



# NAMADGI SCHOOL

## PARENT HANDBOOK

### 2026



# Contact Information

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**Telephone:** 0412 818 836

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# Welcome!

Welcome to Namadgi Preschool to Year 10 School. As you read about our school, you will get a sense of our learning focus, the whole school philosophy of a P-10 setting, our core values and the opportunities on offer for students.

Namadgi is an inclusive school with mainstream and small group classes supporting learning opportunities for a range of students. Through differentiating curriculum tasks, we approach learning opportunities with a student-centred focus. Our facilities are modern and we have an improvement agenda to remain current with 21st Century learning capabilities that place students at the center.

The Namadgi School values are; Learning, Caring, Respect and Positive Attitude. Our staff and community helped to shape these values and are explicitly taught through a Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) focus. As a school we value diversity and nurture social, cultural and academic differences. The Namadgi School P-10 setting means that students can grow and learn with their cohort from Preschool entry to Year 10 Graduation.

Our Strategic Plan (2024-2026) focusses on the development of literacy and numeracy skills as well as Wellbeing strategies and programs to enable all students to thrive. Our graduate profile for students is heavily focused on preparing students to be connected learners through the development of 21st Century learning habits (such as being collaborative, creative, problem solving and critical thinkers). Our transitions to college, and vocational education opportunities, are strengthened through our connections with South Canberra VET Pathways.

Namadgi School operates a preschool program following the Directorates 15 hour guidelines and engages students through the Early Years Learning Framework as a curriculum base. Preschool students are encouraged to use play-based learning to develop social, emotional and academic skills in preparation for Kindergarten. Preschool students within the Namadgi Priority Enrolment Area are automatically enrolled into Kindergarten.

Our school environment consists of Preschool and Primary (to Year 6) and a High School (to Year 10).

During their time at Namadgi School students will be taught from the Australian Curriculum and have opportunities to engage in elective classes and excursions that support learning. These experiences can include international excursions in the High School to Japan, sporting excursions with interschool teams and outdoor education programs such as surf camps. Alongside our in-school experiences such as reptile zoo visits and educational shows, Namadgi School offers a breadth of educational programs.

At Namadgi School we foster student leadership opportunities through peer support programs, a Year 10 leadership class, buddy programs and student representation on the School Board. Our Pastoral Care, Youth Worker and early intervention programs are aimed towards assisting students with personal and academic concerns. Our school counselling services support students and families. At Namadgi we understand what it means to be part of the community and strive to be a supportive hub within the Kambah suburb.

The school can accommodate requests to meet to discuss enrolment options and through our executive team we can support requests for school visits. I welcome you to Namadgi P-10 School and look forward to meeting your family.

**Gareth Richards**

**Principal**



# Our School Community



## Our Purpose

Namadgi school provides high quality, innovative and holistic education in a safe and nurturing environment. The school enhances its community by promoting lifelong learning, establishing positive learning environments, and engaging friendships.

## Our Vision

- ✚ The school is a safe, happy, and welcoming place.
- ✚ The school is a hub for the community, promoting positive relationships and providing a sense of belonging through our enthusiasm, excellent communication, collaboration, kindness, and support.
- ✚ The school has a strong cultural integrity focus which honours the contribution of Ngunnawal people.
- ✚ The school is known for its innovative curriculum, pedagogy, and use of technology.
- ✚ Learning at this school is exciting, positive, and challenging. Our learning environments foster passion for learning.
- ✚ We have high expectations of all our staff members and all our students, and we celebrate their achievements.
- ✚ The physical environment is inspiring, stimulating and environmentally friendly.
- ✚ The school seeks to engage students in their own learning through student voice.



# Namadgi School Vision and Values

At Namadgi School the Values are embedded into rewards systems and are part of the restorative language when working through student concerns. They are also part of the Positive Behaviours for Learning approach.

