shirts and jumpers should be embroidered with the Cooma Public School logo. Embroidered student uniform items can be purchased through local Cooma businesses, Hip Pocket or Your Workwear Cooma. Alternatively, you can take your own clothing item to them and have them embroider our school logo onto it for a small cost.

Your child may use any school backpack appropriate for their size or bags with the Cooma Public School logo can be purchased online at <https://harlequinkids.com.au/your-school/cooma-public-school.html>

All Kindergarten students receive an initial school hat gifted in their Kindergarten pack. Further school hats are purchased through the Student Pay + tab on the Sentral Parent Portal.

School bucket hat - available to purchase through the school



Year 6 shirt



The team at Cooma PS

The Executive Team



Karen Butchers
Principal



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Principal
Stage 2



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Early stage 1 & stage 1

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Gina Thornton



Mary Hartley



Grace Bligh



Liz Withers



Leah Miller

The team at Cooma PS

The Support Team



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SLSO



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SLSO



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SLSO



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SLSO



Tiarne
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