



# CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 3

## BUS DRIVERS

### Warrow

Wayne Bockman - 0487 824 854

### Mt Hope

Kym Griffiths - 0400 667 472

### Karkoo

Susan Hughes - 0477 088 043

### Wanilla

Mick Carr - 0410 087 406

### Cockaleechee

Leon Seaman - 0429 703 030

### Douglas Well

John Norton - 0400 087 616

### Koppio/Yallunda Flat

Helen Robinson - 0428 885 017

### Brimpton Lake

Barry Boyce - 0418 762 319

Parents must contact the bus driver at least 24 hours prior to travel being required on an alternate bus.

UHF channel 10

## CONTACT US

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Department for Education

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

With harvest in full swing, we're matching that energy here at school with a range of exciting, creative, and forward-thinking activities!

This week, we're celebrating our Year 12 students during Celebration Week—their last official week as full-time students! Today, the Year 12s, along with their buddies, shared their career aspirations by dressing up as their future selves. It was fantastic to see a wide array of roles represented, from farmers, flight attendants, teachers, and tradies, to doctors, Crows footballers, cowgirls, and cat hotel owners. Cummins Area School is certainly inspiring diverse career paths! Each day brings a new dress-up theme, leading up to "Fabulous Friday," which is always a little lively and features some water activities. Staff are preparing plans to support any students who may feel anxious about the day. We'll conclude with a Guard of Honour at 3:15 p.m. as the Year 12s make their final exit as full-time students. We're also looking forward to the much-anticipated Staff vs. Students basketball game—time for a lesson in the power of experience over youth!

Earlier this year, we asked for feedback regarding Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) at our site. Thanks to the positive interest from families, we're now in early discussions with the Department to explore options for potentially offering this service, with the earliest implementation being 2026. This is a preliminary step, but we are eager to continue investigating ways to support our community's needs.

Last Friday, we welcomed Alex, our new local Police Officer, for a visit. She spoke to our secondary girls, reminding them to stay vigilant online and avoid connecting with people they don't know personally on social media. It was impressive to see our students demonstrate maturity and an understanding of safe online practices.

Attached to this newsletter you will find information re a poll to increase our Material and Services Charges for 2025. This funding is the money that is used to buy resources for the school. Whilst we are a government funded public school, the Material and Services charge is the income from families that ensures we are able to purchase resources such as books, IT equipment, paper, paint, software. In order to offer rich experiences there is a need to increase fees so that we are able to purchase a range of resources to meet the changing curriculum needs of our students. It is not permitted to be used for staffing, building or playgrounds but does allow us to free up funds for these ongoing expenses.



## CAS DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 4

#### WEEK 4

**Mon 4/12 – Thurs 7/12**

- Yr 11 Outdoor Ed bushwalk

#### WEEK 5

**Thurs 14/11**

- year 12 Grad Assembly

#### WEEK 6

**Mon 18/11 – Fri 22/11**

- Book Fair at Cummins Library

#### WEEK 8

**Mon 2/12 – Thurs 5/8**

- Science Experience

**Wed 4/12 – Fri 6/12**

- Yr 7 Aquatics Camp

#### WEEK 9

**Fri 18/12**

- Student Free Day

### 2024 TERM DATES

#### Term 1

- Monday, 28 January – Friday, 12 April

#### Term 2

- Monday, 29 April – Friday, 5 July

#### Term 3

- Monday, 22 July – Friday, 27 September

#### Term 4

- Monday, 14 October – Friday, 13 December

### 2025 TERM DATES

#### Term 1

- Monday, 28 January – Friday, 11 April

A big congratulations to our Student Executive and Student Voice teams for organizing three highly successful discos and formals in one day on the first Friday of term. There's nothing like the sound of a hall full of students singing classic hits in unison! A special shout-out to Mia, Millie, and their teams, with huge thanks to Kelly Wait for her support as their teacher, the staff who volunteered to supervise, and, of course, Kaz Challenger, who took the music and lighting to new heights!

This Friday, I have the honor of attending the Public Education Awards in Adelaide at the Convention Centre. The event celebrates exceptional practice across Department for Education sites, and we are thrilled that Rachel Dennis has been nominated for her outstanding and innovative support of Early Career Teachers—not only at Cummins Area School but across the Port Lincoln Portfolio. Rachel's selection as a finalist is a testament to her remarkable skill and dedication. We'll post a link to the livestream on our Facebook page so that you can tune in to the event. Rachel has truly stepped out of her comfort zone, having been interviewed on ABC radio and participating in a video about her work and the achievements of those she's mentored. We're incredibly fortunate to have her on the Cummins Area School team and wish her the very best on Friday night as she enjoys well-deserved recognition.

