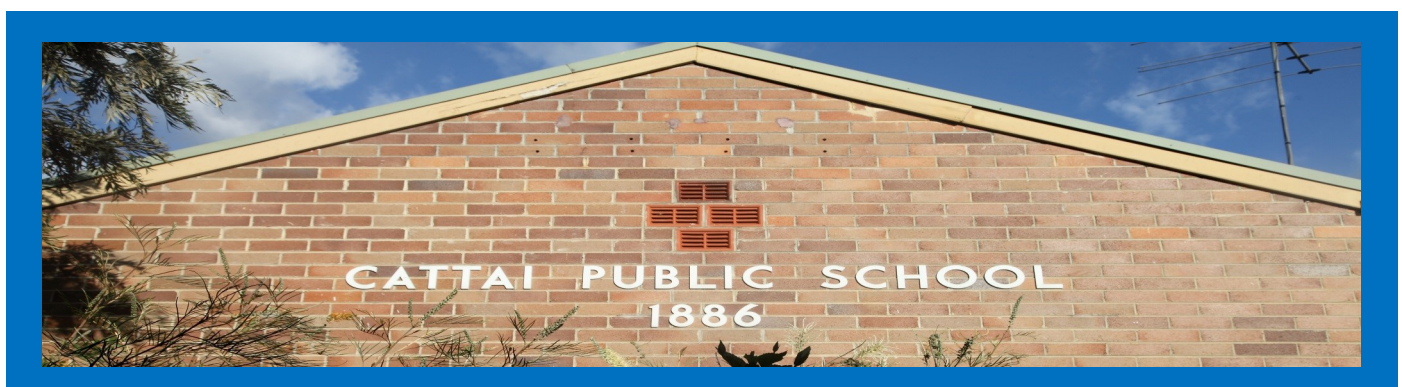
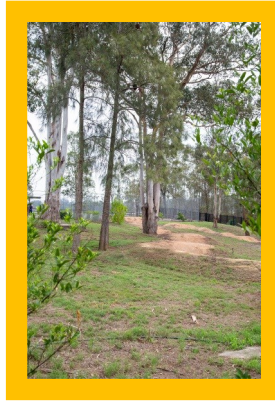


# Information Package

## Cattai PS



Education



### Welcome

First of all, welcome to our beautiful school. Small schools are a terrific place for your child to receive their education. Your child will become more than just a number or a face, they become part of the school family.

At Cattai PS, the teaching staff prides themselves on providing personalised learning for every student or what I like to call 'The Goldilocks Effect', where the learning is not too easy and not too hard but just right. Every student has the learning adjusted to their individual needs and aspirations. We follow each individual student's learning journey using visible learning assessments and tracking sheets that inform the teacher, and more importantly the student, exactly what your child already knows and what they need to learn next.

We have a wide range of facilities on site including BMX Track, a S.T.E.M. Lab, a Library, a Music Room, an Oval, a Basketball Court, a Chicken Coup, Vegie garden, sand pit an Administration building and 4 fully operational classrooms. All of this overlooks the paddocks, dams and nature reserve next door to the school. Creating a truly unique setting for your child to continue their learning journey.

I look forward to working with you in shaping your child's future. Feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have. My door, phone line and inbox are always open.

Robert Hawkes  
Principal  
Cattai PS

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## Strategic Directions

Student growth and attainment

Community engagement and empowerment

Purpose for '**Student Growth and Attainment**' is to ensure all students, every year, gain a year's worth of progress for a year's worth of teaching and learning.

Purpose for '**Community engagement and empowerment**' is to engage and empower the whole school community on how student's learn and implement effective strategies to support them along their learning journey.



## Our Learning Environment

Cattai Public is a happy and safe rural school overlooking the Cattai Creek in a picturesque setting.

Class sizes are small and we have a strong focus on personalised learning and student and teacher accountability. Strong academic standards are reflected by committed teachers and students, who work together to achieve strong student performance.

Students regularly participate in academic competitions, debating, public speaking, sporting gala days and termly MMWaC events with our locals schools. A common belief is held by all in developing the whole child, giving students opportunities to learn and develop skills in all areas of the curriculum.

Cattai Public School has a supportive and caring parent community who regularly assist the students and staff through fundraising events and school working bees.

