

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin to transition into 2022 at Namadgi School, we will be making some significant changes for our current Year 5 students.

In 2022 we are excited to announce that Year 6 students will become part of our Primary School structure. For many positive reasons we believe this move will enhance COVID safe practices across the school, enable more leadership opportunities for students and celebrate a more rounded completion at the end of their formal Primary School years.

What will this look like:

- Year 6 students for 2022 will reside in the Primary school. Our projections would see these students located in the 2B villa at this time.
- Our experienced Year 6 teachers (Jamie Smith and Shannon Kumar) will transition to the Primary School for 2022, bringing with them a wealth of knowledge and skills. These staff members will be introduced to the Year 6 cohort as part of a transition process at the back end of Term 4, 2021.
- At the end of 2022 we will have a formal Year 6 graduation in line with other school programs across ACT schools.
- All monies raised from the Year 5 fundraisers in 2021 will be used to subsidise a Year 6 shirt and contribute towards the Year 6 graduation at the end of 2022.
- A Year 5 celebration event will still be held at the end of term 4 in 2021 and will be voted on by students i.e. pizza party, adventure playground excursion.

An online Google Meeting will be offered in the coming weeks to families to help answer any questions they may have regarding these changes. P&C and School Board representatives have been consulted prior to enacting this decision and we look forward to engaging families through this meeting.

Kind regards,

Gareth Richards

Principal

Namadgi School