Wishing you all a fantastic fortnight,

Mel

## Governing Council Update

Governing Council met last night for our penultimate normal meeting of the year. We would like to congratulate Mel Degner on her re-appointment as Principal of Cummins Area School. Governing Council look forward to continuing working closely with Mel, supporting her in her role to make our school the best it can be.

Keep an eye out for information regarding an upcoming Materials and Services Fee poll which will be sent out to all parents. This is an important decision that effects the entire school body, so your input is greatly appreciated.

As difficulties remain in the completion of the canteen upgrade, we thank you for your patience. Our Canteen staff have done a wonderful job under trying circumstances and we'd also like to acknowledge all the hard work done behind the scenes by Cathy Haarsma and Anna Richardson.

Governing Council has approved a Pre-school site closure on Tuesday the 26th of November, for Quality Improvement Plan draft review, Inquiry Learning and cultural awareness training. A Student Free day for the school has also been approved for Friday the 13th of December for a SA Curriculum update and planning for 2025. Information and reminders will be on our socials, Daymap and newsletters.

The Governing Council continues to look for ways to further develop parent and community engagement with the school and so in our next meeting will be discussing specifically how we can best facilitate this. If anyone has any great ideas or something they think could work for our school, please get in contact with any of our council members.

The last Governing Council general meeting of the year will be held on the 3rd of December, 7pm at the Cummins Hotel. Governing Council can be contacted on [casgoverningcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:casgoverningcouncil@gmail.com).

Thanks

Bec Habner  
*Chairperson.*

## PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED



HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS?



MOBILE NUMBERS?



EMAIL ADDRESSES?



EMERGENCY CONTACTS?



FAMILY INFORMATION?



## 7B at the Aboriginal Education Community Expo and learn about West Coast Youth

Students of 7B have been learning about empathy during pastoral care lessons this term. The idea of putting yourself in someone else's shoes is a foreign idea for them. Homelessness is a major issue facing many communities, even ours.

The Aboriginal Education Community Expo held at Mallee Park was important for us to attend. Aboriginal Education was showcased by all of the schools in Port Lincoln and the students engaged well with the Aboriginal Education Networking team and activities. They learned that this education is important in closing the gap and supported our Aboriginal students to learn more about their culture.

The opportunity arose for us to learn more about homelessness in Port Lincoln at this time through a visit to the West Coast Youth Hub prior to the Expo. Students immediately engaged within the space and were interested when the West Coast Youth leaders discussed their roles and the support for the homeless they provide. Our journey will continue as of this week as we work out how we can provide for the homeless.

We all visited "Snooks Landing" an important place for the Barngarla Peoples. The students had a moment to walk on Country and share time together enjoying it. Everyone had an opportunity to connect with Country and each other.

In signing off I would like to mention that we are lucky to have the Aboriginal Education Networking Meeting held at CAS on Wednesday Week 6. We have an opportunity to engage with the group and to showcase our inclusive and cross-curricular cultural learning with them. How lucky are we to be able to share our positive practices with the people of Port Lincoln?

*Donna Bagshaw*





## Miss Indiah's Foundation/Year 1 Gardening & Kitchen story

This year, my class has been involved in the Stephanie Alexander Garden Kitchen program. I had seen the benefits of the program at Ungarra Primary School and wanted to provide this experience for my students at Cummins Area School. The purpose of this program is to introduce pleasurable food education during their learning years, in order to form positive food habits for life. The program encourages critical thinking, teamwork, an understanding of cause and effect and increased levels of observation.

We started out small by purchasing the F-2 garden Kitchen Syllabus book and clearing out the pre-existing garden beds and cleaning the JP kitchen. From here, we gained community support from Cummins Hardware store who generously donated soil, seed and worm farms to contribute to our start-up. We had a huge day of digging out the old garden beds, layering shredded paper and manure, digging holes for our in-ground worm farms and topping the beds with new soil. Initially we planted fast growing produce; radishes, carrots, lettuce, spinach, parsley and basil. During this period, students took care of their garden by watering it, creating 'do not pick signs' and explaining to other classes how to put scraps in our worm farm. The excitement and pride they showed in their garden was a core memory for the year!