## Cattai PS School Hours

School Commences	:8.30am
Recess	:11.00am
Classes Resume	:11.30am
Lunch	:1.45pm
Pack up time	:2.25pm
School Finishes	:2.30pm

## School Contact Details

**Location:** 487 Cattai Rd, Cattai  
NSW 2756

**Phone:** (02) 4572 8445

**Fax:** (02) 4572 8760

**Email:**

cattai-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Website:**

www.cattai-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

**Skoolbag:**

Download the app to stay up to date with the latest Cattai news.

## Cattai School Song

(To the tune of Click Go the Shears)

At Cattai School high upon a hill  
The children play and work with  
a will  
For they are free in our dear  
land  
Where all may work for futures  
planned.

On sports day happy voices  
ring  
On choir day you can hear  
them sing.  
Many a child will remember the  
ride  
Across flowing creeks as floods  
subside.

As time goes by we're put to  
the test  
We'll cherish the times of  
happiness.  
At Cattai School high upon the  
hill  
The children play and are  
working still.

## Advance Australia Far National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice for  
we are young and free.  
We've golden soil and wealth  
for toil, our home is girt by sea.  
Our land abounds in nature's  
gifts, of beauty rich and rare.  
In history's page, let every  
stage, Advance Australia Fair.  
  
In joyful strains then let us  
sing, Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant southern  
cross, we'll toil with hearts and  
hands,  
To make this Commonwealth of  
ours' renowned of all the lands.  
For those who've come across  
the seas, we've boundless  
plains to share.  
With courage let us all combine  
to Advance Australia Fair.

In joyful strains then let us  
sing, Advance Australia Fair.

## School Pledge

This is our school.

Let us always try to work hard  
at our lessons,

to play fair at our games

and to obey and respect our  
elders.

## A Brief History

The first land grant in the area was made to THOMAS ARNDELL in 1804. He named the grant "CADDIE".

The School was established in 1886 and was known as Maroota.

The name was changed to Cattai Public School in 1908.

The School had only one teacher until the second building was opened in 1968. A demountable classroom was added in 1980, with a second demountable being occupied in 1984. A third demountable was delivered to Cattai for use as a Library in 1987.

A new double classroom block was opened 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1994 to take the place of the two demountable classrooms.

A new library was built in 2009 and also a demountable office was erected to replace the original administration building.





### Sports Carnivals

Cattai Public School has two House Groups:

**Kookaburra** - Blue

**Pelican** - Yellow

These groups are used for school based carnivals.

The school also competes in the Annual Small Schools' Swimming and Athletics Carnivals.

Primary children compete in District Carnivals where they combine and represent Cattai PS as part of the Small Schools Team.



### Voluntary School Contributions

We appreciate all contributions made to the school, we rely on this not only to assist us in purchasing basic requirements for day to day classroom activities, including paint, paper, pencils, art and craft items, but also to purchase all of which enhances your child's learning.

### Entry To School Grounds Outside School Hours

Members of the school community please note that school grounds are covered by the Enclosed Lands Act. As such, outside of school hours students and community members must have permission from the principal to be on the school grounds.

If you see or notice anything untoward, such as unauthorised people in the school grounds and/or people acting suspicious on or near the school outside school hours, please contact School Security - 1300 880 021.

### Attendance/Sickness

Frequent absences can affect a child's progress and late arrivals can disrupt the class.

A child's health is of prime importance and consideration must be made to the contagious factor of an illness and sick children should be kept at home.

If your child is absent, please send an explanatory note on his/her return to the class teacher.

If you wish your child to leave school before the normal finishing time for any reason, please send a written request to the class teacher with your child.

If your child is late or you need to collect your child from school you will also need to sign your child in or out at the school office.

Should your child become ill during the day, where possible and when considered necessary, parents will be contacted by telephone and informed of the circumstances.

### Crunch and Sip

Cattai PS participates in the 'Crunch 'n' Sip' program. Each student is encouraged to bring in some fruit and veg each day with a bottle of water. They can then 'Crunch an' Sip' on them during class time to help keep up their energy levels.

### Lost Property

Please ensure that ALL clothing and property is labelled clearly with your CHILD'S NAME. A regular check will guard against loss of items.