Learning	Caring	Respect	Positive Attitude
<p>I am an active learner</p> <p>I am willing to try new things</p> <p>I ask for help when I need it</p> <p>I reflect on my actions</p>	<p>I help others</p> <p>I am friendly, kind, and considerate</p> <p>I share and include others</p> <p>I am a good friend</p>	<p>I treat everybody with respect</p> <p>I listen carefully</p> <p>I use good manners</p> <p>I treat others the way I like to be treated</p>	<p>I do my best</p> <p>I am positive</p> <p>I participate fully</p> <p>I praise others</p> <p>I take responsibility for my actions</p>

## 2026 Executive Staff

Principal

Gareth Richards

Deputy Principals

Liz Baker-Matterson

Primary School

Joanne McKenzie

Secondary School

Executive Teachers

Emma Vince

Preschool & Primary Small Group Program

Kristy Grady

Kindergarten to Year 2

Anthea Theodoridis

Primary Years 3-4

Craig Lambert

Primary Years 5-6

Maddie Clayden

Arts, Technology & HPE

Mindie White

Student Services & Senior Small Group Programs

Stacey Freedman

Maths & Science

Bea Hale

English, Humanities & Languages

Katie Langridge

Wellbeing & Small Group Programs

Business Manager

Meghana Pachika

# Graduate Profile

Every Namadgi School graduate leaves our school with:

**Academic Proficiency:** All graduates are academically prepared for their future. They demonstrate skills in all key learning areas, with particular emphasis on English, Mathematics and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.

**Love of Learning:** Learning is an integral part of each graduate's identity. Graduates display a healthy attachment to learning, know how to learn, and find joy in learning. They are curious, critical, and creative thinkers.

**Confidence:** Graduates are their own person. They have a sense of purpose and are able to form opinions, make wise choices and create their futures. They are resilient, determined, adaptable and self-assured without being arrogant or selfish.

**Empathy:** Graduates demonstrate compassion and respect towards themselves, other people, and the environment. They are well prepared to be active local and global citizens.

## Term Dates

2025

Term 1	Friday 30 January 2026 to Thursday 2 April 2026 New students start school on Friday 30 January 2026 Continuing students return to school on Monday 2 February
Term 2	Tuesday 21 April 2026 to Friday 3 July 2026
Term 3	Tuesday 21 July 2026 to Friday 25 September 2026
Term 4	Tuesday 13 October 2026 to Friday 18 December 2026





## Times of the School Day

The start and finish times for our school are:

Preschool                      9.00am - 3.00pm

Preschool parents are asked to hand their child over to the teacher as close as possible to 9.00am each session.

Kindergarten – Year 10    9:00am - 3:00pm

If you arrive at school after 9:10am you will need to sign your child/ren in via the Front Office and take a late slip to your teacher.

## Attendance

Please advise the school if your child is going to be absent from school. If children are absent without explanation, administration staff will contact parents via an SMS message notifying you of their absence. If you receive this notification please contact the school to explain your child/ren's absence.

You can contact the front office by:

- Emailing [info@namadgi.act.edu.au](mailto:info@namadgi.act.edu.au)
- Reply to the automatic SMS to explain your child's absence
- Calling 6142 0900
- Send a handwritten note upon your child's return

For more detailed information about attendance requirements please visit our website to see our attendance policy or ask our friendly front office team.

# Information Privacy Act 2014: Territory Privacy Principle 5

## Notification of collection of personal information

The ACT Education Directorate is obliged to handle your personal information openly, transparently and in accordance with the Territory Privacy Principles set out in the Information Privacy Act 2014.

We explain how we collect, use, share, and store your personal information and how you can access and correct it in our privacy policy. You can view our privacy policy on the [About Us](#) page of the Directorate's website ([http://www.det.act.gov.au/about\\_us](http://www.det.act.gov.au/about_us)).

*If you complete these forms your personal information will be collected and handled by us. This information is necessary for us to provide support, medical permissions, and contact details to ensure your child receives the best care whilst attending Namadgi School.*

- ✓ WWVP Volunteer Nomination form
- ✓ Parental privacy consent form – Third party ICT consent form

*If you do not consent to supply us with this information, then there could be potential delays with communicating your child's needs.*

*Normally, we will not use or disclose this information for another purpose, without your consent, unless you would reasonably expect us to use or disclose the information for a related purpose.*

*Normally we only share information with other ACT Government Directorates/the AFP/ACT Ombudsman/Human Rights Commission to assist you more efficiently if needed.*

If you believe that your personal information has not been handled appropriately or that we have breached the Territory Privacy Principles, you can contact us to make a complaint. Refer to the Directorate's Complaints Policy which is located on the [Policies](#) page of the Directorate's website, ([http://www.det.act.gov.au/publications\\_and\\_policies/policy\\_a-z](http://www.det.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/policy_a-z)).

