



**Wandana**  
Preschool – Year 6  
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## Welcome

We are looking forward to welcoming our School Community back for the 2025 school year, which will begin on Tuesday, 28th January. We would like to send a special welcome to all new families and children who will be joining our school.

We have some important information to enable a smooth start to the year:-

- **PUPIL FREE DAY to be added to your calendar.** Monday, 10th February will be our first Pupil Free Day for the year. This has been approved by our Governing Council.
- Uniforms were ordered last year and will be sent from our supplier on the 24th January. We were hoping they would arrive earlier for the start of the year, however they have had shipping delays. We should receive the uniforms in the first week of school. We apologise for the inconvenience.
- New Receptions and new students to the school will be provided with a free hat, however this will be delayed until our stock arrives. Students will be permitted to wear a hat from home until the school hats have arrived.
- If you are an existing student and have lost your hat or would like to purchase a new one, please feel free to come into the front office when stock is available. Hats are still priced at \$10.00. There has been some minor increases in uniform fees, please see the price list included in this newsletter.
- Students will be provided with all their materials, stationary etc. Parents will need to provide the **uniform, a bag, lunch and recess in a lunch container and a drink bottle**. Please ensure that all items from home including school uniforms are labelled clearly. This will make it easier for us to return these items to your child if they become lost.
- On the first day of school (Tuesday, 28th January), students will be asked to meet on the asphalt (basketball court) to meet their teacher. There will be staff in the yard to assist you if you have forgotten which class your child is in. The school day begins at 8:40am. Students are permitted on school grounds from 8:30am, this is when teachers are on duty to supervise the yard.

*20th January 2025*



## Swimming for Reception to Years 5 (not including Room 6 & 7).



Swimming for the 2025 is being held in Term 1 in Week 6, 3rd to 7th March. Parents and caregivers have been asking for swimming to be moved to the warmer months to ease any illness from cold weather. We were fortunate to secure a spot at the new Salisbury Aquatic Centre. The fees for swimming will be \$35.00 each child. The school will cover the rest of the fees for buses and entry. This amount will need to be paid before by the end of Week 5. If you would like to pay by instalments, please see Ali in the front office.

## 2025 Materials & Services Charge (school fees)

Our 2025 Materials and Services fees have been set at \$300.00 per student as per the watermark notice approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Department for Education (refer to Education Act section 106A). This is the prescribed fee set by the Department. No additional amounts have been added.

The SA Government will be providing a \$200 rebate for 2025 with the credit being applied to each child's invoice. Eligible School Card applicants are exempt from the rebate. This brings the payment for the year down to **\$100.00**. As this is a very reasonable amount we are asking that all families that do not qualify for school card pay this amount as soon as possible.

Fees are required to be paid in full by 11th April 2025 (end of term 1) unless you have applied for School Card and are waiting on an outcome or have completed a Payment Plan. Invoices will be given to families by the end of week 2.

## School Card scheme (assistance for low-income families)

The School Card scheme is administered by the Department for Education (DfE) and provides financial assistance towards the educational expenses incurred by families at government and non-government schools who meet the eligibility criteria.

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family income for the 2023/2024 financial year being within the School Card income limits. School card applications are lodged online. Information and applications can be found at [www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the School Card team on 1800 672 758. **NOTE: A new application for School Card must be completed and lodged each year.**

If you need any assistance completing the form, please do not hesitate to come and see Ali or Shailey in the front office.



## Absences from School

If your child is going to be absent from school please advise the front office by telephone, in person or email. If your child will be arriving late, please make sure they come through the front office to sign in or an absence may be marked against their name.

When collecting your child early, please ensure that you visit the front office to sign your child out. This is an important procedure to ensure duty of care is provided.




## Communicating with school

While there are several ways information is communicated to our community, the bulk of our communication will come through your email. It is very important that any changes to your email address or contact information, including mobile numbers and emergency contacts is advised to the school as a matter of priority.

Our school telephone number is **8261 1699** and our email address is: **dl.0994.info@schools.sa.edu.au**.

## Our School Day

Our School Day looks like this:-

<b>Teachers on Duty in the School Yard</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
<b>School day begins in class</b>	<b>8.40am</b>
<b>Learning time</b>	<b>8.40am - 11.00am</b>
 <b>Recess</b>	<b>11.00am-11.30am</b>
<b>Learning time</b>	<b>11.30am-1.00pm</b>
 <b>Lunch</b>	<b>1.00pm - 1.30pm</b>
<b>Learning Time</b>	<b>1.30pm-3.00pm</b>
 <b>Home Time - Pick up</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>

## Food allergies



At our school, we have students with allergies to various food products. Most people have heard about peanut allergies, but many other foods can also cause allergic reactions. The most common foods people are allergic to are kiwi fruit, peanuts, tree nuts, milk, eggs, wheat, fish, shellfish, soy, lupin and sesame seed.

Classes that require additional food safety will display a sign detailing which food should be avoided in that area. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child's teacher if you are considering packing any of the above-mentioned foods to ensure it is safe to do so. Please also inform your children that they should never share or swap food at school.

For more information, we encourage you to visit [www.allergyfacts.org.au](http://www.allergyfacts.org.au). We thank you for helping us to make our school a safe environment for all students.

## Medication at school

Parents/carers of children who require medication while at school are kindly asked to send a new supply to the school. It is also a DfE requirement that all health care plans are reviewed at least every 12 months or sooner if there is a change in condition or care.

