



Education

Information Package

Cattai Public School



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, an OOSHC, a Library, a Music/Art Room, an Oval, a Basketball Court, a Chicken coop, Veggie gardens, 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 venture forth on 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.

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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 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

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

Website: cattai-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

School Bytes:

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

HPGE Overview

As a Department of Education school one of our priorities is ensuring there are opportunities for our HPGE (High Potential Gifted Education) students to shine. The 4 domains for HPGE are: Intellectual, Physical, Creative and Social Emotional. Below is a list of the various offerings for Cattai PS students across these domains.

Intellectual



High quality Explicit Teaching across all classes

Personalised learning

Termly data sheets tracking individual student progress and achievement

Chess Competitions

Cross School MMWaC Academic Challenge

Termly class speeches

Public speaking opportunities for all students during parent assemblies



Physical



School Carnivals

Small School Carnival

Zone Carnivals

Representative Teams

Swim School

BMX

Cattai Croppers

Small Schools KO Competitions

Hawkesbury Gala Days: Futsal, Soccer, Basketball, Netball.



Creative



Hawkesbury Performing Arts Dance Group

Hawkesbury Show Art Competition

Hawkesbury Show Lego Competition

Boom whackers

Keyboard

Easter Hat Parade

Easter colouring in comp

Designated Classroom for the Creative Arts

End of year items for Community Breakfast.



Social Emotional



Phonics Tutors

Resilience Project

Learning with Leaders

Phonics with Families

Buddies

SRC

Chicken Monitors



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 one 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 Provisional School.

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 9th 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.



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.

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.

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.

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.



Parent and Care Giver Involvement

At Cattai Public School 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 'School Bytes' 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



School Bytes

In the very fast paced world we live in, we understand the need for you, our parents/carers to have the flexibility to make payments outside of school hours and furthermore, the ability to receive and respond to communication at a time that best suits your needs.

As a result, we are excited to announce our school will be engaging the services of School Bytes who offers a simplified digital system for school payments and parent/ carer communication.

You will be able to:

- Access your statement of account
- Give permission for excursions
- Pay for excursions.
- Fill in forms for events.
- Coming soon the newsletter will be sent from there also.

Information on how to install the app is over the page.



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

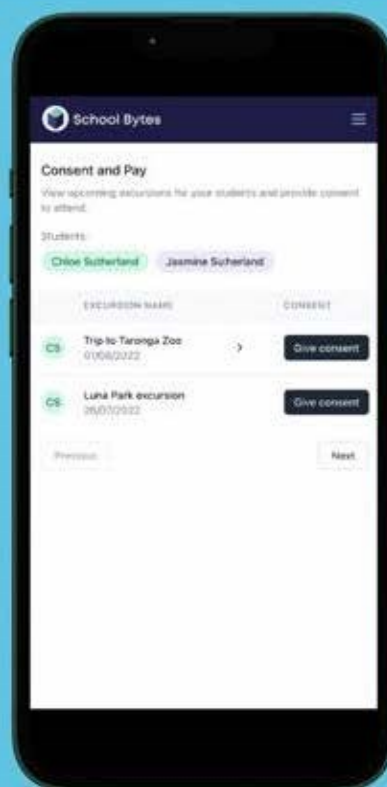
Cattai Public School has a very active Facebook page. The staff regularly post updates on the exciting experiences the students are involved in. From victories at sporting carnivals to a sneak peek into all the learning happening within our classrooms. To follow along with all the fun go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/CattaiPS/>



AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school offers a flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



School Bytes

Register for the Parent Portal via the
QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>





Social, enjoyable
& fun experiences
for children

Develop creativity, life
skills & confidence
through play

Qualified, caring &
engaged staff

Exciting &
thoughtfully
developed programs

Healthy & Yummy
food provided
each day

Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	6:30 AM to 8:15 AM	\$19.00	\$1.90
After School Care (ASC)	2:30 PM to 6:30 PM	\$26.00	\$2.60
Pupil Free Day	N/A	N/A	N/A
Holiday Program***	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Standard fee costs **before** Child Care Subsidy | ** Standard fee costs **after** maximum Child Care Subsidy | *** Standard fee costs **excluding** incursions/excursions

Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

BSC/ASC within **24 hours** of session start time: **\$3.00**

Holiday Program within **5 days** of session start time: **\$10.00**

Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

BSC/ASC within **24 hours** of session start time: **\$3.00**

Holiday Program: book less than **5 days** from
the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)

\$1 per minute after service close time.

To register visit theircare.com.au

Service Phone Number:
0459 111 337

Your service Coordinator will be
available during session times.

Save up
to **90%** with
the Child Care
Subsidy!



Current busways timetable. For more information go to 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 20 November 2023

Amended 09/08/2024

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

MORNING

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Served	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 Served	Route Description
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).
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).

Code of Conduct for Students on buses

Cattai Public School staff members will follow up on incidents that happen on school buses as a result of poor student choices, using the "Cattai Public School Student Discipline Processes and Procedures" this is to help ensure the safety of Cattai Public School 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)
Weather proof jacket with school crest
Sloppy joe with school crest
School hat or bucket hat
Black shoes with black laces or black velcro
White socks
Cattai Public School 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)
Weather proof jacket with school crest
Sloppy joe with school crest
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 Public School 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 or Best and Less. Bootleg slacks may be available through Best and Less. Please contact office for more information.



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