## You can contact us for general privacy enquiries at:

ACT Education Directorate - Privacy Contact Officer  
Governance and Legal Liaison Section - Governance and Assurance  
Branch post: GPO Box 158, CANBERRA ACT 2601  
email: [DET.legal.liaison@act.gov.au](mailto:DET.legal.liaison@act.gov.au)  
phone: (02) 6205 9159

## Worried about your child

### To obtain information about your child you can speak to:

- Your child's class teacher or homeroom teacher
- An executive teacher
- The School Psychologist or Pastoral Care staff

### To obtain information about the school you can:

- Speak to your child's class teacher or homeroom teacher
- Check the school Facebook, Website, or email
- Contact the staff in Front Office
- Attend P&C meetings
- Ensure that you receive a copy of the Namadgi Newsletter emailed out in week 2, 5 and 9
- Speak to the Principal or Deputy Principals via appointment

# Parent/Carer Involvement

Families are welcome and encouraged to volunteer or nominate for the School Board or join the P&C Association to contribute to the development of school plans.

## Volunteer

You can be involved in the school in several ways:

- Assist in various activities. These can include supporting in classrooms, volunteering at sports events and carnivals, excursions, or camps.
- Volunteer in the library, preschool or Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
- Join the school Board or P&C. Meetings run twice a term.

Namadgi School considers parents/carers skills a valuable resource in the education of their studies. All volunteers are required to have a valid Working with Vulnerable People Card.

## Working with Children and Young People

ACT Public Schools welcome volunteers and value the support they provide to schools, students, and educational programs.

To volunteer in schools, you must complete the Nomination Form, this can be collected on request from Front Office staff. If you do not complete all sections of the nomination form the Directorate may not be able to accept your nomination to work with or close to students. The acceptance of the services of a volunteer and the termination of the arrangement is entirely with the discretion of the school principal. In some circumstances, services or activities will be underpinned by a contractual arrangement or other appropriate agreements.

Please read this information sheet and the Code of Conduct, and provide all information required before signing the form. Please ask the principal of the school if you have any questions. You will also be required to complete a daily sign-in form on each occasion you enter the school.

The duty of care owed to students in ACT public schools requires that all persons working with students, including volunteers, promote a safe environment and a positive educational climate. You are asked to comply with the Code of Conduct.

## School Board

The School Board helps to foster productive relationships between the parents/carers and the school. It also assists in the development of school policies, the allocation of funds and the development of school curriculum. Board members require no previous experience; all that is required is an interest in the educational process and the wellbeing of the children, parents/carers and staff of the school.

The School Board is constituted under the ACT Schools Authority Ordinance, which gives legal functions and power to the Board.

**2025 School Board Chair:** Catherine McLachlan

## Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

The P&C play a vital role in the functioning of the school. It is the main forum for parent/carer discussion on educational matters. In addition, funds raised by the P&C are used to purchase items for use in the school. The P&C extends a warm welcome to all new members of the community and invites everyone to attend their meetings.

**P&C President:** Rhodina Ellison

**Contact:** [hello@namadgi.org.au](mailto:hello@namadgi.org.au)

## Voluntary Contributions

Your voluntary contributions assist with the provision of additional items that give each child the best education program possible. They help fund consumable items such as crafts and paints through to equipment for physical education classes. Information about voluntary contributions is sent to all parents/carers early in the year.

Voluntary contributions are a vital component of our school funding model. All contributions are welcome and go directly to helping fund student programs.



# School Organisation A-Z

## Absences and lateness

If your child is absent for the day, please ring the front office on 6142 0900 before 9:30am or send an email to [info@namadgi.act.edu.au](mailto:info@namadgi.act.edu.au) to explain your child's absence. If you do not have access to email a handwritten note will also be acceptable upon the child's return. Children with extended leave impacting their attendance may require a medical certificate to explain their absence.

If children are absent without explanation, administration staff will contact parents via an SMS message.

If your child is late for school, please take them directly to the administration building for signing in.

## Allergy Aware School

Namadgi School is an allergy aware school. This is to provide protection for children who have severe allergic reactions. Our canteen menu will aim to be nut free and parents are asked to provide nut free food for their child's morning tea and lunch.

## Assessment and Reporting

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will participate in National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in Term 2. Written reporting will occur at the end of each semester for all classes. Assessment is ongoing throughout the year.

## Assemblies

School Assemblies are held regularly in the Village Performing Art Centre (VPAC). Planned and conducted by the staff and students, assemblies feature and reflect the learning students have been involved with during the term. These performances enable families to come along and share in these celebrations with their children. Notice of assemblies is published in the school calendar, school newsletter and on the Namadgi School Facebook page.