I had been following the Stephanie Alexander Facebook page for tips and ideas and in around May they advertised a "Start Small, Dream Big" grant. The grant was for \$1500 and included a 2-Year membership to the full program. Of course, I decided to apply for this grant and with the help of my trusty students, we put together a paragraph and pictures of why this money would benefit us and what we would use it for. Long story short, out of over 1400 applicants, we were 1 of the 20 successful winners and the kids were over the moon! We haven't spent our money yet, however we are looking to purchase extra cooking equipment and expand our current garden space.

During the year we have also planted broccoli, cauliflower, pumpkin and potatoes. We have cooked a number of dishes with our produce including smoothies, dip, spinach & feta triangles, carrot cake, salads and pumpkin scones. It has been extremely rewarding to see students involvement in the whole process of growing their produce, harvesting the food, preparing and cooking the food and sitting together and sharing what they have made. This program has engaged all the senses and offered a rich and varied link with many areas of the curriculum. I look forward to building on their curiosity and energy next year.





## SCHOOL SPORT SAPSASA

### Girls Football

From Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd October the Sapsasa State Girls Football Carnival took place at West Beach. The Lower Eyre Peninsula team had four Cummins girls selected – Kenzie Hancock, Lucy Hazelgrove, Elkie Dunbar and Layla Ness.

The team was in Division 2 which consisted of five country districts and five city districts. The girls had a great week, winning all but their last match. The final game saw the two undefeated teams play off for the first and second positions. Adelaide South East won the match by three goals meaning the Lower Eyre Peninsula were runners-up in the division.

Coach Ty George was extremely impressed with the attitude, effort and improvement of the girls over the carnival. Well done!

### Results

- LEP defeated Mid North 8-5 to 1-0 (Kenzie 2g, Lucy & Elkie 1g)
- LEP defeated Torrens River 9-11 to 0 (Lucy & Elkie 1g)
- LEP defeated Gawler 3-12 to 1-1 (Lucy 1g)
- LEP defeated Para Districts 5-6 to 0 (Kenzie 1g)
- LEP defeated Murraylands 12-8 to 0 (Layla 2g, Lucy 1g)
- LEP defeated Tea Tree Gully 4-8 to 0-2 (Kenzie, Layla & Lucy 1g)
- LEP defeated Lower SE 5-9 to 1-3 (Elkie & Lucy 1g)
- LEP defeated City South 8-4 to 0 (Lucy 2g, Kenzie & Elkie 1g)
- LEP lost to Adelaide SE 1-5 to 4-5



## Year 7-10 Mixed Tennis Carnival

Cummins Area School hosted the annual Year 7-10 Mixed Tennis Carnival on Friday, 18th October at the Town Courts. Teams of 10 players from four schools participated, Cummins Area School, Tumby Bay Area School, Navigator College and St Joseph's School and a round robin format was played.

The cool cloudy day turned to showers and with the courts wet, 'the broom brigade' got to work to push the water into the middle drain. About 45 minutes of playing time was lost so matches had to be reduced to ensure the carnival finished on time. Doubles were still played to 6 games and singles were reduced to a 4 game set.

The Cummins players did exceptionally well, winning all of their three matches and winning the carnival with 9 points and Tumby Bay runner-up on 7 points.

### Results

- Cummins defeated Navigator College 7-1 sets (rain interrupted)
- Cummins defeated St Joseph's School 11-4 sets
- Cummins defeated Tumby Bay AS 12-3 sets

Well done to all of our students on their determination, positive attitude and excellent sportsmanship.



## YEAR 8 POETRY

### STORMS

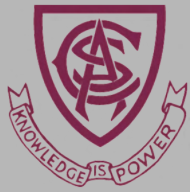
*Ellie-Mae Hancock*

Ominous clouds brewing in the distance  
Swirling shades of grey and black  
Thunder rolling  
Lightning cracking down, scattered zig zags  
Branches whipping around in the wind  
Chaos following  
The dogs are hysterical  
Barking pointlessly at the sky  
Puddles rapidly forming  
Filling every pothole in sight  
I could hear the rain beating down on the roof  
Somehow though it's exhilarating  
Taking in the earthy scents of the wet soil  
Somehow, I like this  
This indescribable feeling  
Storms

## GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting in regards to M&S Fees has been scheduled for **7pm, Tuesday 12th November at the Library**. Parents, Caregivers and students are invited to attend and participate.

