

First Day of School 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to returning to school in 2022. The following letter outlines some information for the beginning of the 2022 school year. In order to protect our whole school community, we will be keeping our current arrangements with no parents entering our school grounds. Our staff will keep our current cohorting arrangements of P-2, 3-6 and 7-10. Staff and students will remain within these cohorts with no cross over. Students in year 7-10 must wear a mask, we encourage students in Year 3-6 to also wear a mask, it is optional for younger students.

Return dates

Monday 31 January 2022	Preschool - Bural, Winyu and Bunduluk (staggered start times) Kindergarten (staggered start times) Year 7 (9:08am) New Students P-10 (orientation session 10:00-10:45am)
Tuesday, 1 February 2022	Preschool - Year 6 (9:00am) Year 7-10 (9:08am)
Thursday, 3 February 2022	Preschool - Kagu and Dyurra (staggered start times)

Amaroo School start and finish times

Primary School	9:00am- 3:00pm
Secondary School	9:08am- 3:06pm

Entry Gates

The following year groups are required to enter through specific entry gates:

Preschool	Winyu, Dyurra, Bunduluk (gate closest to the Kindergarten area of the main school building). Bural, Kagu (gate closest to Good Shepherd school).
Kindergarten and Year 1	Bottom gates between Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms.
Year 2 and Year 6	Gate between Year 2 classrooms and Administration building.
Year 3	Enter via the fishbowl entrance or top gate near the Onyx theatre.
Year 4 and Year 5	Enter via the gate between the Administration building and GLA building.
Diamond Program (K-6)	Dropped off and picked up from the Diamond door in Early Childhood or the external gate to the enclosed playground (near the car park).

Preschool

Preschool will have staggered start times on Day 1. You will be informed of your child's arrival time for school via email prior to Monday. Please continue to check emails and school correspondence for the details regarding the start of school.

Preschool commences Monday, 31 January 2022 and will be on an odd/even split week attendance process. This means your child will be at preschool for 5 days each fortnight. You will receive a class calendar in Week 1.

Preschool staggered start times will commence from 8:45am on the first day, in 15 min increments until all the children have arrived. Children will be greeted at the preschool gates by our friendly staff. On day one, one

parent or carer may accompany the child on to preschool grounds and the teacher will take them into the classroom. From day two drop off will be at the gates. Please talk to your child about this process, and plan a positive and short goodbye with them.

Pick up will be from 2:45pm, we ask that parents be at the gates to pick up their children.

Gate closest to Kindergarten Terrace (right side of building)

Gate closest to Good Shepherd School (left side of building)

Bunduluk, Winyu and Dyurra groups

Bural and Kagu groups

Kindergarten

Kindergarten commences Monday, 31 January 2022 Kindergarten will have staggered start times on Day 1. You will be informed of your child's arrival time for school and class balloon colour via email in late January 2022. Please continue to check emails and school correspondence for the details regarding the start of school.

Kindergarten staggered start times will commence from 9am on the 31 January, in 15 minute increments until all the children have arrived. On the first day, one parent or carer is permitted to accompany their kindergarten child into the courtyard where you will find your child's classroom table with coloured balloons. The class teacher will greet you here and once all children have arrived for this time slot, the class teacher will walk them to their classroom. This process will continue until all students have arrived for their first day. After this parents are asked to leave the grounds. From day two students will enter the school from the gates. Please talk to your child about how the morning will look, and plan a positive and short goodbye with them. All Kindergarten classes will be in the Ruby Terrace with the red door.

Pick up will be from 2:40pm at the "Kiss and Drop" area. We ask that parents look for the class teacher and balloon colour to pick up their child.

Year 7

Year 7 will start on **Monday 31 January at 9:08am** in the Gym for a year level welcome assembly followed by a mini timetable for the day to meet each of their teachers.

9.08	Welcome in the Gym
9:30am	AmCares
10:00am	Line A
10:25am	Line B
10:50am	Line C
11:15am	B1
11:55am	Line D
12:20pm	Line E
12:45pm	Line F
1:10pm	Line G
1:40pm	B2
2:00pm	AmCares
3:06pm	End of day

On Tuesday 1 February, year 7 students will go directly to their Amcares class at 9:08am.

Year 7 students will be allocated their Chromebook from the ACT Government during the last lesson on the first day, providing their Acceptance Form has been returned.

New students to Amaroo School in Years 1-6 & Years 8-10

All students new to Amaroo are invited to attend on **Monday 31 January 2022 at 10:10:45am** for an orientation session. We are unable to do parent and carer tours due to covid restrictions.