## Band Program

The Instrumental Music Program (IMP) has operated in the school since 2011. There is a Year 5/6 Band and a Namadgi High School Years 7-10 Senior Band.



# Before and After School Care and Holiday Care by 'PLAYBASE'

Namadgi School provides both Vacation Care and Before/After School Care onsite, through the PLAYBASE school and holiday care program. It offers both a quality and rewarding childcare experience for both the Namadgi School and local community. Its philosophy is to promote respect, tolerance, good sportsmanship, getting fit, skill development, friendships, and fun through its full day holiday programs and before and after school care.

For more information, please call/email Playbase or visit their website at [www.play-base.com.au](http://www.play-base.com.au)

Director: Adam Spaleta

Before School Care: 7am - 8.55am

After School Care: 3pm - 6pm

School Holiday Options:

**Bookings & Inquiries:** Mobile: 0412 818 836

**Email:** [info@play-base.com.au](mailto:info@play-base.com.au)

**Website:** [www.play-base.com.au](http://www.play-base.com.au)



## Behaviour and Building Quality Relationships

Namadgi School strives to create and maintain an inclusive learning environment and a positive school climate where students, parents/carers and staff feel safe and have a strong sense of belonging. Students are encouraged to become responsible, self-disciplined, and respectful of the rights of others. We help our students to make sensible choices about their behaviour and students are made aware that natural or logical consequences follow should they behave inappropriately. We give positive recognition to students who consistently behave well, and we provide encouragement and support to students who are working on improving their behaviour. Our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) program is being further enhanced across the school each year. Bullying (including cyber bullying), violence, racism and sexual harassment are not tolerated at Namadgi School. We urge students and parents/carers to report to staff or the Front Office any incidents of these behaviours so that they can be dealt with immediately and effectively. Should any matters of cyber bullying occur outside school hours we strongly urge parents to take matters to the ACT Police.



## Book Packs

Namadgi School supply students with book pack items. The total cost of the pack includes any license fee for online programs used. Preschool to Year 10 can pay the school for all stationery requirements online through the schools Quickweb or at our front office. Book Pack items will be sent to your child's classroom at the start of the year.

## Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards

All students riding bikes or scooters to and from school must wear a helmet. When arriving and leaving all students must dismount and walk their bike/scooter through the school grounds to the bicycle enclosure to be locked up. The bicycle enclosure is locked at 9:15 am and re-opened at 2:45pm.

## Canteen

The Namadgi School Canteen is run by Embrace Disability Group who understand the importance of healthy eating for students' growth, learning and overall well-being their menus are designed to align with national nutritional guidelines, offering fresh, wholesome and delicious meal options. Families can order your child's lunch through the online ordering system <https://www.spriggyschools.com.au/>

## Religious Education Programs

Religious Education Programs have historically been offered for students from K- Year 6. Under the Directorate's policy this is an "opt in" program. Parents may request their children to attend by completing the appropriate permission notes.

## Communication

Namadgi School is committed to providing consistent communication between school and home. We use a range of media platforms to communicate information and notes home, newsletters, important dates to remember and celebrations of student achievements.

If you would like to keep up to date on Namadgi events and student achievements join us through any of the below platforms.

- **Facebook:** @Namadgi School
- **Twitter:** @NamadgiSchool
- **Namadgi School Website:** <https://www.namadgi.act.edu.au/>
- **SeeSaw** (Preschool – Year 6) access individually provided following enrolment

### **Preschool & Primary School**

Preschool and Primary classes use an online communication tool called Seesaw to communicate daily classroom activities.

## **Reports**

Reports will go home at the end of each semester. Parent interviews are available if you wish to discuss your child's learning.

## **Learning Journeys**

Learning Journeys are held for Years K-6 students in Term 3 for the children to share work with parents and carers.

## Contact Numbers

In order to be able to respond promptly in an emergency, it is important that the school maintain an accurate listing of addresses and telephone numbers for all students. Please notify administration staff immediately if there are any changes in your address, telephone numbers or work location or email.

## Competitions

Students in years 3-10 are encouraged to enter the Maths, Science, History, Geography, Spelling, English, Japanese and Computer competitions that are held each year in terms 2 and 3.