To join via WEBEX, please email the Governing Council  
[casgoverningcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:casgoverningcouncil@gmail.com)



# 2024 END OF YEAR AWARDS

**We invite nominations for the end of year awards.**

**The due date for these nominations is Wednesday week 3. (30th October 2024)**

*If you would like to nominate someone, please leave a hardcopy at the Front Office, marked Attn: Melissa Degner.*

## **Mary Trigg Award**

Any student from Year 7 onwards is eligible to receive the award once. The recipient will demonstrate:

- A positive and cheerful attitude
- A tolerance for and an understanding of others
- A willingness to develop gifts and talents
- Honesty and trustworthiness

and in expressing these the recipient has made a contribution to the school and the community.

## **Sam Telfer MP Student Award**

Any student from Foundation to Year 6 is eligible to receive the award. This award will be presented to a student who shows both determination and growth through challenges, and the capacity to consider and help others throughout their school life.

## **Mike Ford Primary Meritorious Award**

This will be awarded to a male and female student in Year 6 who has:

- Demonstrated a high level of academic achievement across a range of curriculum areas
- Participated positively in school, interschool and SAPSASA sporting competitions and is a proactive school band member
- Showed tolerance and understanding of others
- Is a positive role model to their peers

## **Caltex All Rounder**

The award is for a Year 12 student only.

- Academic- achieves scholastically across a range of subjects
- Attitude- is committed to excellence, willing to help others and makes selfless contributions
- Conduct- is exemplary at all times
- Leadership- is a role model to other students
- Service- participates in school and community activities
- Sporting- represents the school without necessarily being a champion

## **School Community Award**

Recognises the extra contribution to the school from any member of the school community.

## **Flo Polkinghorne Award**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Teaches or supports the teaching / care of students at the Cummins Area School/Child Preschool/ Rural Care Program.
- Past and present teachers and SSOs eligible.

### **DETAILS**

- Recipients will be eligible for re-nomination after a period of 3 years
- Nominations accepted from past and present students only.
- Award presented at the end of year assembly
- Simple form for nominations is available from the school
- Assessment panel comprises of members of the Governing Council, SRC (junior and senior) and a member of staff.

### **CRITERIA**

- The teacher/SSO demonstrates a love of teaching evidenced by the dedication shown to the job, a general love of children/students and has a passion for what they do.
- The teacher/SSO goes above and beyond the normal expectations and standards of the job.
- The teacher/SSO attends to student's individual needs and motivates them to exceed their own expectations.
- The teacher/SSO may kindle a love of the subject in their students.
- The teacher/SSO is an inspiration and role model to other teachers, parents and students.
- The teacher/SSO is held in high esteem for their valuable and lasting contribution to the lives of their students.

## CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN - ROSTER TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 3</b>	28/10/24 Tamara Modra	29/10/24	30/10/24	31/10/24	01/11/24 Bernie Crettenden Coral Wagner
<b>Week 4</b>	04/11/24 Alicia Laube	05/11/24	06/11/24	07/11/24	08/11/24 Bernie Crettenden Abbey-Lee Minhard
<b>Week 5</b>	11/11/24	12/11/24	13/11/24	14/11/24	15/11/24 Tegan Modra Ali Coventry
<b>Week 6</b>	18/11/24 Marika Giddings	19/11/24	20/11/24	21/11/24	22/11/24 Lucy Pedler Katrina Phelps

### CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN UPDATE

**CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN BUILDING PROGRESS:** Currently, we are awaiting the completion of the final piece of infrastructure—the ramp at the canteen entrance. We are optimistic that this will be finished in the coming weeks. In the meantime, we will continue to offer modified lunch orders on Mondays and Fridays, along with ice cream sales in the Plaza starting at 1:30 PM on those days. Please stay tuned to the CAS Canteen Facebook and CAS School Facebook pages for further updates as we transition into the new canteen.

