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AMAROO SCHOOL

SECONDARY SECTOR (YEARS 7-10)

Year 7 2025 Information Booklet



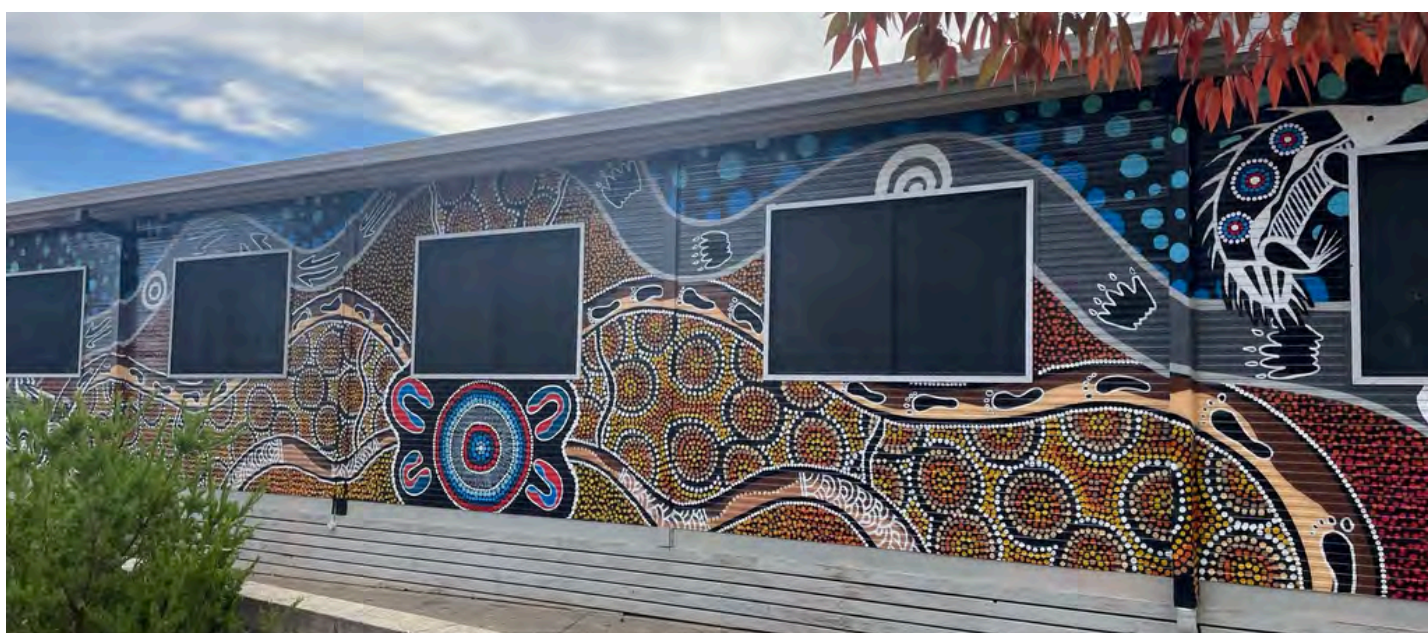
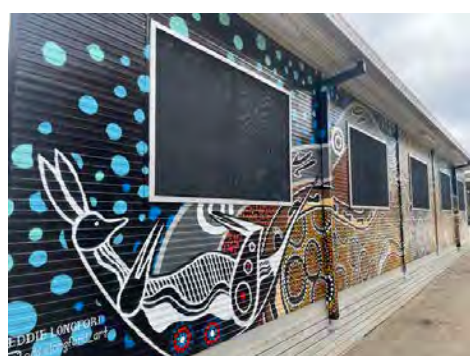
Amaroo School values excellence and inclusion by
being safe, respectful, responsible learners.



Amaroo School acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land where we live, learn and teach.

We recognise and celebrate the invaluable wisdom, knowledge and guidance passed down by our Elders. As the first teachers of this land, we embrace the knowledge they provide us. We commit to fostering a learning environment that celebrates curiosity, critical thinking, and collaboration. We acknowledge that learning is a journey of discovery, where every voice is valued, and every perspective contributes to our collective understanding.

May we walk this path of learning with openness and a deep respect for the knowledge embedded in the land and its custodians.



Artist - Eddie Longford

The design represents the schools connection to Country and community. The design on each side includes the local mountains with animal tracks (kangaroo & echidna). The mountains have the local grinding stone sites.

In the middle is the school the large circle surrounded by small and large U shapes (people- students and staff) I have also added tracks coming to school (with feet).