## Computers (ICT)

Our classrooms have access to the students' network, resource centre and Interactive Whiteboards. Teachers support students to develop IT skills and knowledge with the philosophy of embedding technology into the curriculum so that it becomes a natural and integral part of student learning. All students entering Year 7 will receive a Directorate Chromebook to borrow until exiting the Public School system. Laptops and school provided IT resources are also available for students through the library.

## Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum is the base of our curriculum, with strong focus on five strands:

- Literacy and Numeracy
- Science
- Mathematics
- English
- Humanities
- The Art
- Environmental Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Japanese
- Passion Projects
- STEM



## Dogs on School Grounds

Under ACT Government policies, dogs are not permitted on school grounds

## Equity Fund

Ensuring access and equity in the provision of education, Namadgi School has established an Equity Fund to support the needs of students who might not be in a position to take advantage of the opportunities offered. Please contact the Front Office to speak to the Principal.

## English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)

Students may be eligible for this program if at least one parent was born overseas, and the child speaks another language in the home. Trained teachers can provide support within the classroom, in a small group situation or on a one to one basis.

## Enrolment

The Education Directorate's enrolment policy is available on the web at: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/> or follow the link via our school website under 'enrolment'.

## Excursions

Namadgi School provides a range of curriculum focused and relevant excursions to support, extend and consolidate the learning of students throughout the year. Permission notes will come home prior to any excursion seeking your permission to engage your child in these events.



## First Aid

Minor accidents are dealt with by staff qualified in First Aid. Should serious accidents occur, parents/carers are notified, and the child will be taken to hospital by an ambulance.

When students become sick at school, we prefer that they are taken home as the school has limited sick room facilities. Students who are not well in the mornings before leaving for school should be kept at home.

Information about your child's health status should be provided at enrolment. Care plans are required for students with specific health needs. Should your child contract any contagious disease, please contact the school for information about exclusion periods.

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

## Gifted and Talented (G&T)

We recognise the need for early identification of students and allowing them to access a wide range of learning opportunities and a variety of teaching strategies which meet their needs. The curriculum is differentiated for students to enable them to extend themselves in all areas of the curriculum.

## High School

Students in year 7-10 gain the skills necessary to prepare them for ACT Secondary Colleges in Year 11-12. Colleges have a wide range of academic and vocational programs on offer. Our students are involved in rigorous career planning throughout secondary school to assist them in preparing for college.



## Information Technologies

To enhance the curriculum, Namadgi School has interactive Smart Boards in all classrooms and students have access to other learning technologies such as laptop computers and iPads. There are computers available in each classroom. ICT is incorporated into lessons across the curriculum.

## Immunisation

The ACT Health Directorate advises that all children attending school in the ACT should be immunised against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, and HIB (Haemophilus influenzae type b). ACT Public Health regulations require schools to have proof of up-to-date immunisation. Inability to provide this may result in your child being excluded from school should an outbreak of an infectious disease occur.

## Kindergarten Entry

Children are accepted into Kindergarten if they turn 5 years of age on or before 30 April. All children enrolled in the Namadgi preschool will continue onto Kindergarten without re-enrolment, unless they are not within the Namadgi Priority Enrolment Area.

## Languages

Japanese is the core language studied at Namadgi School. In the secondary school, students are also able to study one of the many languages offered through the Australian Curriculum online using the 'Language Perfect' program.

## Leadership Opportunities

Students can participate in leadership opportunities such as House Captains, School Captains, and running of events such as PBL fun day, assemblies and fundraisers. We also have an active Leadership Class in Secondary and Student Representative Council (SRC) in the Primary School.



## Learning Support

Small group and individual assistance is available based on teacher, school psychologist and family assessment. Throughout the year each child's learning and/or social and emotional development is monitored, and programs developed and evaluated for children identified as requiring support.

## Small Group Programs

The junior and senior units cater for students with a borderline to mild intellectual disability, or a significant learning difficulty. Students who meet ACT Student Disability Criteria are eligible for a place in these units.

## Literacy and Numeracy

The acquisition of literacy and numeracy skills are fundamental in a child's education. Each class in Primary has dedicated literacy and numeracy blocks of time during the day. Explicit teaching of skills are embedded in teaching and learning programs, and this allows for the individual needs of students to be met.

## Lost Property

All personal belongings including clothing and any other items brought to school should be clearly marked with the student's name. Lost Property can be found within the Villas or the Front Office.