**RRHAN-EC TRAINING:** All volunteers are now required to complete RRHAN-EC training. This course, Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect - Education and Care, is a brief online program focused on mandatory notifications and child protection in education. You only need to complete the free Fundamentals Course, which can be accessed through the Education Department's online learning management system, Plink: Department for Education Plink - Dashboard page. If you don't have a Plink account, you can create a Non-Department for Education staff account from the Plink dashboard. Some volunteers may have already completed this training, but we aim to have all Canteen volunteers trained within the next six months as we enter the new school year. Once you have finished, kindly send a copy for our Canteen Volunteer records via email to Catherine.Haarsma312@schools.sa.edu.au or drop a copy off in the Finance Office; your assistance is greatly appreciated. For any questions or help with the RRHAN-EC training, please contact Cathy Haarsma.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/rrhan-ec/fundamentals-course-responding-risks-harm-abuse-and-neglect-education-and-care>



**Could Saver Plus help with your education costs?**

Google

Q Saver Plus YouTube

to see our quick explainer video and find out if you're eligible.



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and social justice organisation the Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL).

It is delivered in partnership with not-for-profit organisations The Smith Family, Berry Street and BSL.

ANZ and the Department of Social Services fund it.

[saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)

Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply.







# CUMMINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY



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## Scholastic Book Fair:



Get ready for a literary adventure!

We're thrilled to announce the annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our library:

**Week 6, from November 18 to December 3.**



Join us for our exciting, annual event featuring a diverse selection of children's books and products for purchase!



It's a great opportunity to explore affordable options with your kids while supporting our library—part of the sales will help us acquire more books from Scholastic at no cost.

Students can create their own 'wish lists' and contribute to a Library 'wish list' to guide our selections, during their weekly class visit.

We invite you to explore the fair with your children and encourage their love of reading. Mark your calendars for Week 6 and join us in making this Book Fair a memorable experience for our students!

**Let's Grow Readers!**

Give the Gift of Reading and donate a new book to a child/children in our community...

help share the love of reading this festive season and place a new book under our Christmas Tree.







## CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL merchandise

We have plenty of stock available from the Finance Office for any new 2025 students and replacements for any current students.

Please see either Anna Richardson or Cathy Haarsma to purchase any of the school stock.

<b>CAS MAROON HATS</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>CAS MAROON SCHOOL BAG</b>	<b>SMALL - \$50.00 LARGE - \$75.00</b>
<b>ART SMOCK, MAROON</b>	<b>\$18.70</b>
<b>PENCIL CASE, MAROON</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>
<b>CAS LIBRARY BAG</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>CASIO FX-82AU PLUS II</b> <i>(REQUIRED FOR YR 7 - 10 STUDENTS)</i>	<b>\$39.50</b>
<b>HEADPHONE MOPO M831HP</b>	<b>\$20.50</b>
<b>ATTACHE READING FOLDER</b>	<b>\$6.75</b>
<b>CASIO FX-CG50AU COLOUR GRAPHICS CALCULATOR</b>	<b>\$231.00</b>

# ACE

Uniforms

[WWW.ACEUNIFORMS.COM.AU](http://WWW.ACEUNIFORMS.COM.AU)

### Cummins Area School Uniform Supplier

Choose "Ship to shipping address" and pay postage fee to have the order go direct to your chosen address.

### PRICE LIST

<b>SUMMER DRESS</b>	\$65.00
<b>CAS SCHOOL JUMPER</b>	\$60.00
<b>CAS POLO SHIRT</b>	\$34.00
<b>SCHOOL PANTS (BLACK)</b>	\$40.00
<b>SCHOOL SHORTS (BLACK)</b>	\$22.00
<b>BUCKET HAT</b>	\$11.00

**7 BLACKMAN PLACE, PT LINCOLN  
PH: 0421 797 612**

## Student Lunch Passes

Students leaving the school grounds during the lunch break must carry a LUNCH PASS. There are two types of passes.

**1. REGULAR LUNCH PASS:** These will be issued at the beginning of each year on the written request of parents.

These passes are for students returning to their own home for lunch regularly. This pass is not to be used to access local shops to purchase lunch.

They may be issued to cover one or more days each week.

**2. SPECIAL LUNCH PASS:** Students are sometimes required to leave school for particular reasons on isolated occasions e.g. hair cuts, personal shopping, lunch at a friends, or a birthday party.

For each occasion, the student requires **a written request from parents through Daymap**. Students will not be permitted to phone home during the day to access a lunch pass.

Students in Year 6 or younger must be accompanied by an adult when they leave the school grounds and have the written consent of their parents if the adult signing them out is not their parent.

Students in Year 7/8/ 9 must have written parental consent and be accompanied by another student the same age or older.