In the background ground I have added circle patterns which represents students and staff homes (community) at the bottom I have also added large U shapes this also represents the community.

The painting pays tribute to the local people by recognising the local area and represents the schools connection to Country.

Welcome to

AMAROO SCHOOL



Amaroo School was opened in 2004. Amaroo School enjoys the support of the community and educates students from Preschool to Year 10. Amaroo School currently has 1809 students.

Welcome to Amaroo School. Our school is designed to cater for the learning needs of students from Preschool to Year 10. We pride ourselves on providing the very best learning experiences for all our students.

At Amaroo School we are committed to working with each student; challenging, encouraging and supporting them to achieve beyond their expectations and to mature into a balanced global citizen.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child to ensure they are able to learn and develop to their full potential.

This booklet is designed to provide you with general information about the school and its learning philosophy.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact us in person, via phone on 6142 1266 or email info@amaroos.act.edu.au.

We look forward to sharing in your child's learning and working in close partnership with you.

CINDIE DEEKER
Executive Principal

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Principal - Secondary



PRIORITY ENROLMENT AREA

Enrolment in an ACT public school is determined by a child or young person's place of residence. The ACT is divided into Priority Enrolment Areas (PEAs) which are defined geographical areas. Every child residing within a school's PEA is guaranteed a place at that school (kindergarten to year 12). If a school has capacity available after accepting students from its PEA, it may enrol ACT students who live outside the PEA, subject to the [enrolment criteria](#).

Amaroo School 7 - 10 Priority Enrolment Area

- Amaroo
- Bonner
- Forde - north of Helen Leonard Crescent and west of Amy Ackman Street
- Jacka - south of Appleford Avenue



Amaroo School is a Category 'A' school. This means we are not able to accept students from outside the PEA due significant in-PEA demand. Category A schools will only consider applications from out of area students against the following criteria, in the order of priority indicated. When completing the online enrolment form, you will be asked to provide a reason for your out of area application. Please refer to these criteria:

1. There are **legal considerations**, including where a Court Order states that a child or young person must attend a specific school (all schools, **not** subject to capacity);
2. There are **individual circumstances, based on student wellbeing**, which mean a child or young person cannot attend their Priority Enrolment Area school, and must attend the Out of Area school to which they have applied (all schools, **not** subject to capacity);
3. The child lives in the ACT and has a **sibling** who will be attending the out of area school at the same time within the same sector (all schools, subject to capacity).

Please visit https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/priority_enrolment_area for more information.



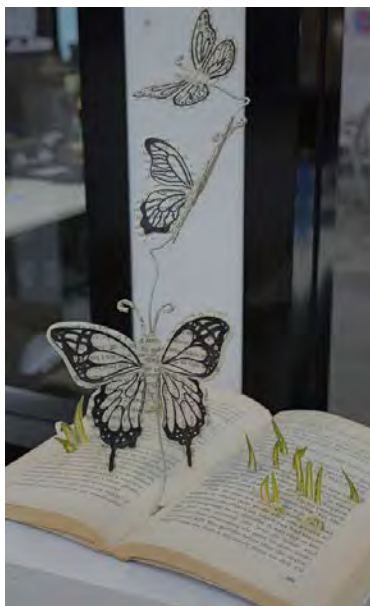
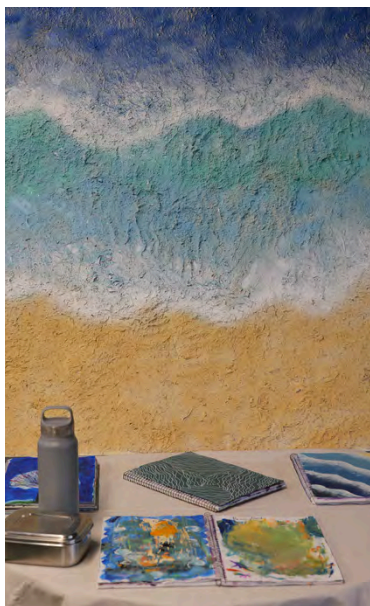
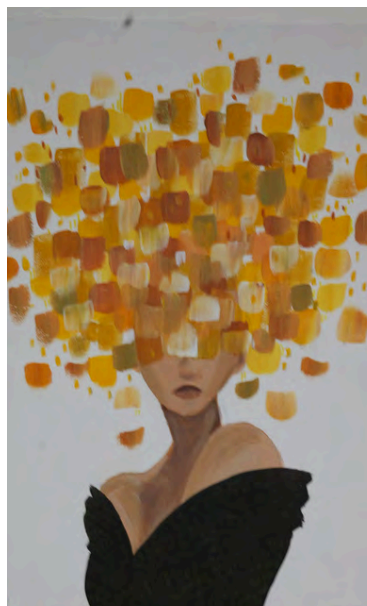
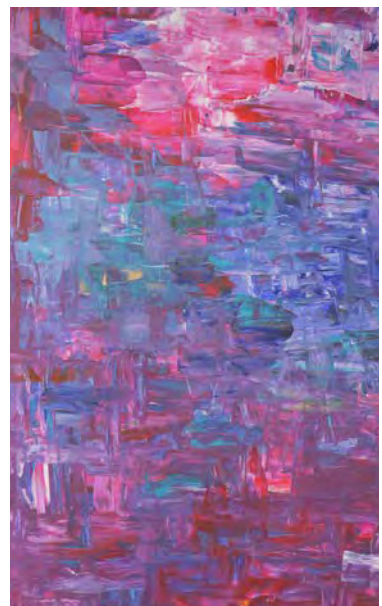
ENROLMENT SUPPORT AT AMAROO

