

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 3 Calendar



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| 21/7 | Staff Development Day |
| 22/7 | Students Return to School |
| 24/7 | PSSA Boys Soccer Knockout Competition |
| 25/7 | Year 6 NAIDOC Day |
| 6/8 | Open Day Education Week |
| 18/8 | Year 5 Leadership Day |
| 19/8 | Limelight Festival |
| 20/8 | Zone Athletics |
| 5/9 | Nepean Shield Gala Day |
| 10/9 | Calmsley Farm |
| 16-17/9 | Stage 2 Camp |
| 25/9 | Sydney West Athletics |

ASSEMBLY DATES TERM 2

25/7, 8/8, 22/8, 5/9, 19/9

NOTES HOME ON COMPASS

Year 6 NAIDOC Day - Consent Due 23/7

Thank You / Term 3 dates

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the members of our school community for their wonderful support during the term. It has been a very busy term with lots of great events including Mother's Day Stall, Disco, Athletics Carnival, NAIDOC celebrations to name a few. School reports for Semester 1 are now accessible in Compass. Goal setting conferences for parents will be held in Term 3. **Term 3 commences for all students on Tuesday 22 July.**

Staffing Changes

Today we farewell Mr Seb (Mr Sebastian Jamnicky) as he jets off overseas to begin a new adventure and life. Mr Seb has been a School Learning and Support Officer at Leonay Ps for the past 3 and a half years. We wish him all the best.

Term 2 Principal's Medal

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Term 2 Principal's Medal on Monday for being a safe, respectful learner at Leonay PS. A special celebration for Term 1 and 2 students will be held later in the year.

| Term 2 2025 Principal Awards | | |
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| KK | Esma I | Samuel K |
| K/1D | Carter A | Xavier C |
| 1/2F | Matilda C | Hayden H |
| 2/3T | Camellia P | Hugh C |
| 3/4R | Paige C | Audrey G |
| 4/5M | Charlotte C | Javier S |
| 5/6L | Rosie C | Lachlan C |
| 5/6W | Charlie S | Talia H |

Sydney West Cross Country

Congratulations to Emmy J, Adele M, Lucy T and Angus W who represented Leonay PS and Penrith District at the Sydney West Cross Country on Thursday 26 June. All students did an excellent job in their respective events.

Dance Group

Congratulations to both the Junior and Senior Dance groups who completed their auditions for the Nepean/Blue Mountains Festival last Monday. Both groups were successful in being selected for the event. Thank you to Miss Kelly and Mrs Connolly for all their hard work and organisation of the groups.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students on winning the Spelling Bee for their age group.

Stage 3- Blake M

Stage 2- Ewan H

Year 2- Elijah D

Year 1- Brady H

Kindergarten- Carter A

Blake and Ewan will progress to the regional level of the Spelling Bee.

Thank you to Miss Mills and Mrs Devine for all your efforts with the students.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

During this last week of term our Stage 3 students have travelled to Canberra with Mrs Longhurst, Ms Finlayson, Mrs Demuth and Mrs Devine for three days. Whilst in Canberra they have visited Parliament House, Questacon, Telstra Tower, Institute of Sport and numerous other venues. I know they will have had an enjoyable trip and I thank the staff for giving up their time to attend with our students. Arrival time is scheduled for 5pm - 7pm. More exact times will be communicated on the School Facebook site.

School Uniform

As the weather is turning colder, please ensure that students still have the correct uniform. Both boys and girls can wear either grey or maroon trousers or track pants. Yoga tights are not part of the school uniform. Girls wearing the winter tunic can wear regular tights underneath. Please ensure that school hoodies or jackets or plain maroon jackets are worn. There is an abundance of these on the lost property racks now if your child is missing one. Also remember that black shoes must be worn everyday except sport days (Tuesday K-2 and Friday 3-6). If you need anything from second hand uniforms, please contact the P and C via their Facebook site.

