The Relocation 2014

Fact Sheet

The Gosford Public School relocation will take place in April 2014 (provided there are no significant weather problems that delay construction). We will commence at the new site on day one, Term Two (Monday 28th April - SDD, Tuesday 29th April - students start). Gosford Public School will remain a separate school, which retains its name and its full staffing entitlements as a P2 School.

The new site is larger than our existing location and will include:

- 21 classrooms - larger, well equipped, air conditioned classrooms. Wet area. Smartboards.
- Quiet area attached to each classroom for special programs
- Bifold doors between classrooms - opportunity to team teach
- 2 special programs rooms
- Administration building
- Canteen
- Library - includes technology area
- GPS Hall
- Shared use of HKHS Hall
- COLA - covered outdoor learning area
- Games court
- Free play area
- Shared use of sports oval
- Storage
- Boundary fencing & gates
- Parking - including underground, secure staff car park. Designated parent parking on Faunce St
- Kiss & Drop zone for parents - Faunce St
- Bus Bays - primary bay on Faunce St, high school bay on Batley Street
- Class sizes as per DEC guidelines - approx K-20, Yr 1-22, Yr 2-24, Yrs 3/4/5/6-30
- Current staff to move to new site - approx 20 classroom teacher positions plus support staff

Already, Gosford Public School and Henry Kendall High School work closely together as part of the Gosford City Learning Community. This move will benefit both schools with the ability to support each other with programs and resources. The students at GPS will benefit through enrichment activities utilising HKHS expertise and having access to specialised facilities at the High School, such as the science labs. An additional benefit will be the ability to better integrate transition programs, which will assist the students with moving from primary school to high school.

2014 will be a rewarding year for all students and staff as we begin this adventure at our new site. It may be challenging at times, but the ultimate rewards will be so worthwhile. If you have any concerns, please feel free to discuss them with your classroom teacher, executive staff, Mrs Skinner (Deputy Principal) or Mr Anderson (Principal).
These are a sample of some of the amazing projects and activities students at GPS participate in each year. These will not only continue at our new site, but increase in number as we settle into our new school.

Artastic is a bi-annual program which involves artists in the community working with our students to create unique art works.

Students at GPS are given the opportunity to attend a variety of camps, excursions and visiting shows to support their learning. Examples include the Year 6 Canberra camp; Stage 2 Powerhouse Museum excursion and Kindy's Reptile Park excursion.

Our dedicated choir staff run both the K-2 and 3-6 choirs. Performances are held throughout the year at various locations.

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Dance groups are run throughout the school and include a senior, junior and environmental dance group.

Stop, Think, Do!

Chess Club

GPS is a tech savvy school which in addition to classroom computers and smartboards, has a Stage 3 laptop program, as well as an iPad program running throughout the classes. In 2014 and beyond, we are looking to expand our program and continue to incorporate more relevant and up to date technologies as they become available.

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