The Amaroo Enrolment team is available to support parents and carers through the enrolment process. Please email amaroo.enrolments@ed.act.edu.au or call [6142 1266](tel:61421266) to make an appointment. Parents and carers can also call the Education Directorate's Enrolments Helpline on [\(02\) 6205 5429](tel:(02)62055429) or by email education.enrolment@act.gov.au.

Enrolments open Tuesday 30th April. Applications received between 30 April and 7 June will receive a letter of offer from 29 July 2024.

Applications made after 7 June will receive their offers later in the year.

Students currently enrolled at Amaroo School **do not** need to complete an enrolment application.



SCHOOL HOURS AND TIMETABLE

2025 TERM DATES

TERM 1: Monday 3 February to Friday 11 April 2025

Monday 3 February - First day for Year 7 students (9am - 3pm)

TERM 2: Tuesday 29 April to Friday 4 July 2025

TERM 3: Tuesday 22 July to Friday 26 September 2025

TERM 4: Tuesday 14 October to Thursday 18 December 2025

SECONDARY SCHOOL HOURS

Start Time: 9:01am

Finish Time: 2:59pm

Break 1: 11:15am - 11:59am

Break 2: 1:42pm - 2:04pm

Before School Supervision: Roving supervision commences at 8:30am in the main areas of the school.