What's happening at Leonay PS for EDUCATION WEEK?

Theme- 'Ignite your potential'

Date is Wednesday 6 August- Term 3, Week 3.

We will run activities from 9.15am.

9.15am-10.15am- Open Classrooms + library display + book fair

10.15am- 11am Book Character Parade

11am-11.45am- Picnic lunch

Remember to bring a chair or a blanket.

Toys at School

We ask parents to refrain from allowing their children to bring toys to school. If it is for news, then they will stay in bags until that time. We don't want these valuable items to be lost, destroyed or stolen.

P & C Meeting- please note change of day due to Limelight Festival for Choir

Next meeting **Monday 18 August** commencing at 7.00pm via Zoom.

Principal

Miss Payne



Applications are now open for children eligible to start Kindergarten in 2026. Children may be enrolled in Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five years of age by 31 July of that year. Applications to enrol for students in the Leonay area can be made online through the school's website by clicking on the enrolments tab. Out of area applications can now also be made online from the website and include additional documentation as part of the process. Once received the office will email you with further instructions. If you know of anyone in the Leonay area who is considering enrolling, encourage them to do so now. Please ring the office to if you have any questions.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Information for parents on the NCCD is included in this newsletter. The nationally consistent approach to data collection provides all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with a clear picture of the number of students receiving adjustments because of disability in schools, and the adjustments they are provided to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students. Please take time to read this information.



FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS

WHAT IS THE NCCD?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year.

The NCCD is a collection that counts:

- the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability
- the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students.

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This 'help' allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition of disability in the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#).

Schools provide this information to education authorities.

Go to *What is a reasonable adjustment?* below to learn about adjustments.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools in Australia must collect information about students with disability.

The NCCD:

- ensures that the information collected is transparent, consistent and reliable
- provides better information that improves understanding of students with disability
- allows parents, guardians, carers, teachers, principals, education authorities and government to better support students with disability.

Student with disability loading

Funding from the Australian Government for students with disability is based on the NCCD through the student with disability loading.

Students with disability who are counted in the top three levels of the NCCD (extensive, substantial and supplementary) attract the loading. Funding is based on a per-student amount at each of the three levels of additional support. The amount of the loading reflects the level of support students with disability need to participate fully in school, with higher funding for those who need higher levels of support.

Australian Government recurrent school funding is provided as a lump sum to school authorities including state and territory governments, which can then distribute the funding to their member schools according to their own needs-based arrangements.

The Government expects schools and school systems to consider their funding from all sources (ie Australian Government, state and territory and private) and prioritise their spending to meet the educational needs of all of their students, including students with disability.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE NCCD FOR STUDENTS?

The information collected by the NCCD helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability at school.

The NCCD encourages schools to review their learning and support systems and processes. This helps schools to continually improve education outcomes for all students.

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WHAT MUST SCHOOLS DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?

All students have the right to a quality learning experience at school.

Students with disability must be able to take part in education without discrimination and on the same basis as other students. To ensure this, schools must make reasonable adjustments if needed for students with disability. Educators, students, parents, guardians, carers and others (eg health professionals) must work together to ensure that students with disability can take part in education.

The *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005* describe schools' responsibilities.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?

An adjustment is an action to help a student with disability take part in education on the same basis as other students.

Adjustments can be made across the whole school (eg ramps into school buildings). They can be in the classroom (eg adapting teaching methods). They can also be for individual student need (eg providing personal care support).

The school assesses the needs of each student with disability. The school provides adjustments in consultation with the student and/or their parents, guardians and carers.

Schools must make reasonable adjustments if needed. The *Disability Standards for Education 2005* define 'reasonable adjustment' as an adjustment that balances the interests of all parties affected.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE NCCD?

The definition of disability for the NCCD is based on the broad definition under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.

The following students are examples of those who may be included in the NCCD if they need monitoring and adjustments:

- students with learning difficulties (such as dyslexia)
- students with chronic health conditions (such as epilepsy or diabetes).

