



*Ironbank Ridge Public  
School*

*P&C Association*

- Welcome Booklet -

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**Dear Kindy Mum and Dad,**

*Message from  
our president*

I would like to extend a very big and warm welcome to the new students and parents of Ironbark Ridge Public School (IRPS) from your school's P&C Association.

Starting kindergarten is a very exciting time for you and your child ... it can also be daunting and confusing.

I am here to let you know that at IRPS you are not alone. As parents of our school and members of our P&C, we understand what it is like on that first day of kindergarten. Our hope is to make your introduction to our school as easy and special as possible for you and your little ones.

I have put together some information in this booklet that will help you settle in during your first few weeks of school.

The Ironbark Ridge P&C Association is a group of like minded parents who work towards growing our student, teacher and parent relationships by providing additional resources and support to ensure all children have every opportunity to excel. This is done through community events and operating various services in the school. The P&C Association proudly participates in many activities throughout our school.

All parents are welcomed and encouraged to join the P&C during their time with IRPS. Our P&C meets once a term in the school library at 7:00pm on a Wednesday in week 4 (or via online virtual meetings) and we openly invite you to join us. Come along and participate or just listen to updates from the School's Principal, teachers, and other parents. It is also a good way of meeting other families in our school.

We are a very fortunate school, with very successful fundraising programs initiated and managed by fabulous volunteer parents that make it possible for us to provide the school and teachers with additional resources and special wish list items.

A levy was introduced to enable the P&C to continue to provide resources to the school, while focusing on community events rather than fundraising. Although the levy is voluntary, we ask for your support. The P&C Levy is currently \$30 each for the 1st and 2nd Children, 3rd Child \$15.00 and 4th Child \$0. The Levy will be included in the Term 2 account you will receive from the school.

Many programs and resources have been made possible because of the school's P&C Association since the school's opening in 2005. The P&C has funded a number of resources over the years including the hall fans, stage curtains, library furniture, wireless network throughout the school, smart-boards in every classroom, air conditioning, upgrades to playground and sporting areas, purchase of musical equipment, new signage for the school, Words Their Way program, sport uniforms, subscription to World Book Encyclopedia and a student welfare program. Also recently the Electronic Sign Board and Concrete Stencilling throughout the school.

### **How can I find out what is happening at the school?**

The school produces a fortnightly newsletter with information about current and upcoming events and is a key source of information for staying informed.

For communication, IRPS uses School Bytes for Parents. This system is used along with Facebook to send messages to families. School Bytes also allows you to view and update absences, advise the school of future absences, update family contact details, book parent/teacher interviews and view your child's Semester reports. Permission notes for excursions and activities are now completed electronically. Please make sure that you provide permission through the School Bytes Portal and return payments before the due date, so your child doesn't miss out on the wide range of school activities that occur throughout the year. Specific event information is still available on the school website under "Notes".

At IRPS we also have 3 official Facebook pages - The School, Parent's page and IRPS P&C Association Facebook pages. We encourage you to use the Parent's Facebook pages to communicate with other parents about school related matters and to find out about what's been happening at the school or upcoming events. Please register with each of these pages to know what's going on.

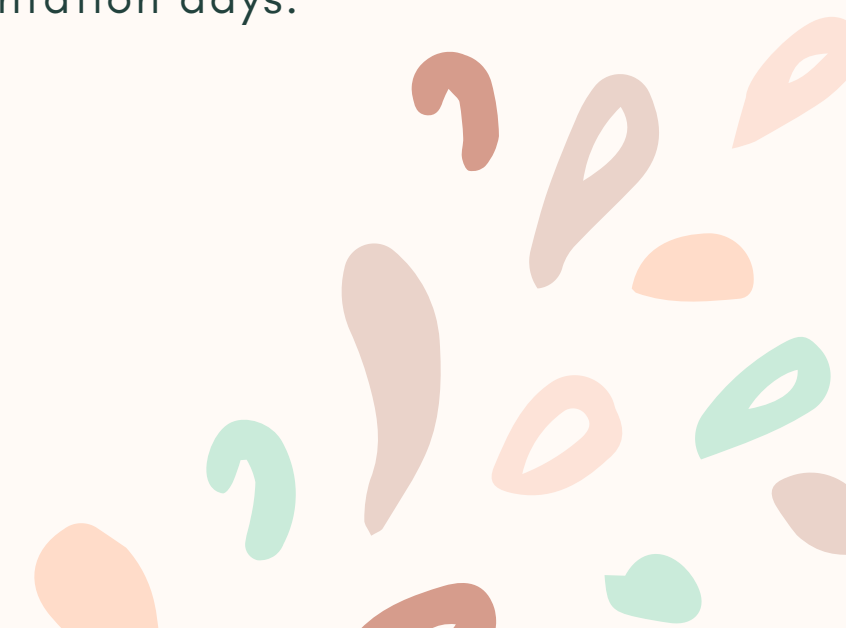
The School also offers KT OOSH after and before school care. This is held onsite, and hours of operation are as follows: Before School Care 6:45am - 8:30am, After School Care 3:00pm - 6:00pm, Vacation Care 7:00am - 6:00pm. For more information on the KT OOSH services at Ironbark Ridge, please contact KT OOSH on (02) 8814 7610, or visit their website at <http://www.ktoosh.com.au>