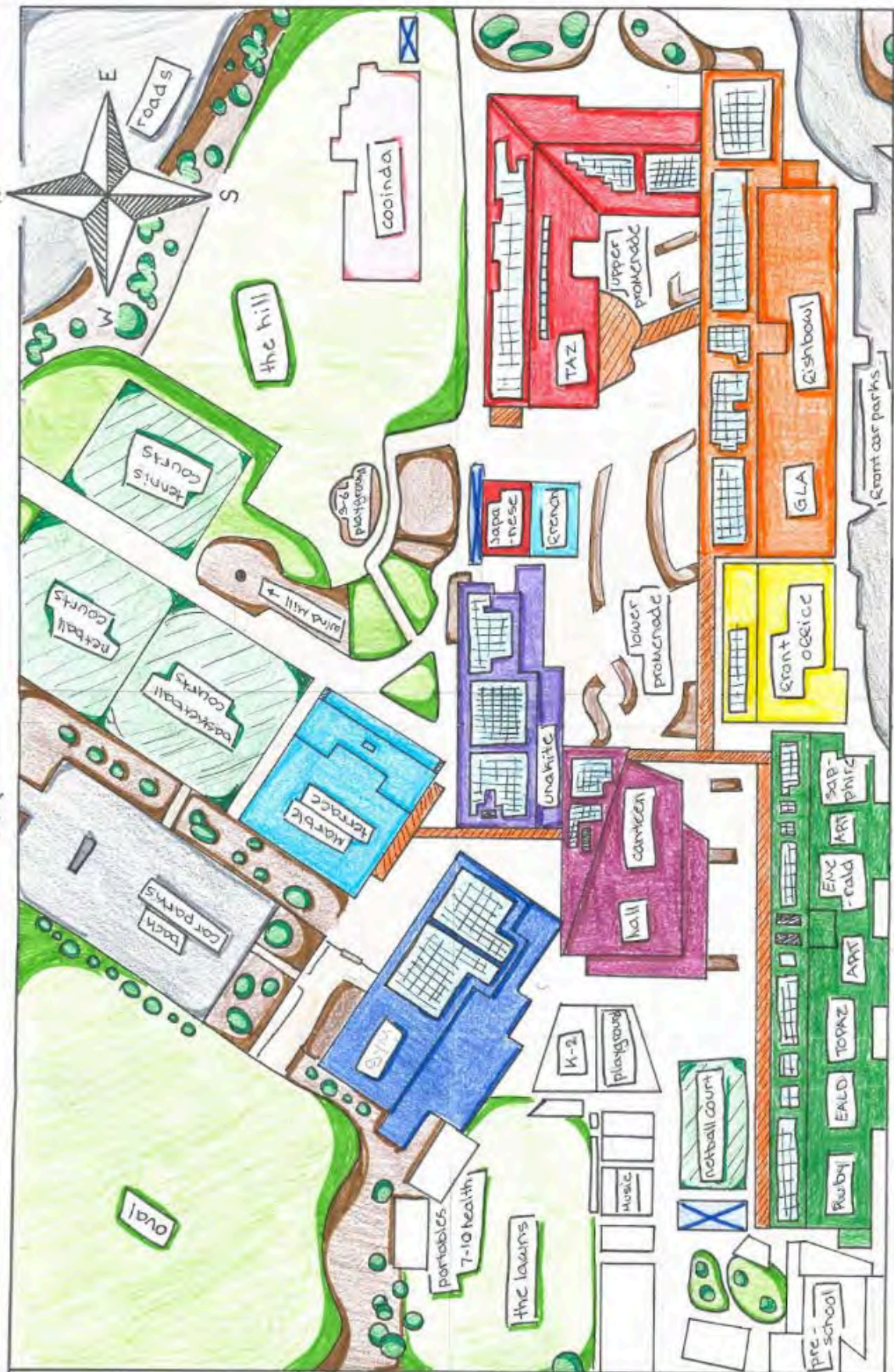
After School supervision: There is staff supervision at each of the crossings, the fishbowl, bus stops and roving staff members for carparks until 3:20pm.

TIMETABLE

All students will be provided with an individual timetable on their first day of school. Students will be supported with how to read their timetable and find their classes when they start school.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Time	Friday
9:01 - 9:08am	AmCares	AmCares	AmCares	AmCares	9:01 - 9:08am	AmCares
9:08 - 10:23am	C line	F line	D line	E line	9:08 - 10am	AmCares
10:23 - 11:15am	A line	A line	B line	B line	10 - 11:15am	G line
11:15 - 11:59am	Break 1				11:15 - 11:59am	Break 1
11:59 - 12:42pm	B line	A line	AmCares	B line	11:59 - 12:42pm	A line
12:42 - 1:42pm	D line	E line	F line	G line	12:42 - 1:42pm	C line
1:42 - 2:04pm	Break 2				1:42 - 2:04pm	Break 2
2:04 - 2:59pm	E line	G line	C line	F line	2:04 - 2:59pm	D line





YEAR 7 PROGRAM

AT AMAROO SCHOOL, STUDENTS STUDY A RANGE OF SUBJECTS TO DEVELOP THEIR CONTENT KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS ACROSS THE DISCIPLINE AREAS

Subjects

Each student studies seven subjects with specialist teachers, using specialist facilities and equipment.

Each student will have the following classes:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities and Social Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Languages (French or Japanese)
- Arts and Technology

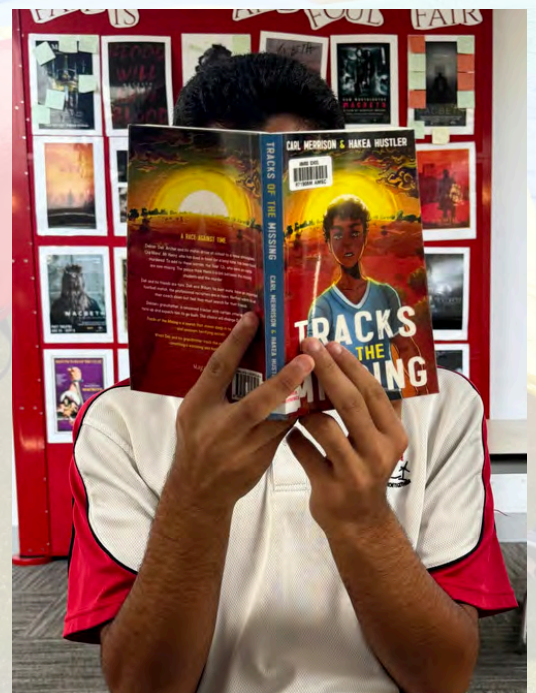
Languages

Students can choose to study French or Japanese in Year 7 and will continue learning this language until the end of Year 8. Students do not need to have studied the language previously.

