

ILLAROO ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

This school provides a sensitive learning environment aimed at encouraging each child towards the achievement of personal excellence now and in the future.

Illaroo Road Public School was opened in 1969 with six classrooms. Over the years the school population grew quickly so that by the late 1990's it was necessary to open another school in North Nowra. The OC program was instituted as an area resource in 2001 in response to the lack of provision for gifted and talented students in the Shoalhaven.

The school grounds have been transformed over the years to provide a natural environment conducive to learning. Playground facilities include a tennis court, basketball court, cricket nets, climbing equipment, quiet area and large covered outdoor learning area.

Student learning opportunities are developed collaboratively by stage and year level teachers. All curriculum documents are in line with NSW Education Standards Authority curriculum guidelines.

School policies are designed to meet the particular needs of the students at Illaroo Road Public School, providing them with balanced programs for their intellectual, social, physical and emotional development. Programs are designed to move students towards the attainment of personal excellence.

An integral part of the learning environment is the child's home. We believe school and home need to work co-operatively. Parent participation in providing meaningful, child-centred education is encouraged at Illaroo Road.



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YEAR 2020 Opportunity Class Program

'Reach For The Sky'



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ORIENTATION DAY

- An orientation day will be held for successful Year 5 OC students on **Monday, 25 November, 2019** at the school.
- The day will include information on the OC program, the Year 5 'Getting to Know You Camp', school routine and school uniforms. It will also be an opportunity for the children to get to know each other.
- It is essential that a parent accompany each student to the OC class orientation day for the morning session. Students will spend time getting to know their new class from recess until 2.30pm.
- The orientation day will begin at 9.30am and conclude at about 2.30pm. Students are expected to wear their own school uniform.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- The Illaroo Road Public School uniform can be purchased at the school.
- The school uniform will be on display and available for purchase at the OC class orientation day.
- All students are expected to attend school each day in the correct school uniform, including the correct school hat and shoes.



TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

- Information for students travelling to and from the OC class by public transport will be available on the orientation day.

OC CLASS ENROLMENT

- Enrolment forms for the OC class will be mailed to parents/carers. They can be returned on the orientation day.

OC CLASS STARTING DAY

- **All OC students will start the 2020 school year on Wednesday, 29 January.**
- Students should report to their classroom at 9.00am.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU CAMP

- This camp will be held for all Year 5 students at the Berry Sport and Recreation facilities on Wednesday 11 March to Friday 13 March, 2020.
- All OC class members are expected to attend.
- Permission notes, online medical registration and payment of \$300 will be required to be finalised by Term 1 Week 5, 2020.



The 'OC' Program includes:

- Continuous study in the learning areas of English, mathematics, science, history, geography, PDHPE and creative arts.
- Opportunity for accelerated progression beyond the primary syllabus. It is expected that most OC students will complete Stage 3 outcomes (Years 5/6) and move on to Stage 4 outcomes (Years 7/8) in maths and English.
- The teacher working as a mentor and a facilitator of learning. The OC classroom will operate differently from a regular Year 5 or 6 classroom.
- Completion and presentation of in-depth studies.
- Participation in a broad range of enrichment activities.
- An emphasis on student emotional, social and individual development.
- Opportunities for parents to be involved in a variety of class and school activities.
- Regular formal and informal communication between parents, students and the teacher.
- Opportunities to integrate with students from regular Year 5 and Year 6 classes.