Students in Year 10 - 12 are able to leave the school grounds by themselves provided they have written parental consent. Our preference would be that they don't leave the school grounds alone.

All students who leave the school at Lunch time must sign out at the computer located at the Front Office. They must sign in on their return. This is a WHS requirement and applies to students with both Permanent and Daily Lunch passes.

Cummins Area School Canteen

## Stickybeaks Lunch Bags

Paper lunch bag alternatives



**\$10.50 each**

Our Canteen has available the Stickybeaks Reusable Lunch Wallets/Bags which are great alternative to using the Paper Bags and good for our environment too.

They are available in Pink, Green, Grey, Blue, Red, and Purple and can be easily ordered and paid via our Canteen QKR page under the heading of Lunch Bag, or you can collect and pay at the Finance Office.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



TERM 4 dates- 1st Nov & 22nd Nov

We are a Kids Club for reception to year 7's  
Full of FUN ,FOOD, & FAITH Based lessons.

Meet at School Shelter for school pickup  
Collect at Uniting Church Hall at 5.30pm

Please feel free to contact Amy Maddern  
0429090276 for more information  
& Please text each Xroad if your children  
are attending

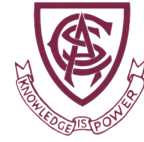
### COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Group advertising in the newsletter is available at a minimum cost of \$6.00 (inc. GST) for up to 5 lines. Larger items of 1/4 page size cost \$22 (inc. GST) which is the maximum size for an article or notice.

Payment needs to be made to the finance Office prior to inclusion by Cash or Bank Transfer to our School account. No invoices will be issued for payment – a tax invoice / receipt can be issued upon request.

**BSB - 633 000, ACC - 112 105 770**  
**REF - Newsletter & Entity Name**

Only Advertisements or notices of community interest or non-commercial value will be published.



## CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL Magazine 2024

### ORDER FORM

**Magazines \$30.00 each**

Please pay and return order form no later than  
Thursday, 7th November 2024.

**STUDENT:** .....

**FAMILY NAME:** .....

**CLASS:** .....

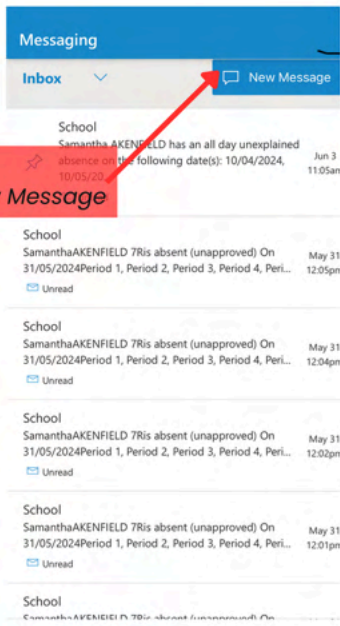
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*Payment can be made via cash or eftpos at the school finance office, or by EFT with ref: Student name Magazine, BSB: 633 000, ACC: 112 105 770.*

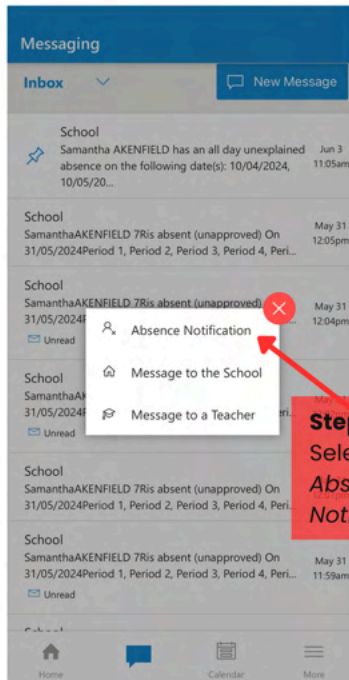
**Magazines are due for delivery in Week 9**



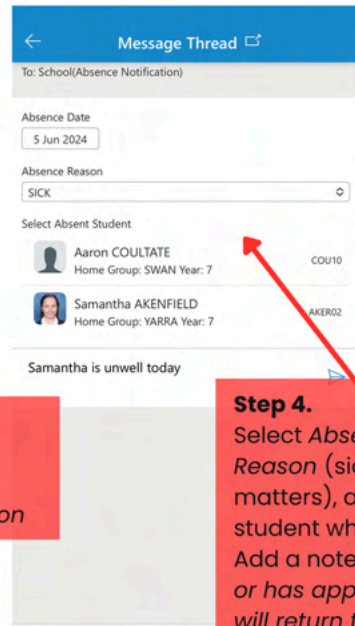
# Notifying CAS of a student absence using the DayMap App