WHO COLLECTS INFORMATION FOR THE NCCD?

Schools identify which students will be counted in the NCCD. They base their decisions on the following:

- adjustments provided for the student (after consultation with the student and/or their parents, guardians and carers)
- the school team's observations and professional judgements
- any medical or other professional diagnoses
- other relevant information.

School principals must ensure that information for the NCCD is accurate.

WHAT INFORMATION IS COLLECTED?

A student is counted in the NCCD if they receive reasonable adjustments at school due to disability.

Each year, schools collect the following information about the student, including:

- their year of schooling
- the level of adjustment received
- the broad type of disability.

For students who have more than one disability, the school uses professional judgement to choose one category of disability. They choose the category that most affects the student's access to education and for which adjustments are being provided.

A high level summary of the NCCD data is available to all Australian state and territory governments to improve policies and programs for students with disability.

HOW IS THIS DATA USED?

The NCCD data informs funding and work by schools and sectors. It ensures that support for students with disability becomes routine in the day-to-day practice of schools. The NCCD also supports students in the following ways.

- The NCCD helps schools better understand their legislative obligations and the Disability Standards for Education 2005.
- Schools focus on the individual adjustments that support students with disability. This encourages them to reflect on students' needs and to better support students.
- The NCCD facilitates a collaborative and coordinated approach to supporting students with disability. It also encourages improvements in school documentation.
- The NCCD improves communication about students' needs between schools, parents, guardians, carers and the community.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) annually publishes high-level, non-identifying NCCD data.

WHEN DOES THE NCCD TAKE PLACE?

The NCCD takes place in August each year.

IS THE NCCD COMPULSORY?

Yes. All schools must collect and submit information each year for the NCCD. This is detailed in the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*. For more information, ask your school principal or the relevant education authority.

HOW IS STUDENTS' PRIVACY PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students is an essential part of the NCCD.

Data is collected within each school. Personal details, such as student names or student identifiers, are not provided to federal education authorities. Learn more about privacy in the [Public information notice](#).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your school if you have questions about the NCCD. You can also visit the [NCCD Portal](#).

There is also a free [e-learning resource](#) about the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and Disability Standards for Education 2005.

This document must be attributed as Fact sheet for parents, guardians and carers.

Before School Supervision

The school supervision roster starts from 8.30am each morning. There is no staff available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time. Whatever arrangements are made, parents need to understand that they are legally responsible for their child prior to 8.30am when supervision begins. Please ensure that your child is not left unsupervised at school before 8.30am.

School Carpark - Out of Bounds

Due to safety concerns, please note that all carpark and driveway areas are out of bounds for both students and parents. I encourage all parents to walk safely on path areas both before school and in the afternoon, setting a positive example to their children. Please remember the Kiss and Drop rules for Fairways Ave. Parents and carers are able to legally drop off or pick up their children within a two-minute timeframe. Penrith Council rangers have been patrolling this area recently as a result of a number of complaints. Please adhere to the rules for the safety and welfare of our students and community.



Carter's Fundraising Event Black Dog Institute

If you would like to make a personal donation please use the QR code or click on the link below:



<https://www.teamblackdog.org.au/fundraisers/shannonslapp>

The haircut will happen on July 19 at Leonay Golf Club from 6pm.

The Anxiety Project- Feedback

We are excited to share the positive outcomes we are witnessing through 'The Anxiety Project' (TAP) at our school. Many students are demonstrating increased resilience and are effectively using the vocabulary they have learned during lessons to articulate their feelings in challenging situations. It has been heartwarming to hear numerous success stories from parents about how TAP is influencing their children at home. The skills being developed in the classroom are having a wonderful flow-on effect, enhancing not only school life but also family dynamics. We would love to hear more about the effects this project is having on your children. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand the impact of TAP in our community. Additionally, we are considering running another parent workshop in Term 3 to further support you and your children. To help us gather this information, we kindly ask you to take a moment to fill out the following survey. It should only take about 2 minutes of your time, and your insights would be greatly appreciated.