All medication must be provided in an original pharmacy container and have a clear pharmacy label with:

- your child's name
- date of dispensing
- name of medication
- strength of medication
- dose (how much to give)
- when it should be given
- length of treatment or end date (where appropriate)
- any other administration instructions (ie to be taken with food)
- expiry date (where there is no expiry date the medication must have been dispensed within the last 6 months)

We are unable to accept or administer medication if it is not correctly labelled as above.

A friendly reminder for parents/carers of new students who require medication at school; if you have not already supplied the school with the medication and an updated Health Care Plan, please do so as soon as possible. Please be aware your child may not be able to attend any aquatic events, camps or school excursions without a completed Health Care Plan. If you require any further information, please see Shailey in the front office.

## Governing Council Nominations for 2025



Have you ever thought about joining our Governing Council. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th February and we invite our School Community to get involved.

All parents/carers who have children currently enrolled at our school in 2025 are eligible to nominate for election as councillor.

All school volunteers including members of the Governing Council undertake a Working with Children Check (WWCC) through the Department. The school facilitates and pays for this process.

We currently have 2 continuing Governing Council Members (1 year left) and vacancies for all other positions. If you would like to nominate for a position on the Council, please see Shailey or Ali in the front office for a nomination form, alternatively we can email a form out to you.

### Open Evening

We will be having our Acquaintance Night on Tuesday, 11th February. This is a perfect opportunity to meet your child's teacher and allow your child to show you through their classroom and see the work they have completed in the first few weeks. You will also have the opportunity to visit the specialist learning areas including PE, Science, Performing Arts, The Resource Centre and our EALD/ATSI room.

The Open Evening is an opportunity to develop positive parent/teacher relationships and to empower your child to guide you around their class, not an opportunity to discuss individual children. Parent & Teacher Connection meetings will be held in Week 5 of Term 1 where you are able to discuss your child individually.

### Annual General Meeting

Following the Open Evening on Tuesday, 11th February, we will hold the school's AGM (Annual General Meeting) from xx until xx where we will elect members for the 2025 Governing Council.

### Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of our school. Family participation at any level is greatly appreciated and valued. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our volunteers back into our school community.

Our school's Volunteer Policy requires that all volunteers complete a Working with Children Check (WWCC) and undertake an induction with Cuc. Please see the front office or Cuc if you would like to become a Volunteer.

## Wandana School Uniform

The school uniform at Wandana helps to develop the school identity and enables students to gain a sense of being part of the school community. As mentioned above school hats are provided free of charge to new students to the school. Students are asked to wear navy pants and skirts and have the school polo with our logo. You can find a good selection of navy shorts, track suits, skorts etc at Big W, Target, Kmart etc. The logo embroidered uniform items can be purchased from the front office. It is very important students are in uniform everyday. We also have a large selection of 2nd hand uniforms that students can use.

### Hats

In line with the Department for Education requirements and Cancer Council SA guidelines, our Sun Smart policy is in place during the 4 terms. Students who do not have hats will be asked to play under the allocated shade areas.

Uniforms are priced as follows:

<b>Uniform Item</b>	<b>Price</b>
<b>Polo Shirt</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>
<b>Winter &amp; Summer Jackets</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Windcheaters</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>
<b>Dresses (Checked)</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>
<b>Shorts tailored &amp; Skorts</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>
<b>Mesh Basketball Shorts</b>	<b>15.00</b>
<b>Tracksuit pants (cuffed &amp; Longline)</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Legionnaire Hats (replacements &amp; Preschool)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Adult sizes of above</b>	<b>Please see staff</b>

## Attendance at School

Consistent school attendance from the early years is fundamental to ensuring children gain a strong foundation for later learning.

At Wandana we want our students here at school every single day, to build relationships and learning.

In addition to the protective factors provided by enrolment and attendance, research indicates that students who regularly attend school achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance patterns.

School attendance contributes to a community that is well-educated, healthier, employed, financially independent and more empowered. Children and young people who do not regularly attend school miss out on planned learning experiences, sequences of instruction and class participation. The impact of this loss is compounded with each absence.

The Department for Education has adopted the following definitions consistent with best practice to identify students at risk through non-attendance:

- Habitual non-attendance where a student has 5 to 9 absences for any reason in a term (average of 1 day per fortnight).
- Chronic non-attendance where a student is absent for 10 days or more in a term for any reason (average of 1 day per week).

# Attendance Matters



**Enrol now for preschool**



It's now time to enrol your child to start preschool. If your child turns 4:

- **before 1 May**, they're eligible to start preschool in term 1 that year
- **between 1 May and 31 October**, they're eligible to start preschool in term 3 that year
- **after 31 October**, they're eligible to start preschool in term 1 the following year



Scan the QR code or visit the link below to find out more:  
[education.sa.gov.au/preschool-enrolment](http://education.sa.gov.au/preschool-enrolment)



## HAPPY HAVEN OSHC

### PROVIDING SERVICES WHEREVER NEEDED

Welcome to the Happy Haven OSHC Community! Information on sessions available at each service, session times, contact information and locations can be found by clicking on the relevant buttons.

All detailed information for OSHC services including payment terms, cancellation policy, medication and additional needs are available in the family handbook, or by logging into our portal once you have enrolled.