**Step 2.**  
Select **New Message**



**Step 3.**  
Select **Absence Notification**



**Step 4.**  
Select **Absence Reason** (sick or family matters), and then student who is absent. Add a note i.e *unwell or has appointment will return to school after recess.*

**Step 1.**  
Select **Messages**



# Building coping skills

...in children and young people

Families  
Growing  
Together

**Building coping skills** is a FREE workshop that helps you as parents and caregivers to support your child or young person's resilience.

Our workshops are full of helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies that each family can adapt for their own parenting situations.

Topics to support your parenting include:

- 🔗 What is resilience?
- 🔗 Understanding stress for children and young people
- 🔗 The benefits of 'considered risks'
- 🔗 How parents can help to build resilience

Our workshops are based on the latest parenting research and use information from **Parenting SA**.

**Light refreshments provided**  
**Bookings essential**



Presenter:  
**Natalie Gallarello**



**Cummins Area School**

**McFarlane Street, Cummins**

**When:** **Tuesday 19th November 2024**  
**Thursday 21st November 2024**

**Time:** **9.30am – 12.00pm**

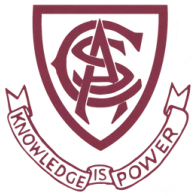
**Face to Face Session - Wellbeing Room 107**

**To book:** **Contact Social Worker Rachelle Dawkins via Daymap**

Everyone is welcome, bookings essential.

Please arrive 10mins early to register.






# CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL

INTEGRITY

COURAGE

PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

COMMUNITY

 **Address**  
McFarlane St, Cummins SA 5631

 **Phone**  
08 8676 2388

 **Email**  
DL.0754\_info@schools.sa.edu.au

 **Website**  
www.cumminsas.sa.edu.au

## 2025 Fees

The Governing Council proposes the amounts for the Materials and Services charges for 2025 are \$425 (\$23 increase on 2024) Foundation to Year 6, and \$521 (\$27 increase on 2024) for Years 7-12. These fees are above the minimum set out by DECD by \$125 (\$10 increase on 2024) per student and are detailed in the notices included in this newsletter.

In addition to Materials and Services charges as outlined above, there is a proposal to charge a subject fee for Design & Technology (Technical Studies) per semester as follows:

- Year 9 (WOODWORK) : \$35
- Year 9 (METALWORK) : \$35
- Year 9 (ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY) : \$20
- Year 10 (WOODWORK) : \$55
- Year 10 (METALWORK) : \$55
- Year 10 (ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY) : \$55

It is the intention of the Governing Council to obtain approval for this fee rise via a parent/caregiver poll. This charge will be finalised at the next Governing Council meeting on Tuesday, 12th November at 7pm in the Library. All parents/caregivers/students are invited to attend this meeting and participate. If you are unable to attend the meeting then please contact me or email ([CAS.govcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:CAS.govcouncil@gmail.com)) with any questions/feedback prior to this meeting. Alternatively, a feedback box will be positioned in the school front office. Write down feedback and place in the box and please add your contact details if you wish to receive direct contact, information or answers to questions. I am also happy to meet anyone in person to discuss this.

### Poll:

The polling process is set out by the Department for Education. Each family receives one vote per student. The poll must be conducted following the Governing Council meeting on 12th November 2024 and will be online. A link will be emailed to school families and there will be a 2 week period for voting to occur. The result will be determined by 50% + 1 of the votes. A poll outcome in favour of the fee rise above the minimum will mean the fees are compulsory (except for students with school cards). A poll outcome against the increase will mean the Governing Council will only seek the amount above the minimum as a voluntary contribution.

### Reasoning for increasing fees:

The Materials and Services Charges fees are directed toward the daily use of items set out on the attached notices. Extra funds for these items allows the school to redirect funds within their flexible budget that would otherwise be spent on provision of materials. As a Governing Council, we are constantly looking at options to positively influence the learning of Cummins Area School students. The proposed fee will raise an estimated amount of \$50,000 for the 2025 school year.

This money supports covering some of the costs of our Materials and Services, but further enables:

- Improvement of student access to Information Technology including online services, wireless access, printers and computer hardware.
- Provision of items relevant to a supportive and integrative learning environment.
- The use of the latest advances in curriculum, including printing for students and photocopying of student resources.