### Parent and Care Giver Involvement

At Cattai PS we believe that the success of our students comes down to the parents, staff and students all working as part of a team.

There are a number of ways to keep up to date with the latest CPS news. This can be achieved by:

- Attending the monthly meetings of the Parents & Citizens Association.
- Downloading the 'skoolbag' app to your phone.
- Reading the fortnightly newsletter "Pelican Post".
- Attending functions arranged by the P&C Association.
- Attending school functions arranged for parent discussions and information.
- Visiting the school website at this web address:  
[www.cattai-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cattai-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)



### Skoolbag

The Skoolbag App is our main form of communication with the Cattai school community, keeping you up to date with all the exciting things that are happening at our amazing school.

If you are new to Skoolbag and would like to know how to install the App, see the 'how to' guide on the following page.

Skoolbag will essentially work in the following ways:

- 1) When sending notes home a **push notification** will be sent directly to your phone.
- 2) For those families that do not have internet access on their phone or home computer, a paper copy of notes will also be sent home.
- 3) If the note includes sections that parents need to sign for permission then both a paper copy of the note and a Skoolbag notification/email will be sent.

See over page details on how to setup up skoolbag on your phone.

### Parents & Citizens (P&C) Association

Parents of all pupils and interested citizens are invited to join this Association.

The time P&C meetings are held will be reviewed annually to accommodate most interested parties.

Currently meetings are being held on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm.

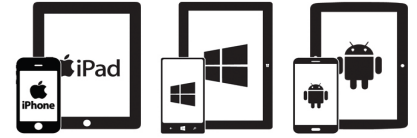


### Facebook

Cattai PS has a very active Facebook page. The staff regularly post updates on the exciting experiences the students are involved in. From victories at sporting carnivals to a sneak peek into all the learning happening within our classrooms. To follow along with all the fun go to:  
<https://www.facebook.com/CattaiPS/>







## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### For iPhone and iPad users:

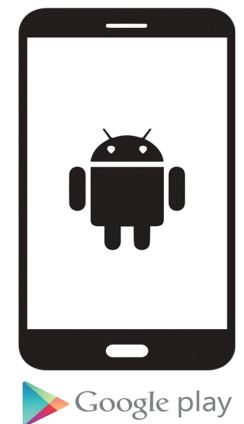
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



### For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

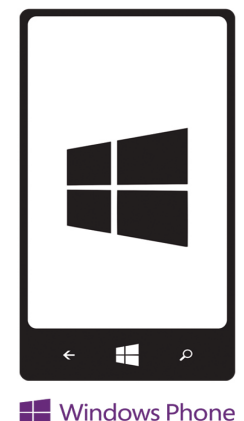


Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

### For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.



## Before and After School Care

Cattai Public School has several before and after school care options available.

### **Milestones Early Learning Pitt Town**



Before & After School Care is available through Milestones Early Learning Pitt Town. Milestones provides a private bus that drops students off in the morning and picks them up in the afternoon. Both drop off and pick up are from the school front gate and bus drivers are Pitt Town Preschool staff members.

To find out more you can contact them on 02 4572 3013 or for more information go to...  
<https://pitttown.milestones.com.au/>

Or....

### **Pitt Town Early Learning Centre**



Another option for Cattai PS students is Pitt Town Early Learning Centre. Both Pitt Town Day Care and Pitt Town Early Learning Centre are owned by the same company. If needed it can be arranged for the same private bus mentioned above to drop off and pick up Cattai PS students at Pitt Town Early Learning Centre.

To find out more you can contact them on 02 4580 7064 or for more information go to...  
<https://pitttownelc.com.au/>



Current busways timetable. For more information go to [www.busways.com](http://www.busways.com)  
 To Apply enter:- <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolTravelPasses>