<https://forms.office.com/r/u4UzGhPp6H>

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education!

Mrs Renny

NAIDOC Week

6 - 13 July 2025  

Join in these family-friendly events:



Image: Auntie Bev Ward by Maja Baska

NAIDOC Week Opening Community Event Sunday 6 July, 12 noon - 3pm

Blue Mountains Theatre & Community Hub, Springwood

Join us for a Welcome and Smoking Ceremony, Wagana Dancers performance, music, family-friendly activities, Springwood Library display and lunch (Lunch is free but bookings essential).



Flag Raising Monday 7 July, 10am

Carrington Place, Katoomba

Please join us as we raise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags for NAIDOC Week.



Image credit: JAYDE FIELD Cawabuwun Gunnigal 2025, pyrography on kangaroo pelt (detail)

Cultural Centre NAIDOC Week events Saturday 5 - Sunday 13 July

Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, Katoomba

Join us for Community Day from 10am Saturday 12 July with free activities. You can also enjoy free entry to the gallery 5 - 13 July and view exhibitions *Ngurra Bayala (Country Speaks)* and *& Emerging*, curated by Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre.

Visit bmcc.nsw.gov.au/naidoc-week
for more information and to book lunch





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FunFest**

11-13 JULY 2025



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MUSEUM
Preserving Blue Mountains Heritage

**TRANSPORT
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WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS FC

All Abilities Holiday Clinic

Does your child love football or
want to learn how to play, Join
us this Holidays at Wanderers
Football Park for a fun filled
clinic for people of disability.

THURSDAY 10TH JULY
10:00AM TO 12:00PM
AGES 5 - 18

WANDERERS FOOTBALL PARK
FIELD 7
GATE B, 81 EASTERN RD, ROOTY HILL NSW 2766

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TO BOOK NOW!**





Bush Playgroup

6 week interactive outdoor workshop for parents/carers and their children aged 3-5 years.

Term 3 2025
LAPSTONE

Bush Playgroup is a 6-week interactive playgroup. The unique outdoor setting provides opportunities for children (3-5 years) to explore nature, socialise with other children, develop fine and gross motor skills and learn about the world around them.

Bush Playgroup sessions run for 2 hours. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

- Connect with nature and each other through imaginative, sensory, and messy play
- Socialise and strengthen family relationships
- Learn about local bushland and using natural materials in craft making
- Activities include bushwalks, mud kitchen and campfire cooking

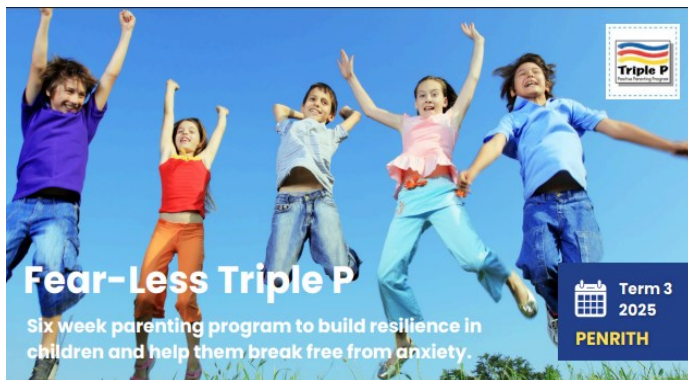
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 30th July 2025

Register now via our secure online portal

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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional knowledge holders and custodians of the land on which we work, the Darug and Gundungurra people.

Fear-Less Triple P

Six week parenting program to build resilience in children and help them break free from anxiety.

Term 3 2025
PENRITH

Help your child manage anxiety and become more emotionally resilient.