Finally, the School operates the canteen, which is managed by Doris Cull, and relies on parent & grandparent volunteers to help run it. Doris has put a huge effort into providing students with healthier eating options, and makes most of her own food, including pizzas, pastas, hamburgers, smoothies, milkshakes and crunch & sips to name a few. The Canteen is open every day for recess and lunch. If you are interested in being a volunteer helper, please speak to someone at one of the upcoming information nights or enquire at the canteen or office.

I look forward to seeing you at a future meeting and at the upcoming parent information nights and orientation days.

Warm regards

Elizabeth Anderson



# Who we are

The Ironbark Ridge Public School P&C Association are parents who volunteer to support the school through fundraising and operating various services in the school. All parents are welcomed and encouraged to join the P&C during their time with IRPS. The P&C Association proudly participates in many activities throughout our school. Our main objective is to grow our student, teacher and parent relationships and to provide additional resources and support to ensure all children have every opportunity to excel



# What we do?

The P&C usually run Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls. The children love to choose a special gift for their family members on these occasions. These activities are coordinated through online sales with additional information provided leading up to the occasion. Other activities include the running of the school Uniform Shop and community events like fetes, which raises funds to support larger projects for the school such as the installation of additional outdoor activity areas.

# What are we involved in?

- Uniform Shop
- Mother's day and Father's Day stalls
- Election day events
- Funding school projects and playground equipment



## BECOMING A MEMBER

To become a member, come along to any of our meetings where you can pay your \$2 annual fee.

Becoming a member doesn't mean you have an obligation to do anything. You will still receive minutes and P&C emails.

**\$2  
MEMBERSHIP  
FEE**

# Values

We believe that as a community we can create a meaningful school experience for every child by raising money for essential resources, equipment and creating a supporting environment.



# Innovation

We have minimised 'fundraising' events by introducing a P&C levy which raises funds for the school community as a whole without the hassle of doing chocolate drives and the like.



# Since Opening in 2005

In 2020 we committed almost \$25,000 to the school to be used towards Maths, Literacy and Teacher resources.

We have contributed a further \$55,000 towards several projects/initiatives undertaken by the School

In 2021 we focused on supporting the schools 21st Century learning programs within class collaborative workstations, student welfare, outdoor learning areas with new gardens and more. In 2022 we held a highly anticipated school fete and raised over \$20,000 to assist the school with building new outdoor play areas for all to enjoy.



# Key Dates

## Term 1

### FEB

1ST RETURN TO SCHOOL  
21ST TERM 1 P&C MEETING  
WELCOME BBQ

### MAR

21ST HARMONY DAY  
25TH PHOTO DAY

### APR

EASTER HAT PARADE  
15TH AUTUMN HOLIDAY BREAK

## Term 2

29TH APRIL DEVELOPMENT DAY

### MAY

MOTHER'S DAY STALL  
MOTHER'S DAY EVENT  
13TH WINTER UNIFORM TRANSITION  
22ND TERM 2 P&C MEETING

### JUN

10TH KINGS BIRTHDAY

### JUL

8TH WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK

## Term 3

22ND JULY DEVELOPMENT DAY

### AUG

NAIDOC WEEK  
EDUCATION WEEK  
14TH TERM 3 P&C MEETING  
FATHER'S DAY STALL

### SEP

FATHER'S DAY EVENT  
2ND SUMMER UNIFORM TRANSITION  
GRANDPARENTS DAY/BOOK WEEK  
30TH SPRING HOLIDAY BREAK

## Term 4

### NOV

6TH TERM 4 P&C MEETING AND AGM

### DEC

CELEBRATION DAY ASSEMBLIES  
LAST DAY 2024



# Ironbark Ridge Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop operates within the School's Uniform Policy and aims to offer a service to the students and parents of the school by providing them with an opportunity to purchase uniforms (summer & winter) and accessories in one place.

Our function as an efficient business is to offer a consistent service and quality products to the school community. The Uniform Shop is run by the Ironbark Ridge P&C Association and staffed by VOLUNTEER parents. Excess funds raised by the Uniform Shop (outside of running costs) are used by the P&C Association for the benefit of the school.