New students Years 1 to 6 can meet their new classroom teacher at the "Drop and Kiss" area. Students will need to be collected from this same location at 10:45am.

New students Years 8 to 10 can meet their year coordinator at the Fishbowl entrance for a tour, timetable check, elective selection. Students will need to be collected from this location at 10:45am.

Years 1-6

You will be informed via an email from your child's 2022 class teacher on the Friday before school commences and the location of the classroom. **On Tuesday 1 February** students in Years 1-6 will start at 9:00am and be encouraged to go straight to their classrooms. Support staff will also be available in the morning to assist students with locating their classroom.

Classroom Locations are as follows:

All Year 1 classes will be in the Topaz Terrace with the orange door.

All Year 2 classes will be in the Emerald or sapphire terraces through the green or blue door.

Years 3,4,5 will be upstairs of the GLA building.

Year 6 will be in the portables.

End of the day:

At the end of the day students will be directed to different areas of the school to minimise cohort mixing and ease congestion in the carpark. Students in Year 1 and 2 will wait with their classroom teacher.

Year 1 will finish at 2:50pm. Students are to be collected by parents and carers at the front of the school at the "Kiss and Drop" location.

Year 2 are to be collected by parents and carers at the front of the school at the "Kiss and Drop" location at 3pm.

Year 3 students will exit via the Fish Bowl at 3pm

Year 4 students will exit via the gate between the Administration building and GLA building at 3pm.

Year 5 students are to exit via the gate between the Administration building and GLA building at 3pm.

Year 6 students are to enter (9am) and exit (3pm) via the gates between Year 2 classrooms and Administration building.

Years 8-10

On Tuesday 1 February students in Years 8-10 will start at 9:08am and are asked to go to the following locations upon arrival

Yr 8 - Gym

Yr 9 - Onyx Theatre

Yr 10 - Hall

Once students have a name tag they move into their AMCares groups for a short session. The regular timetable will then start from Lesson 2.

Stationery and Equipment

Having the right equipment for your child to engage in their learning is essential. Book lists are available from the Front Office or from the School's Website www.amaroos.act.edu.au Students still require basic stationery and equipment for them to keep track of written work, graph paper, pens and pencils. Please ensure your child has all the items required.

We ask parents and carers to send all stationery items in a labelled bag/box into school on the first day. We will have signed drop off locations around the school for students not able to carry their packs into the classroom.

If you have purchased the Chromebook in the Year 4 to 6 book packs, these will have been delivered directly to you.

Car Park

Our car park is busy. Please obey the 5km speed signs, no parking signs, no stopping signs and designated disabled parking signs. Park in bays only and please do not drop off or pick up your children at our pedestrian crossings. There are designated Kiss and Drop bays at the front of the school for dropping off your children. Please **do not** park in these bays. There is also parking available at the rear of the school off Horse Park Drive (please note back of school grounds gate closes at 3:30pm daily).

Amaroo School Uniform Shop

Amaroo School uniform shop will be open on Friday 28 January 2022. Due to Covid requirements, this is by appointment only. Please book a timeslot by contacting amaroopc.president@gmail.com

Facebook, Twitter and Amaroo App

Amaroo School has a Twitter and Facebook page. Please *Like* our page to keep up to date with relevant school achievements. You can also download our free Amaroo App which will allow you to receive our newsletter, provide absentee notifications and notes as well as receive other important school based information, including our brand new Parent Calendar.

School Newsletter and Website

The school newsletter is emailed to parents/carers and published on our school's website (www.amaroos.act.edu.au) every second Thursday, under the heading "Our School" with a drop down to the newsletter. Our website also contains our school procedures as well as further information important to your child's education.

If your contact details have changed over the holiday period please email the info line with your up-dated details. info@amaroos.act.edu.au. Please ensure that you include your child's name, the year they will be in in 2022, your name and up-dated details.

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Executive Principal

January 2022

School Uniform Options below:

Amaroo School Indigenous Polo Shirts and shorts can be purchased from: <https://srsports.com.au/collections/amaroo> Purchased items are delivered to the school for distribution.



Amaroo Indigenous Art Shirt – Primary
K-6 – \$33.91



Amaroo Indigenous Art Shirt – Year 7-8
– \$33.91



Amaroo Indigenous Art Shirt – Year 9-10
– \$33.91



Primary School Uniform (Kindergarten to Year 6)



All uniforms are available from Lowes in Gungahlin

Secondary School Polo Shirts



School Polo Shirt (Year 7-8)



School Polo Shirt (Year 9-10)



Sports Polo Shirt (Year 7-10)

Secondary School Uniform (Year 7-10)



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