### SCHOOL TIMETABLE

### WESTERN SUBURBS REGION

## Cattai Public School

Timetable effective from Monday 19 April 2021

Amended 09/04/2021

(R) Bus Turns Right - (L) Bus Turns Left

#### MORNING

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Serviced	Route Description
-	672	7:25 AM	Maroota Cattai	Departs Wisemans Ferry Rd & Old Northern Rd via Wisemans Ferry Rd (L)Floyds Rd to Chilvers Ln (7:41am), turns around & returns Floyds Rd (L)Wisemans Ferry Rd, Cattai Rd to School.
5116	-	7:56 AM	Cattai (South)	Departs Cattai Rd & Pitt Town Dural Rd via Cattai Rd (L)Lakeland Rd (R)Threlkeld Dr to end, turns around & returns Threlkeld Rd (L)Lakeland Rd (R)Cattai Rd (L)Millers Rd (L)Pebbly Hill Rd (R)Mitchell Park Rd to Gravel Access Rd, turns around & returns Mitchell Park Rd (L)Cattai Rd (L)Jaceva Pl to end, turns around & returns Jaceva Pl (R)Cattai Rd to School.

#### AFTERNOON

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Serviced	Route Description
5617	-	2:35 PM	Cattai (South) Pitt Town	Departs School via Mitchell Park Rd (R)Pebbly Hill Rd (R)Millers Rd (R)Cattai Rd (L)Lakeland Rd (R)Threlkeld Dr to end, turns around & returns Threlkeld Dr (L)Lakeland Rd (R)Cattai Rd, Eldon St (R)Bathurst St (R)Buckingham St to Pitt Town Public School (2:50pm).
5613	-	2:35 PM	Cattai (North) Maroota	Departs School via Mitchell Park Rd to Resident Access Rd, turns around & returns Mitchell Park Rd (R)Cattai Rd, Wisemans Ferry Rd (R)Floyds Rd to Chilvers Ln, turns around & returns Floyds Rd (R)Wisemans Ferry Rd to Sackville Ferry Rd (2:59pm), continues Wisemans Ferry Rd (L)Old Northern Rd to Maroota Public School (3:05pm).

### Code Of Conduct For School Students On Buses

Cattai PS staff members will follow up on incidents that happen on school buses as a result of poor student choices using the "Cattai PS Student Discipline Processes and Procedures" this is to help ensure the safety of Cattai PS students when travelling on the buses before and after school.

#### Students will:

- Behave safely at all times.
- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers.
- Behave appropriately at all times (eg no use of offensive language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats or throwing things in or from the bus).
- Protect bus property and report any vandalism.
- Show their travel cards to the driver on boarding and when requested.
- Only use the travel card for its intended purpose.
- Maintain possession of the travel card at all times.
- Follow the driver's instructions about safety on the bus.
- Adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses.
- Adhere to bus operator rules about eating and drinking on the bus.
- Keep arms, legs and other parts of their bodies inside the bus.
- Only attract the attention of the driver in the case of an emergency.

## School Uniform

Students are encouraged to wear correct uniform at all times, especially on excursions, for photos and any other times the school is on public display. Items only mentioned in the below list will be deemed as wearing full school uniform. There will be periodic uniform spot checks and students in full school uniform will be rewarded with 'gotchas'. Many community judgements are based on appearance and we urge all parents to assist in creating the best possible impression of our school.

### **BOYS:**

Blue and gold sport shirt with school crest  
Blue shorts (Summer)  
Blue track pants (Winter)  
Micro-fibre jacket with school crest or school coloured jumper  
School hat or bucket hat  
Black shoes with black laces or black velcro  
White socks  
Cattai PS Blue Beanie (Winter)  
Blue Gloves (Winter)

### **GIRLS:**

Blue and gold sport shirt with school crest  
Blue shorts or blue skort (Summer)  
Blue track pants or blue bootleg slacks (Winter)  
Micro-fibre jacket with school crest or school coloured jumper  
School hat or bucket hat  
Black shoes with black laces or black velcro  
White socks  
Earrings (studs only)  
Hair tied back with school colour or black hair accessories  
Cattai PS Blue Beanie (Winter)  
Blue Gloves (Winter)

### **Sports Day Exceptions:**

Students may wear coloured running shoes on sport and fitness days. Sport and fitness days will be communicated at the start of each term via a weekly overview.

### **Purchasing Uniforms:**

All uniforms except for shoes and socks will be available through the school. Pants and skorts may also be available at Lowes. Bootleg slacks may be available through Best and Less. Please contact the current P&C uniform coordinator for more information.





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