Arts and Technology

Students will have one Arts/Technology subject each term. Throughout the duration of Year 7, students will study four of the following subjects:

- Food Technology
- Mixed Technology (Wood and Metal)
- Dance
- Drama
- Art
- Music
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)



ELECTIVE OPTIONS

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Year 8 - Arts and Technology

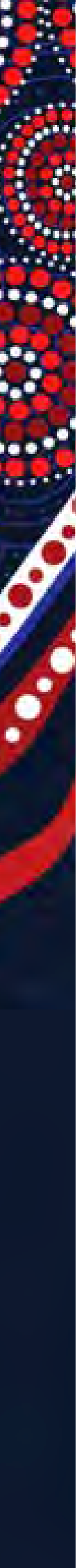
Students will study one Arts and one Technology subject each semester.

Year 9 and 10 - Electives

Students study two electives a semester. Electives range from:

Arts	Technology	Other
Dance	Textiles	Outdoor Education - Aquatics
Drama	Food Technology	Outdoor Education - Land
Music	Hospitality	Archeology
Graphic Arts	Metalwork	Psychology
Media Arts	Woodwork	French
Visual Arts	Computer Programming	Japanese
Ceramics & Sculpture	3D Modelling & Animation	Forensic Science
	STEM	Science Investigations
		Creative Writing





SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

AT AMAROO SCHOOL WE HAVE A RANGE OF SPECIALIST PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT ALL LEARNERS TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL

Apollo Program

The Apollo Program caters for students identified as gifted and/or talented

- Identification occurs at transition points throughout P-10 and also for new students. Students are grouped in classes according to ability and/or performance.

Year 7 Apollo students will be placed in:

- English and Humanities classes,
- Mathematics and Science classes, or
- English, Humanities, Mathematics and Science classes.

Further information about the [Apollo Program](#) can be found on the school website.

AmStudy

Year 7-10 AmStudy runs twice a week in the afternoons. Specialist teachers are available during this time to assist students. Students can bring any work they would like support with including:

- Homework
- Assignments
- Research

Further information on how students can access AmStudy will be provided at the start of the year.

Additional Learning and Support Needs

Amaroo School is inclusive and provides an environment where every student feels welcome and can learn. All ACT public schools provide a range of specialist services to support students with additional needs. This includes support for students' diverse needs in learning or behaviour, students with disability, students with additional health and wellbeing needs. Amaroo School has specialist trained staff and a Disability Education Officer (DECO) who works directly in the school to support students needs and their classroom teachers.

AmFlex

The AmFlex program is designed to provide targeted support to individuals and groups for additional support in literacy, numeracy, engagement and organisational skills. Set tasks are designed with flexibility, for students to complete them using scaffolding, frameworks and individual assistance. Students are invited to join the program based on teacher observations and assessments.

English learners

If your child is learning English as an additional language or dialect (EAL/D) they may require additional support to develop English language skills. Amaroo School provides language support for EAL/D learners to participate fully in schooling, including specialist EAL/D teachers in multiple grade levels. EAL/D teachers conduct small group, whole class and individualised instruction and support to meet the needs of EAL/D learners.

MUSICAL PROGRAMS

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Amaroo School offers a variety of music opportunities for Year 7 students with different levels of musical experience and interest offered during the year. These include Concert Band, Rock Band, and a Vocal Ensemble.

Participation in an ensemble is a year-long commitment. They are generally offered as extra-curricular activities however the Concert Band is a special case in that it meets twice weekly with one session held during school time in conjunction with teachers from the Instrumental Music Program (IMP). Please note that there is a fee to cover collaboration with the IMP.

Students have the chance to perform and attend excursions throughout the year and are often invited to perform at school assemblies and functions.

Year 7 students also participate in a one-term Music class as part of the year 7 elective rotations. The music elective mixes theory and practical lessons. Students can do Music and participate in the various music ensembles as they are run separately throughout the year.

In Year 8, students can continue, or join, the music ensembles, and have the option to study Music as a semester-long elective, exploring both theory and practical components.