The Uniform Shops preferred payment method is credit card/eftpos. You may purchase in person or our online store. Sizing guides are available online also to make your sizing selection easier. In this booklet you will find our basic uniform recommendations, starter pack info and online store details.

You will be notified via SMS when your order is ready for collection at the Uniform Shop (during our trading hours). Alternatively orders can be left in the school office to be collected during school opening hours or If you have older siblings at the school, orders can be send to their classroom. Please leave 'office collection' or the child's name and class details in the notes section of the order.

We ask parents to be mindful of large packages and your child's ability to carry them.

Exchanges are provided within 3 months of purchase date. Items need to be unworn/'as sold' condition with any tags attached. There is no exchange on hats, socks, stockings or secondhand items. This can be done at the uniform shop or items can be left with the office staff providing your contact details, receipt number and a note stating what you would like exchanged.

We are currently updating our email. If you have any questions, please feel free to email the school (Att: Uniform Shop) and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

# Uniforms

## Boys Summer



Grey Shorts



Everyday Polo



Summer Tunic



Everyday Polo



Culotte

## Jackets



Baseball Jacket



Microfiber Jacket

## Girls Summer

- We recommended
- 2 summer Everyday uniform sets
  - 1 summer sport uniform set
  - 4 pairs of socks
  - 1 school hat
  - 1 school bag
  - 1 library bag
  - 1 art smock
  - 1 school jacket

# Summer Sport



Sport Polo



Sport Shorts

Our Uniform shop is  
on school grounds  
and open  
Mon & Wed 8:30-9:30  
and Fri (even weeks)  
8:30-9:30

## Accessories



Girls Socks



Slouch hat



Boys Socks



School bag



Girls Knee Hi Socks



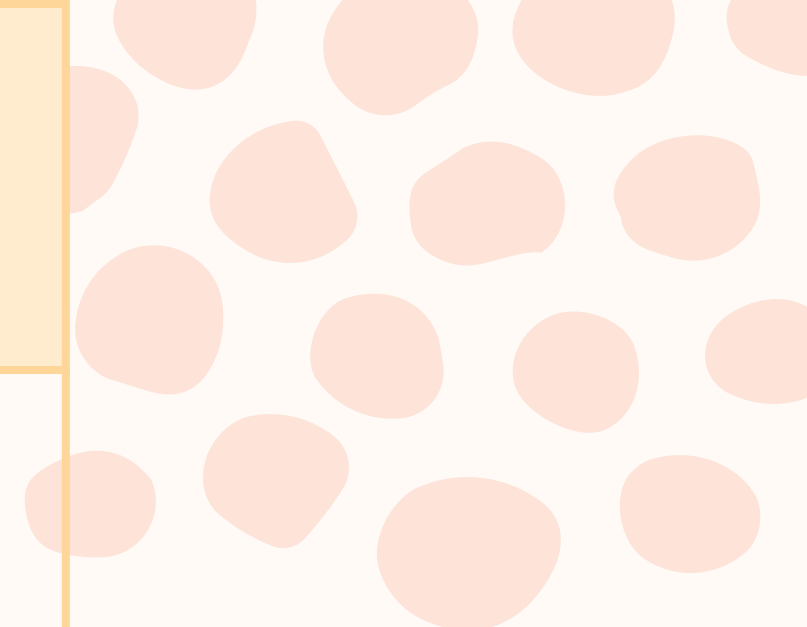
Headbands/Clips/Elastics




Library bag

# Starter Packs

<b>Boys Pack</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>	<b>Everyday Polo x2</b> <b>Grey Shorts x2</b> <b>Sport Polo</b> <b>Sport Shorts</b> <b>School Bag</b> <b>School Hat</b> <b>Green Socks x4</b>	<b>\$220</b>
<b>Girls Pack A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>	<b>Summer Tunic x2</b> <b>Sport Polo</b> <b>Sport Shorts</b> <b>School Bag</b> <b>School Hat</b> <b>White Socks x4</b>	<b>\$210</b>
<b>Girls Pack B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>	<b>Summer Tunic x1</b> <b>Everyday Polo x1</b> <b>Culotte x1</b> <b>Sport Polo</b> <b>Sport Shorts</b> <b>School Bag</b> <b>School Hat</b> <b>White Socks x4</b>	<b>\$245</b>



# How to order

- Fill in the order form provided
- Visit our online store   
<https://ironbark-ridge-public-school-pc-association.square.site/>
- In person at our Uniform Shop



- Download the spriggy app for all your canteen needs
- Follow the Ironbark Ridge Public school facebook page

Our P&C Facebook page is a great way to stay in touch with our school community and be up to date with all upcoming events

We are currently updating our email, so in the meantime if you have any questions please email the school and attention P&C or Uniform Shop. You can also contact us via message on our facebook page

*Important  
Info*



*Keep  
in touch*



*Thank  
you*