Rebecca Habner  
Governing Council Chairperson





<b>Cummins Area School - 0754</b>		
<b>Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2025</b>		
<b>Notice of Charges for Foundation - Year 6</b>		
<b>HEADING</b>	<b>ITEMS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>COST (\$)</b>
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$ 50.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$ -
	Photocopied material	\$ 131.00
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</i></b>	<b>\$ 181.00</b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery items	\$ 40.00
	Other [please specify]	\$ -
	Other [please specify]	
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</i></b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$ 96.00
	Access to Machinery	
	Access to Equipment	\$ 25.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$ 63.00
	Other [please specify]	
	Other [please specify]	
<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</i></b>	<b>\$ 184.00</b>	
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$ 20.00
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</i></b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$ 425.00</b>

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

<b>Subject Description</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>



<b>Cummins Area School - 0754</b>		
<b>Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2025</b>		
<b>Notice of Charges for Years 7-12</b>		
<b>HEADING</b>	<b>ITEMS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>COST (\$)</b>
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$ 35.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$ 50.00
	Photocopied material	\$ 129.00
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</i></b>	<b>\$ 214.00</b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery items	\$ 45.00
	Other [please specify]	
	Other [please specify]	
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</i></b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$ 107.00
	Access to Machinery	\$ 25.00
	Access to Equipment	\$ 43.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$ 67.00
	Other [please specify]	
	Other [please specify]	
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</i></b>	<b>\$ 242.00</b>
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$ 20.00
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</i></b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$ 521.00</b>



# BYOD LAPTOP PROGRAM FOR YR 7-12 STUDENTS



<https://cummins.orderportal.com.au>

All students from Year 7 to Year 12 are required to supply their own laptop for use at school.

We ask that *ALL* purchases of new laptops for school use, for all year levels, be made via the School Ordering Portal. This alleviates the current issue of the many varied devices being purchased which do not meet the required minimum specifications for use at school.

The online Order Portal provides families with a variety of suitable devices which meet the required specifications, including some accessories, insurance and finance options. The devices found on the portal have been chosen for their battery performance, durability of cases, network compatibility and based on recommendations from industry experts.

## Other considerations when purchasing a device for your student:

- **Insurance:** check your home contents insurance to see if the device will be covered
- **Transport between home and school:** device should be carried in a sturdy protective bag away from food & water bottles
- **Charging:** Students must charge their device at home and bring it to school every day fully charged. (Personal power adapters are not to be used at school unless Tag Tested).
- Students have access to **Microsoft Office 365** via their School email account at no cost, providing access to Word, Excel, Powerpoint, One Drive etc. There is no need to purchase this software separately.
- Whilst enrolled at school, students are connected to the school provided internet and are protected by a significant Departmental filtering system that prevents access to many harmful or malicious sites. According to Cummins Area School ICT Acceptable Use Policy, students may use the internet only for learning related activities that are approved by a teacher.
- It is the responsibility of the student / parent / caregiver to setup the Home-Internet connection on the device.
- Students must perform 'Software Updates' on the device as they become available in order to install the latest virus definitions and security patches.
- Students will use OneDrive provided through Office 365 which safeguards work from being lost on a USB etc. Students are also strongly encouraged to backup necessary files in numerous locations, including via email where appropriate. Technology failure is not an approved circumstance for extensions at Cummins Area School.

*\*Device chosen must take into consideration the types of subjects the student is studying eg; Design related subjects may require an i7 (Senior High School students)*

*\*\*Please note; Apple devices are not recommended for use in our school environment as they are not compatible with our school network and will impact your child's ability to access school services such as printing. Apple devices will not be supported by the School IT Department.*

If you have any questions or concerns, including concerns about financial hardship please do not hesitate to contact the school on 8676 2388.

## LWT PARENT OFFERINGS



### BETTER DEVICES

We only sell education specific and commercial grade devices. Retail devices aren't built for school.



### BETTER SERVICE

In LWT Service areas we can have devices repaired onsite in days, not weeks. Keeping your child up and running.



### INSURANCE

Accidents at school are common. Our Accidental damage Cover means that you can get devices fixed with minimum cost.



### PAYMENT PLANS

We can offer 36 month payment plans from Latitude Finance approved online, or Laybuy options.