In Years 9 and 10, students can continue, or join, the music ensembles while also studying Music as a year-long elective, covering theory and practical lessons.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING

AMAROO SCHOOL PRIORITISES WELLBEING
AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING



WELLBEING AT AMAROO

AMAROO SCHOOL PRIORITISES WELLBEING AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING

AmCares

All students participate in a Social and Emotional pastoral care program called AmCares.

- AmCares occurs every morning with a pastoral care session each week
- AmCares teachers are the first point of contact for students, parents and carers
- AmCares are organised in house groups.

Student Wellbeing & Engagement

Students and families are well supported through our Student Wellbeing team and transition program which includes:

- Executive Teacher of Student Engagement and Wellbeing
- Year 7 Coordinators
- Youth Workers
- School Psychologists
- School Nurse
- Defence School Mentors (DSM)
- Transition visits
- Year 7 Orientation days and information sessions
- External agency support and partnerships

Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL)

Amaroo School actively teaches and promotes positive behaviours for learning. The focus on positive social and individual behaviours build social skills and respect for others.

Amaroo School has frameworks and processes to manage classroom routines and structures to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. You can read more about this on our school website.

Amaroo School expectations

Amaroo School uses Positive Behaviours for Learning to provide positive incentives for students to follow school expectations through:

- Teacher behaviour expectations
- Awarding positive "points" for desired behaviour
- Awards system of Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates
- Recognition medallion for achieving gold level in all four expectations.



WELLBEING AT AMAROO

YOUTH SUPPORT WORKERS AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Youth Support Workers

Youth Support Workers are advocates and role models for teenagers and children and play a critical role in our school community, providing support and guidance to young people in their daily lives. This includes running specialised programs, teaching and guiding life and social skills, and aiding in healing from past trauma.

Amaroo School has two Youth Support Workers who work with your child's teacher, and the leadership team, to provide feedback in order to help the school make any related reasonable adjustments or advocate for additional intervention to meet the needs of the child.

School Psychologist

Amaroo School has a school psychologist on site who can offer short term interim support and assist with connections to community services. A referral to school counselling will be made through the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Team while identifying the best support options.

School Youth Health Nurse (SYHN)

As part of an ACT Government Initiative Amaroo School offers a support through a School Youth Health Nurse (SYHN), who works in collaboration with the Well being Team to promote positive health outcomes for young people and their families.

The role helps support the needs of young people at Amaroo through:

- 1:1 Student Support
- Running small groups (4-6 students) about certain topics or life skills.
- Classroom based education about health topics from a health promotion and harm minimisation approach and
- Health Promotion Activities and Events for a class, grade or whole of school.

A referral will be made through the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Team while identifying the best support options.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTORS

The Defence School Mentor (DSM) program is funded by the Department of Defence through Defence Member and Family Support and DSM's are employed as members of the school staff. Defence families are defined as families in which either or both parents are serving members of the Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force or Royal Australian Navy and Reservists who are on Continuous Full Time Service (CFS).

At Amaroo School we have two Defence School Mentors working together over the whole of the school; Tamara Turner and Alison Bury. At least one of the DSMs are available each day of the school week. Families are welcome to contact the DSM via email or by phoning the front office anytime.

Defence School Mentors we can assist with:

- **Settling in:** Transitioning into a new school can be stressful for some students. Understandably, the reasons are often not knowing anyone and having to make new friends or adjusting to a different educational system. DSMs will work on helping your child feel that they are valued as important members of the school community and to develop friendship and support networks as quickly as possible. They provide information on educational allowances provided by the Department of Defence, should your child require extra tuition due to posting.
- **Deployed parent/Absent from Home (Courses or MWDU):** Family separation affects all members of the family and children's behaviour can sometimes alter as they try to adapt to the changes in home life. It is highly recommended for you to notify your child's teacher and the DSM when a parent is away so your child can be supported.
- **Posting Out:** Most children adapt well and see moving as an adventure. Other children need extra encouragement and positive thinking strategies. DSMs work with students who are posting out of Canberra to farewell their current friends and talk through preparing for their new school.
- **Throughout the week,** DSMs work throughout the school environment allowing them to know your child. This also allows means students are familiar with the DSMs and feel confident in approaching them should they need help.
- **Understanding that Defence kids are a culture unto themselves,** DSMs run weekly activity groups, encouraging connection, fun and opportunities to talk through issues and emotions that surface as a result of their lived experience.



SCHOOL HOUSES

All staff and students are assigned to one of four Houses, each with its own identity.

Each house is named after an element and has its own identifying colour. The School houses are linked to Amaroo School's Positive Behaviour for Learning and also play a key role at sporting events.

