

# Frequently asked questions by parents of Kindergarten children

## What are the class sizes?

Kindergarten classes usually have 20 students.

## How many classes?

In recent years there are five or six classes, depending upon enrolment numbers.

## What time does school start for Kindergarten? And finish?

School starts at 9:15am sharp and finishes at 3:15pm.

In the first few weeks of the year, Kindergarten children have a shorter day, finishing at 2:45 pm.

## What food do we pack for school each day?

Pack a small container of healthy fruits and/or vegetables for fruit break at 10am; a small healthy lunch for 11:20am and a small healthy snack for afternoon tea at 2:00pm. You can pack all items into one lunchbox with separate compartments or pack in individual containers. Just make sure that the food is easy and quick to access.

As our school is a waste free zone we prefer that wrapping is plastic-free. Fruit and vegetable scraps are composted daily.

## Is the school canteen available for Kindergarten children?

Yes, the canteen operates every day of the school year. Lunch orders are made online through the Flexischools website: <https://www.flexischools.com.au>. Afternoon tea can be bought over-the-counter and \$2 is plenty to spend. This will buy a home-baked cookie and a piece of fruit.

In the first few weeks of school, it is easier and less stressful for children to bring their own food packed up from home. Children are encouraged to use the canteen after the first few weeks when they have settled into the routine of the 'Kindergarten school day'.

## What is Before and After School Care like? How do we apply for our child to go?

Manly Out of School Hours (MOOSH) is a high quality service located in the school grounds. It is open daily from 7:00 – 9:00am and 3:15 – 6:00pm. Qualified staff provide a wide range of exciting and fun indoor and outdoor activities where children learn, explore, develop and be creative.

Currently there is a wait list for available places. However bookings are now open for 2021 siblings and MOOSH aims to be able to accommodate new families in 2021. Please register on the website: [www.manlyoosh.com.au](http://www.manlyoosh.com.au) or call the coordinator on 9976 2147 if you have further questions.

## Are Kindergarten children on the playground with big kids?

To allow more playground space for children at break times, we operate on two timetables. One for Kindergarten – Year 2 children and the other for Year 3 - 6 children. There is a whole school timetable each Thursday.

## Will my child have a buddy?

Yes, each Kindergarten class has a Year 5 or Year 6 buddy-class. The senior students in each buddy-class engage with their Kindergarten friends both in the classroom and on the playground. They help children to settle into school, engage in classroom activities and feel comfortable.

## What is the uniform? Where do we buy it?

There is a summer and a winter uniform. New uniforms can be purchased from Pickles School Wear, 43 Carter Road Brookvale: <https://www.pickleschoolwear.com>. Please ring in advance to arrange an appointment 9905 2711.

## What is the school uniform?

| Girls  |   |
|--|---|
| Summer   | Winter  |
| Summer dress   | Tunic   |
| Black undershorts (available from uniform shop)  | White sleeved school top or blouse                        |
| White socks  | Black tights / white socks                                |
| Black leather school shoes   | Black leather school shoes                                |
| Crew neck jumper   | Polo fleece / crew neck jumper/ Navy Blue vest (optional) |
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| Sports/PE/Gym  | Sports/PE/Gym   |
| Green school top   | Green school top  |
| Navy Blue skort / rugby shorts   | Navy Blue rugby skort / rugby pants                       |
| White socks  | White socks   |
| Black or white joggers / trainers  | Black or white joggers/trainers                           |
| Navy Blue vest (optional)  | Polo fleece / crew neck jumper                            |
| Please note:<br>Girls may wear the boys summer / winter uniform however skorts may NOT be worn with white tops |   |

| Boys  |   |
|---|---|
| Summer  | Winter  |
| White sleeved school top                                | White sleeved school top                                |
| Navy Blue cargo shorts                                  | Navy Blue shorts/pants                                  |
| White socks   | White socks   |
| Black leather school shoes                              | Black leather school shoes                              |
| Polo fleece/crew neck jumper/ Navy Blue vest (optional) | Polo fleece/crew neck jumper/ Navy Blue vest (optional) |
|   |   |
| Sports/PE/Gym   | Sports/PE/Gym   |
| Green school top  | Green school top  |
| Navy Blue sport shorts                                  | Navy Blue rugby shorts / track pants                    |
| White socks   | White socks   |
| Black or white joggers/trainers                         | Black or white joggers/trainers                         |
|   | Polo fleece/crew neck jumper                            |

## When will the second-hand uniform shop open?

In line with current health advice, our second-hand uniform shop is currently not operating.

However outside of COVID restrictions during regular school operations, the second-hand uniform shop opens on Wednesday mornings, 8:45 – 9:15am, outside the canteen near the tunnel. It sells donated items of polo shirts, shorts, dresses and tunics, jackets and shoes. Also on sale is a limited range of new items: hats, head bands, scrunchies and library bags.

## Is there a sports uniform?

Yes we have a sports uniform. Kindergarten children wear this uniform on their designated sports day. The designated sports day of the week is communicated at the beginning of the school year.

## What are the sports houses?

The four sports houses are Bennelong (blue), Euroa (green), Kabbarli (red), Woomera (yellow). Upon enrolment, each child is allocated to a house group. Families are placed in the same house group.

## What does religion and ethics involve?

Once a week, time is set aside for special religious education and special education in ethics. The program is delivered by approved providers who train community volunteers to teach the lessons. Families are

asked to nominate an option (either Combined Christian, Catholic, Buddhist, Baha'i or a Non-scripture group). If you choose to withdraw from religion you can choose the ethics option where the focus is on the development of critical thinking skills.

### **What language classes are available after school?**

The school does not offer language classes. However there are some community providers who hire our school facilities both before and after school and offer classes in French, German and Macedonian. These providers vary from year to year and are not endorsed by our school.

### **What extracurricular activities are there for Kindergarten children?**

All children are welcome to join the infants choir, a ukulele group or a dance group. These activities are fun and run by teachers in break time.

Children in each class are nominated as *Green Beans* or as *Student Representative Council (SRC) reps* to assist with improving our school environment, reducing waste and lost property, or solving issues arising that have been identified by our student community.

### **Do K-2 have an athletics carnival?**

There is a separate K-2 athletics carnival which is usually held in the second half of the year.

### **Is there a K-2 timetable?**

The K-2 timetable looks like this: school starts at 9:15am; fruit break around 10:00am; lunch eating in classrooms 11:10am; playground lunch break 11:20 – 12:10pm; afternoon tea break 2:00 – 2:25pm and home time at 3:15pm.

### **Are there opportunities to meet other parents?**

Manly Village prides itself on a strong parent community. Everyone who is part of our school community is welcome including grandparents. There are opportunities arranged at the beginning of the school year for Kindergarten families to meet and get together.

There are lots of opportunities for parent involvement in the school including literacy groups, excursions, carnivals, computer time, book covering in the library, canteen and band. The Manly Village Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association meets on the second Monday of each month.

For more information on the Manly Village Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association visit the website:

<https://www.mvpspandc.com.au/>

Each class has a parent who has volunteered to be the *Class Parent Representative (CPR)*. CPRs liaise with the class teacher and the parents with children in their class. They welcome new families, answer your questions and help organise special class activities.