In this six week program parents will be offered information about anxiety and provided with positive parenting strategies that support the development and behaviour of children (6-14 years) with anxiety.

The seminar will cover:

- Understanding how anxiety works
- Becoming the best possible model of anxiety management for all your children
- Becoming effective emotion coaches
- Understanding the value of flexible thinking
- Managing your children's anxiety effectively

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 6th August 2025

Register now via our secure online portal

REGISTER ONLINE



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Program details

Where: Gateway Family Services
cnr Henry & Station St Penrith

When: Fridays
15th Aug - 19th Sept
10:00am - 12:00noon

Cost: FREE for residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

For more information or to register via our website:

Phone: 4720 6500

Email: groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Web: www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



Limited childcare
** must register



Bringing Up Great Kids

6 week program that helps parents build positive and respectful relationships with their children.

Term 3 2025
ONLINE

This six week program uses ideas of mindfulness and reflection to support parents to review and enhance their patterns of communication with their children (0-12) and teaches self-care strategies.

It promotes respectful interactions and encourages the development of children's positive self-identity.

By the end of the program parents will:

- Know how to build positive and respectful relationships with their children
- Identify how to respond to their children's needs
- Understand their parenting styles
- Understand the messages they give and receive

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 13th August 2025

Register now via our secure online portal

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Program details

Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Mondays
18th Aug - 22nd Sept
7:00pm - 8:30pm

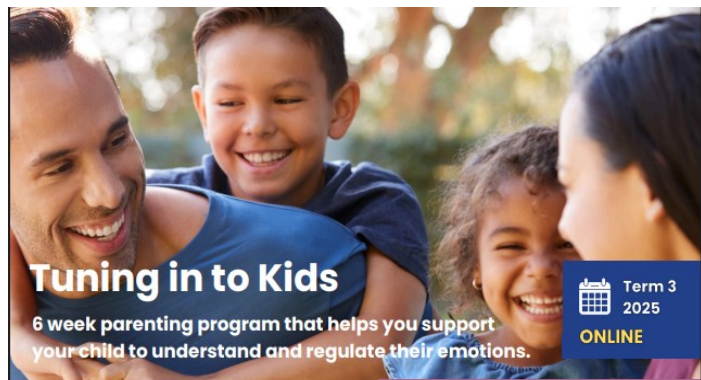
Cost: FREE for residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

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Tuning in to Kids

6 week parenting program that helps you support your child to understand and regulate their emotions.

Term 3 2025
ONLINE

This program helps parents and carers of children (0-12) to "tune in" and improve communication and connection with their kids.

Discover practical tools that help you build emotional intelligence in your child and support you to manage challenging behaviour.

The program will cover:

- Foundations of emotion coaching
- Regulating and working through emotions
- Identifying and validating emotions
- How to develop emotional intelligence
- Developing resilience and facing challenges

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 6th August 2025

Register now via our secure online portal

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Program details

Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Wednesdays
13th Aug - 17th Sept
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Cost: FREE for residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

For more information or to register via our website:

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Email: groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



July 2025



The Y | Penrith
62/72 Batt Street, Jamisontown, NSW, 2750
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 1

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| Monday 7 July | 9:00am - 3:00pm | Cartwheels & Creations | \$60 |
| Tuesday 8 July | 9:00am - 3:00pm | The Y Warrior Day | \$60 |
| Tuesday 8 July | 9:00am - 12:30pm | The Y Warrior Day - Half Day Option | \$30 |
| Wednesday 9 July | 9:00am - 3:00pm | Sports Challenges & Reptile Show | \$60 |
| Thursday 10 July | 9:00am - 3:00pm | Science Experiments & Games | \$60 |
| Thursday 10 July | 9:00am - 12:30pm | Science & Games- Half Day Option | \$30 |
| Friday 11 July | 9:00am - 3:00pm | The Ultimate Fun-a-thon | \$60 |

