



Welcome

We welcome you and your family to Churchill Park School.

CPS was opened in 1964, with four classrooms and a small general purpose area. It has now grown to twenty classrooms, a hall, library and e-learning area, as well as dedicated rooms for music, science and technology.

The school maintains a friendly and inclusive environment, welcoming to parents and with an awareness of the needs of all students. Parents should feel completely free to approach the school at any time should they require information or have any concerns. We invite new parents to look around the school before enrolling children. Please contact the school office on 09 575 8156.

The school aims to:

- Provide an environment where each child feels accepted, secure and happy
- Build up self-respect, respect for others, and mutual cooperation
- Promote individual success and growth
- Identify children's talents and abilities and provide opportunities for their expression and development
- Establish a warm and positive learning environment where individual progress and achievement are promoted
- Provide a full and balanced curriculum that meets the needs of our pupils and the community, whilst developing independent, critical thinking, problem solvers for the 21st century
- Respect and value the school's multi-cultural dimension
- Achieve high standards of behaviour, conduct and self-discipline so that children reflect pride in themselves and pride in their school
- Foster parent participation and involvement as a means of further promoting enhanced learning opportunities

To **enrol** at Churchill Park School, please use the school website:

- Complete the online in-zone enrolment form (on the Enrolments page)
- Complete and sign forms to be accessed from, and handed back to the office
- Provide copies of child's identification, proof of address and immunisation status.

Health and Safety

Hats

In line with our Health and Safety Policy, children are expected to wear uniform hats in the playground during the summer months (Term 1 and Term 4). Hats, along with all other uniform items, should be clearly named.

Hearing and Vision Screening

The Starship Hearing and Vision nurses visit Churchill Park School and will see students who have been flagged on their system. Their visits are sporadic and CPS has no control over their scheduling. If you have any concerns, we suggest you contact your own provider.

Illness and Accidents

Accidents and illness at school are attended to in the Sick Bay by the office staff. Standard treatment procedures recommended by the Department of Health are employed. Parents may be contacted (depending on severity) so our records of telephone numbers must be accurate. Arns should inform the school of any health or associated problems affecting their children. Arrangements can be made for children needing medication during school hours.

Bikes and Scooters at School

Children over the age of ten years may ride to school independently, provided that they know the road rules and have a signed Cycling Permission form. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that a child's cycle is roadworthy at all times and that the child wears a helmet. We request that children with scooters also wear a helmet. Please reinforce with your child that bikes or scooters are not ridden in the school grounds. This also applies to parents who bike their children to school.

Immunisation

It is advised that all children attending Churchill Park School be immunised for diseases as recommended under current guidelines from the Department of Health.

The vaccination at school programme is carried out in Years 7 and 8. Parents are required to sign a consent form before any vaccination is given.

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery is not permitted at this school. Children with pierced ears must wear stud type earrings only. Ring sleepers, floral and decorative earrings are too dangerous during games or play, and are not permitted to be worn at school. Watches may be worn but not bracelets, rings or necklaces, including chains, for obvious safety reasons.

Lunches

We encourage wholesome foods including a piece of fruit or vegetable when making a lunch for children to bring to school. Lunch boxes and drink bottles should be named. Bringing sweets is not permitted at school. We are an Enviroschool and appreciate pupils with small containers rather than gladwrap for food items. We promote naked lunchboxes.

Nut products are not allowed in Years 0-2 due to children with severe allergies.

There is a blanket rule across all years prohibiting the bringing of birthday cakes and baking to share in class due to the high number of children with allergies.

Online ordering of lunches is available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays via your kindo account.

Medication

If a child is required to take medicines at school, a form must be obtained from the school office and completed giving all relevant details. This form will be kept on file. Office staff cannot administer medicine to children unless parental consent is given. No medications are to be kept by pupils in school bags except for Ventolin inhalers.

Road Safety

We constantly stress the safety of pedestrians at school. Parents can assist by parking safely in designated areas at drop off and pick up times. Please obey the road rules and DO NOT park on yellow lines. Vehicles are not permitted in the school car park unless requested by a staff member to collect a sick child.

Safety

Each term, safety and evacuation practices are conducted in the school. There are designated exits which are posted at all times in the buildings. We endeavour to maintain a safe environment for our pupils. We also encourage our children to consider their own safety and wellbeing. This extends beyond the school boundaries to matters such as road safety and awareness of potential dangers.

General Information

Discipline

Discipline is important and we place great stress on praising positive conduct and rewarding effort. Inappropriate behaviour is approached as a matter of concern and communication is actively promoted as a means of reducing this. School Learner Qualities and Values are a means of reinforcing positive behaviour.

Donations and Voluntary Contributions

The voluntary donations are an important source of school funds and are used to support all school programmes. Donations to the school are tax deductible and receipts are issued for this purpose. The annual voluntary donation is a set amount and is reviewed regularly by the Board.

Parent Involvement

Parent participation in the school programme is actively encouraged. There is strong research to demonstrate that when there is a strong home/school partnership, student achievement is enhanced. Parents may become involved in school life in any of the following ways:

- Providing materials for school use
- Talking with groups of children about interests
- Sharing a special skill or ability
- Listening to children read
- Helping with Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)
- Assisting in the junior area by putting away classroom readers
- Being involved in PTA activities
- Helping on School trips

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

In 1984, a Parent Teacher Association was formed to provide support for the school community through assisting with fundraising and community activities. Money raised in recent years has gone towards developing the school learning environment including modern classroom furniture, outdoor areas, e-Learning and environmental resources.

Telephone

Use of the telephone is restricted for children. With the permission of office staff, children may use the phone to call a parent. Mobile phones are not permitted at school, however, they may be brought to school and handed to the class teacher until 3pm.

Visitors to School

All visitors entering the school during school hours must first report to the school office. This procedure is for the protection of all children and staff and to meet the requirements of fire and safety regulations.

For other useful information, see the document of the same name on our school website.