House Captains are role models for the school and more specifically for students of the sports house. They are known by the school community because of their commitment to a healthy and active lifestyle. The House Captains play an important role in organising and presenting at sporting events and are active in the school community at break times.

Each year group has two house leaders which are nominated early in Term 1. A House Captain and Vice Captain are also nominated for Year 10.





SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. The wearing of school uniform contributes to the safe and welcoming environment at Amaroo School. It allows students to feel a sense of pride and helps them to be ready for learning. At Amaroo School all students are expected to be in school uniform.

Amaroo School uniforms (including the Indigenous shirts) are available at Lowes in Gungahlin. The P&C also operates the school uniform shop selling second-hand uniforms and a select range of new uniform items. All items are \$5.00 each. New hoodies are available for \$35.00. The shop is staffed by volunteers and profits raised from sales are used to benefit all students.

You can visit our school [website](#) for more information on uniforms and details such as the opening hours of the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

AMAROO SCHOOL UNIFORM YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8

- Navy shorts, trousers or track pants, school skirt
- Navy blue with red striped collar short sleeved polo shirt or navy indigenous polo
- White with blue striped collar short sleeved polo shirt (for sport)
- Navy and red polo fleece jacket, sport jacket, hoodie
- Navy bucket hat
- Joggers or school shoes (must be an enclosed shoe)

Please label all items of clothing. This will assist the school in returning lost items to students. All unnamed items will be placed in lost property boxes located outside the fishbowl and the canteen.

Secondary School Polo Shirts



School Polo Shirt (Year 7-8)

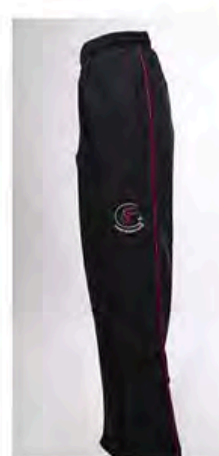


School Polo Shirt (Year 9-10)



Sports Polo Shirt (Year 7-10)

Secondary School Uniform (Year 7-10)