WEEK 2

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| Monday 14 July | 9:00am - 3:00pm | Cartwheels & Creations | \$60 |
| Tuesday 15 July | 9:00am - 3:00pm | The Y Warrior Day | \$60 |
| Tuesday 15 July | 9:00am - 12:30pm | The Y Warrior Day - Half Day Option | \$30 |
| Wednesday 16 July | 9:00am - 3:00pm | Sports Challenges & Reptile Show | \$60 |
| Thursday 17 July | 9:00am - 3:00pm | Science Experiments & Games | \$60 |
| Thursday 17 July | 9:00am - 12:30pm | Science & Games - Half Day Option | \$30 |
| Friday 18 July | 9:00am - 3:00pm | The Ultimate Fun-a-thon | \$60 |

DESCRIPTIONS

Our WHOLE DAY Programs are primarily gymnastics based programs which include a movie as well as, the addition of the following:

Cartwheels & Creations: Participants will learn basic / intermediate gymnastics skills, alongside a fun Arts & Craft session.

The Y Warrior Day: Is your child energetic? This is the program! Participants will get to use their creativity whilst going through our inflatable obstacle course and learning new and improved ninja tricks!

Sports Challenges & Reptile Show: Join us in centre for a mix of sports including basketball, soccer, pickleball and much more! We will also have a reptile show for kids to learn about our Australian native reptiles such as freshwater crocodiles, lizards, snakes, turtles and frogs.

Science Experiments & Games: Your child will be participating in a range of kid-friendly science experiments! Within the program children will make lava lamps, slime and will partake in a variety of gymnastics games.

The Ultimate Fun-a-thon: Children will get to experience a variety of activities such as: gymnastics skills, parkour and ninja, inflatable obstacle course, games along with art & crafts.

Half Day Program: This option is available for families who aren't able to participate for the whole day, each child will get the opportunity to participate in an action packed morning of fun activities!

Please ensure all participants have snacks, lunch and a drink bottle packed and all personal items are labeled. Please note we are a nut-free centre.

*Activities and prices are subject to change. Visit us online for most up-to-date information including times, dates, descriptions, terms and conditions.



Photo / NCAPAHG Alumni, Mee-Mai Gorbury Director 'wicking green' 200 x 300cm, 2017

24 MAY - 20 JUL

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

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DEADLY ARTS

24 May - 20 July 2025

Deadly Arts is an initiative based on Dharug land at Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School, delivered in partnership with the NSW Department of Education Arts Unit. Committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in deepening cultural knowledge and ancestral connections, this program provides opportunities for young First Nations artists to celebrate cultural identity through contemporary art practice.

This exhibition features the works of Deadly Arts students and graduates from public high schools across Western Sydney, demonstrating what the Deadly Arts Program is all about: creativity through the uniting of art, Dreamtime, people, and Country. Having been guided by experienced arts educators, practicing First Nations artists and cultural organisations, these students engage in innovative and authentic modes of artistic expression to explore songlines, cultural identity, and ancestral ties.

Offering a platform for storytelling, empowerment and cultural pride, the *Deadly Arts* exhibition showcases a new generation of First Nations artists from Western Sydney, emphasising their roles in shaping a dynamic, inclusive cultural future. By highlighting the diverse, vibrant and evolving creative practices of these 'Deadly' artists, *Deadly Arts* seeks not only to nurture artistic growth, but to contribute to broader community understanding, reconciliation, and celebration of First Nations cultures.



Blue Mountains

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC



Shirt, Popper & Fruit provided

CLINIC DATES:

MONDAY 14 JULY
LAPSTONE OVAL

TUESDAY 15 JULY
KATOOMBA SHOWGROUND

Join in the Excitement with Blue Mountains Oztag!

Activities and drills designed to enhance tag coordination, ball passing, kicking, teamwork and communication skills for all levels.

Price: \$40

Registration:
6's, 8's & 10's 9pm-12pm
12's, 14's & 16's 1pm-4pm

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