## Medication

All medications should be accompanied by written instructions from a doctor / parent and should be clearly labelled. They are stored securely and administered by Front Office staff. (Asthma puffers are exempt; however, they should not be kept in children's bags but given to the child's teacher.)

## Newsletter and Facebook

The newsletter is sent out twice per term. Parents receive the newsletter via email, and it also goes up on the website, if you would like a hard copy please visit the front office to collect a copy.

Namadgi School has a Facebook page that celebrates student achievement and sends reminders about upcoming events, excursions and assemblies.

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

## Pastoral Care

Our Primary School Pastoral Care includes assistance for students in the primary school through breakfast clubs, teacher assistance and our school psychologist located in the preschool building.

Our Secondary Pastoral Care suite includes an Engagement Hub, School Psychologist, Youth Support Worker, and an Indigenous Education Officer to support middle and senior school.



## Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL)

Positive Behaviour for Learning, known as PBL is an evidence-based whole school systems approach that:

- ✚ addresses the diverse academic and social needs of every student to support them to be successful
- ✚ enables schools to establish a continuum of supports that are intensified to meet the needs of every student
- ✚ is team driven, using a problem-solving approach (data, systems and practices) that engages students, parents and all school staff
- ✚ establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community
- ✚ provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student.

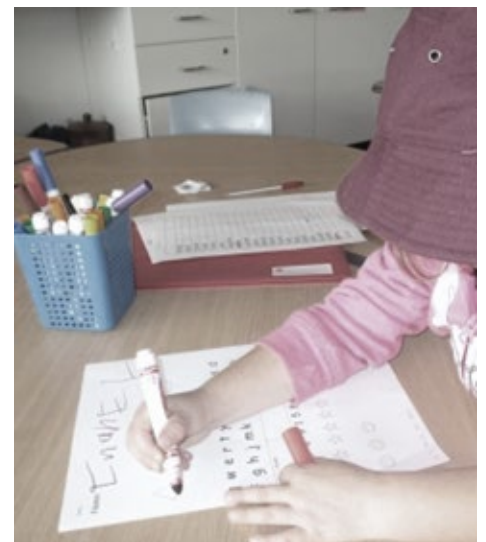
At Namadgi, Positive Behaviours for Learning forms the foundation of our values program. Students and staff work together to determine the values of the school and the behaviours which demonstrate this are explicitly taught in every classroom. Through this approach, all members of the Namadgi community share a common language and understanding.

## Preschool

Children are accepted into preschool if they turn 4 years of age on or before 30 April of the enrolment year. The O'Halloran Preschool site operates during the following hours:

Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays (odd weeks) 9.00am - 3.00pm  
OR

Thursday, Friday and alternate Wednesdays (even weeks) 9.00am - 3.00pm



## Sport and Physical Education

Our students participate in regular physical education lessons in which they are taught fundamental motor skills, teamwork and game skills.

Students from Year 3 - 10 participate in the schools Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country Carnivals.

## Student Support

We value open communication with families to ensure the needs of each student are met. Support is available through:

- School Psychologists
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Officer
- Pastoral Care Coordinator
- Youth Support Worker
- School Health Nurse
- Differentiated curriculum in the classroom
- English and other languages or dialects (EALD) program
- Access and referral to other student services and agencies
- Enrichment activities and opportunities
- Learning Support Assistants (LSAs)
- Individual Learning Plans (ILPs)
- Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs)
- Case Management Team

## Sun Smart Policy

Namadgi School follows the Sun Protection Policy Guidelines for ACT Schools. A key requirement of the Sun Protection Policy is for students to wear wide brimmed hats which protect the face, neck, and ears. Students without suitable hats must remain in shaded areas at recess and lunchtime. Students are not required to wear a hat during the winter months of June, July, and August. This is a recommendation by the Cancer Council in order to maintain adequate vitamin D levels.

## Uniform

Namadgi School has a school uniform, and it is expected that all students wear the uniform. The school uniform meets the guidelines of Sun Smart policies and is designed to be attractive and comfortable. It is an expectation that all students wear the school uniform with pride and as an acknowledgement that they belong to our student community. Please see the Front Office staff for the latest uniform information.

## Wet Weather

Please ensure that your child has protective cover on wet weather days. We have wet weather procedures in place ensuring safety and well-being. Remind your child to take extra care in travelling to and from school during wet weather.



We look forward to  
welcoming you as part of  
the Namadgi School  
Community