SCHOOL UNIFORM

AMAROO SCHOOL UNIFORM YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10

- Navy shorts, trousers or track pants , school skirt
- White with red striped collar short sleeved polo shirt or white indigenous polo
- White with blue striped collar short sleeved polo shirt (for sport)
- Navy and red polo fleece jacket, sport jacket, hoodie
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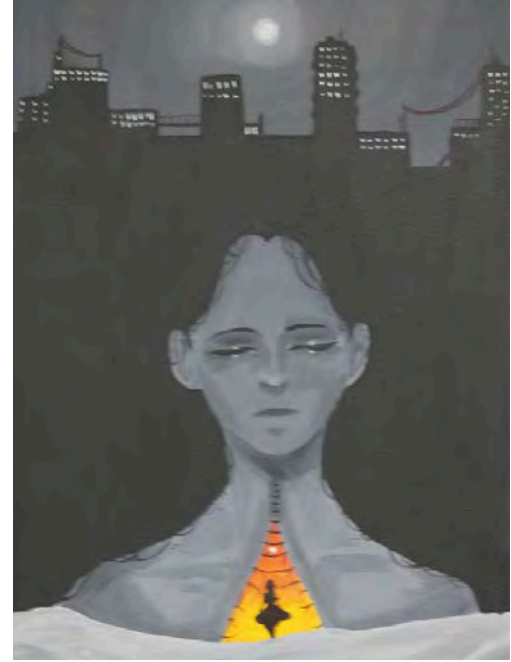
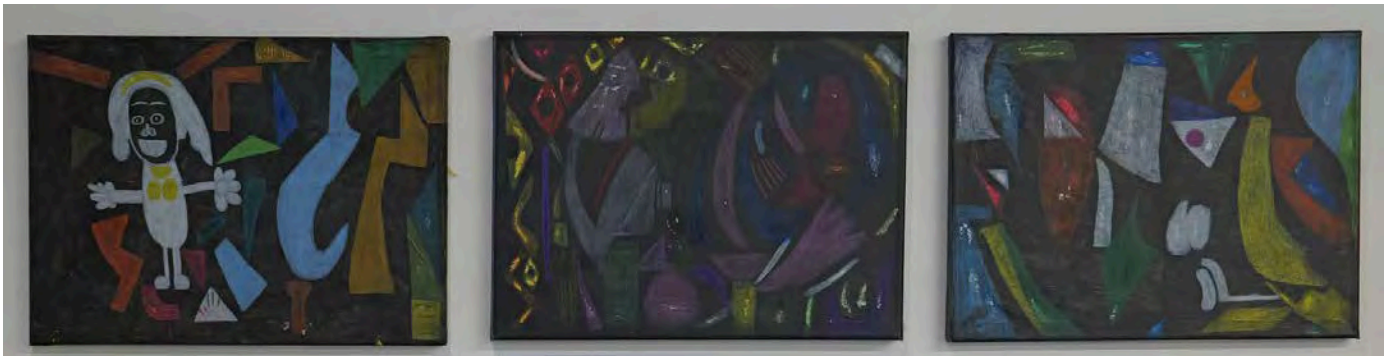
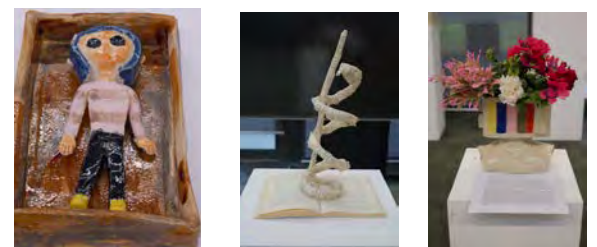
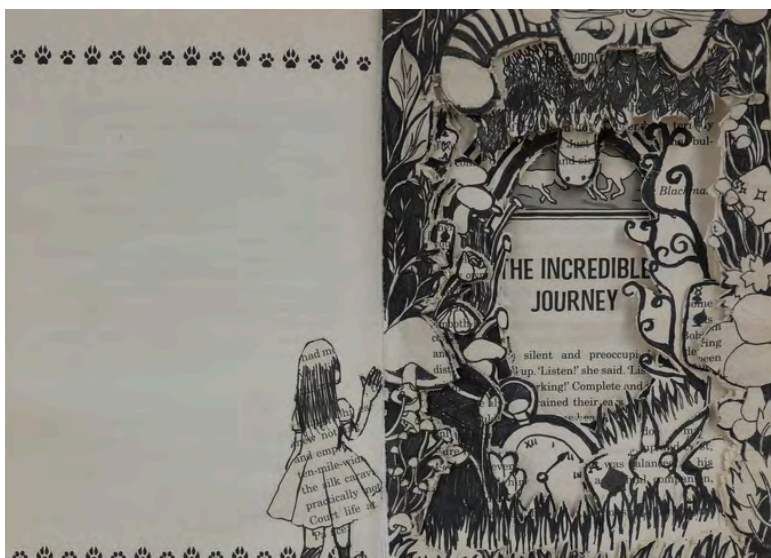
AMAROO SCHOOL INDIGENOUS POLO

Where did this design come from and what does it mean?

In 2022 Amaroo School engaged with a local Wiradjuri woman, Rebecca Salcole, who is a contemporary artist.

She designed an art work that represents the Amaroo School community and our strong connection to country.

The design showcases our journey to empower our individual spirit through learning and continue on our schools cultural journey.



Amaroo AmStudy

Manage your time
Access great support
Get help with your studies

COOINDA TERRACE



Monday and Thursday



3 - 4pm

Register by QR on the day

Earn PBL and AmPoints

SCHOOL CANTEEN



School Canteen

The Amaroo Canteen is operated by the P&C and is open for B1 and B2, 5 days a week. All orders can be placed online via Flexi Schools. Items can also be purchased during break times.

CLUBS

The school has a range of clubs available for students to participate in during break times. The schedule will be communicated via Google Classroom at the beginning of each school term.

In semester 1, 2024 the following clubs are running:

Monday - Board games

Tuesday - Art club

Wednesday - Chess club

Thursday - Chess club

Friday - Bike repair



BUDDIES PROGRAM

The Buddies Program is designed to build connections between secondary and primary students. Opportunities occur throughout the year for students to get to know their buddies and engage in games and craft activities based on a particular theme.



FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

AMAROO SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Looking for a way to get involved and have your say? Why not join the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

The P&C, in partnership with Amaroo School, supports students' learning experience by:

- providing a forum for parents to discuss educational matters;
- encouraging co-operation and community involvement in the school;
- fundraising for the school, particularly through the operations of the canteen and uniform shop; and
- advising parent Board members of the view of the parent body on particular issues.

The P&C welcomes all parents and community members. It's your opportunity to have a say in school matters and help the school achieve its goals. Sign up to the Amaroo P&C mailing list to receive information on meetings, events and fundraising activities.



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