



Port Noarlunga Primary School & Aquatic Centre

'Working Together, Learning Forever'



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CANTEEN AND LUNCHES

Australian school canteens are run much like a tuck shop in that parents or students order their lunches from the canteen on an order form bag and provide the money themselves. Students' lunches are then made fresh on the school site and sent to the class at lunch time. We do not have a dinner hall. Students eat their lunch in their classroom supervised by their teachers. Students have the opportunity to enter the canteen at morning break time and purchase snack items for recess. Our canteen adheres to the Healthy Eating Guidelines outlined in the **Right Bite Policy**. Since 2008, the Right Bite policy has assisted South Australian schools and preschools to select food and drinks to promote healthy eating, contributing to significant long term health benefits of children. More information can be found at <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/eatwellsa/> and <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/eatwellsa/files/links/HealthyEatingGuidelines.pdf>

UNIFORMS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our uniform policy allows students the flexibility of wearing their school uniform for the school's Physical Education programme. There is no need for a second sport uniform or to change into a sport uniform at school. We have a Physical Education teacher who runs lessons on various sports and sporting skills. He teaches every class each week in both our gymnasium and our sports field/oval and provides opportunities for students to compete in sports at various levels in school competitions in areas such as Athletics, Soccer, Netball and Swimming. We also have weekend sport and after school sport (currently soccer and netball) which is run by both staff and parents.

NUMBERS OF STUDENTS IN EACH CLASS

The Department for Education and Child Development provides guidelines for class sizes. Reception to Year 2 classes can cater for 26 students and Year 3 to Year 7 classes can cater for 30 students. These numbers may fluctuate at various times throughout the year due to enrolment trends.

NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

The new National Australian Curriculum was introduced in 2012. Students are currently being assessed against the new English, Mathematics, History and Science curricula. Further information will be shared as the wider curriculum develops.

PORT NOARLUNGA AQUATIC CENTRE

The Aquatic Centre is an educational centre run by the Department for Education and Child Development and provides swimming and aquatic lessons for students aged 5-18 throughout their school years. The Port Noarlunga Aquatic Centre offices are located on our campus but the program is run from our local beach and estuary areas including the Onkaparinga River.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The Out of School Hours Care service caters for students who need care before and after school for parents who work or just need extra care for their children. The Vacation Care programme is run each school holidays.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement in their child's school life is openly encouraged at Port Noarlunga Primary School. Many parents choose to be a part of their child's classroom activities by listening to their child and other children read in the mornings when dropping their child at school. Parents form the basis of our committees such as Governing Council, The Fundraising Committee, sporting groups and the Outside School Hours Care Advisory Committee. Parent helpers are always welcome on school excursions and when walking students to events such as Aquatics and Beach Carnival.

If you're thinking of becoming a volunteer, whether to help out in the classrooms, on excursions or around the school, please contact the front office. As a result of new regulations, if you are intending to be in our school as a volunteer we will need you to complete a Criminal History Clearance application. Forms are available on our website <http://www.portnoarps.sa.edu.au/parentinfo.html> and from the front office. Please bring the completed form, with your **original** proof of identity documents to the Front office so that they can be sighted and verified. This proof of identity also includes your **marriage certificate** if that is applicable to you because you changed your name due to marriage.