# Deniliquin North Public School Public School



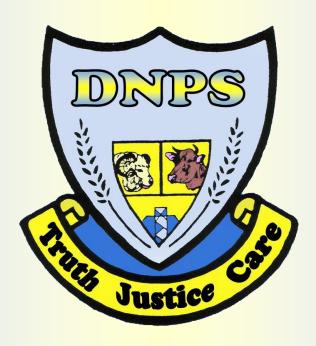






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Deniliquin North Public School has a proud tradition, providing the local community with quality education since its humble beginning.

# **Aims**

Deniliquin North Public School strives to achieve the highest possible standards, providing the best quality education for its students.



Valuing effort, persistence and endeavour, the 'School on the Hill' embraces its motto of: truth, justice and care.

# A Day in the life of DNPS

**8.30am:** The day starts with a safe journey to school. Students either walking, riding bikes, travelling in a car or on a bus.

Before the bell signals the start of the school day, students hang their bags outside their class, congregating in the top playground.

**8.55am:** The first bell signals, time for a toilet stop and quick drink

**9.00am:** the second morning bell signals, students line up with their class for morning assembly. Daily messages from staff and students are shared, then it's time to head off to class for the first session.

**11.00am:** Recess time, held up the top or bottom playground depending on weather and available activities.

11.25am: Middle session

**12.55pm:** Lunch time, held up the top or bottom playground depending on weather and available activities.

**1.45pm:** Final session

3.00pm: Home time

## Prefects, our future leaders

Every year during term 4, students in year 2-6 and staff, vote for their preferred school leaders for the following year, termed prefects. Once elected and inducted, each prefect is responsible for important portfolios within the school, forming committees.

Of the students elected prefects, two are elected by the staff and elected prefects as school captains.



# **Student Representative Council**

Representatives from each class (year 2-6), captains and prefect, form the Students Representative Council (SRC). Meeting regularly, elected students present suggestions from each class for school improvements. Throughout the year, the SRC raise funds to help achieve its goals.

# **Student Welfare**

Deniliquin North Public School is a dynamic self-managing school, with a vision of achieving excellence in teaching, learning and service to the community.

Providing a safe, positive school culture where respect, resilience, inclusivity and responsibility underpins all interactions, the whole school community is engaged, enabling students to connect, succeed and thrive.

Our school environment welcomes and respects people from all backgrounds.

#### The North School Song

Lyrics and music by Mandy Young (Whitehead)

#### Verse 1

We love to be at Deni North the edge of the outback plains.

White cockatoos above the lagoons, even when it rains.

We love to be at Deni North, under the southern stars.

Best kids around from country and town, they come from near and far.

#### Chorus

North School! We are having lots of fun.

North School! We are playing games.

North School! We are working side by side

Truth and justice is our aim.

D.N.P.S.

#### Verse 2

We love to be at Deni North, home of the blue and gold.

So join in the fun, come on everyone.

Deni North the blue and gold.

Deni North the blue and gold.

Cha! Cha! Cha!

# Curriculum

Deniliquin North Public School offers a varied curriculum, covering the following learning areas:

- English
- Maths
- Music
- Science
- Sport
- HSIE
- Creative arts
- Library
- Health
- Physical education
- Technology

# **Discipline**

Deniliquin North Pubic School sets the highest of standards. Appropriate and respectful behaviour is an expectation at DNPS. Rules have been formulated that protect the rights and safety of both the individual and wider community.

# **Presentation day**

The annual presentation day is one of the many ways Deniliquin North Public School acknowledges the outstanding achievements of its students. This event is traditionally held during the day at the Deniliquin Returned Services League Club, in the final weeks of term four.

# **Competition for kids**

Deniliquin North Public School is constantly looking for ways to challenge the minds of students.

Over the years the school has embraced many local, state and national competitions, providing opportunities for our rural students to challenge their minds against their country cousins and metropolitan rivals, including:

- Tournament of the Minds (state finalists)
- Multi-Cultural Perspectives public speaking
- University of NSW Subject contests
- Debating (state finalists)
- South West Music Battle of the Bands

#### **Awards**

Deniliquin North
Public School has
an extensive
awards system t
acknowledge the
great things that
students do.



A tiered system, starting with legend cards, over time accumulating to a Superstar trophy.

Cards are to be collected and traded as follows:

Legend Card: awarded by staff for excellence across all areas.

Principal and Values (Blue) award: weekly awards presented at assembly to students exemplifying outstanding effort across all areas.

10x legend cards =blue award

5x blue awards = bronze award

1x bronze award + 5x blue awards = silver award

1x silver award + 5x blue awards = gold award 5x gold awards = superstar trophy

### Website

The Deniliquin North School website is a hub of

information, providing the community with everything needed to know about the school on the hill.

Check it out at: <a href="http://www.deniliquin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/">http://www.deniliquin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/</a>



There you will source information on school events, student academic and sporting records, newsletters, photos and videos, school policies and so much more.

# Moving towards 21st century learning

Deniliquin North Public School is fully networked for WiFi internet access. Each room has multiple computers, complimenting the bank of computers in the library and designated computer room.

The school embraces STEM including coding, design and availability of tablet use for all students.

#### P&C

Parents as partners in the education process, the Parents and Citizens Association at Deniliquin North Public School support students by:

- Fund raises to provide items and activities not provided by Government funding eg local bus travel
- Oversees the Canteen
- Oversees capital works and keeps an eye on grounds maintenance.
- Considers any student welfare issues such as reports and grading, uniform, communication etc.
- Coordinates the 'Class Patron' system

The P&C meets monthly in the staffroom at 6.30pm

#### Sport

Sporting houses

Students in stage two and three are placed in house groups for the sporting carnivals. The houses are named after prominent Deniliquin citizens, and are as follows:

Boyd - yellow Cobb - green

McKenzie - blue

Tyson – red



#### **Homework**

Students are encouraged to develop appropriate home work habits. Homework must be relevant to classroom lessons and topics. The table below shows specific expectations for 'home reading'. Students in Grades 1-6 are expected on occasions to complete other tasks as well.

Grade level	Home reading per school night
Kindergarten	5-10 minutes
Grade 1	5-10 minutes
Grade 2	10 minutes
Grade 3	10 minutes
Grade 4	15 minutes
Grade 5	20 minutes
Grade 6	20 minutes

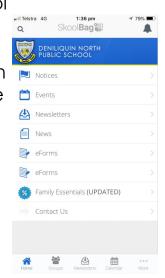
#### **DNPS Canteen**

The North school has implemented the NSW Healthy Canteen strategy that emphasises healthy food and drink. The canteen is open daily and is run by a manager with help from parent volunteers.

# Skoolbag

Deniliquin North Public School uses the Skoolbag App. An extension of the school's website, Skoolbag offers push notifications to inform people instantly of important information. Also featured are links to weekly newsletters, events and general school news.

Available to download for free from the Apple App store and Google Play.



### Reports and assessment

A wide range of strategies are used by teaching staff to assess and report on students. Assessments are ongoing and can be discussed with parents during an interview. Parents wishing to do so should contact the school to make an appointment with the relevant teacher.

#### **Boys Uniform**

Summer

Light blue shirt – Midford brand or Light blue polo tee with DNPS emblem

Grey shorts

Grey socks

Black shoes

Navy wide brim hat

Winter

Light blue shirt – Midford brand or Light blue polo tee with DNPS emblem

Grey long pants

Navy polar fleece windcheater with DNPS emblem

Grey socks

Black shoes

Sport

Light blue polo tee with DNPS emblem

Navy shorts or tracksuit pants

Sports shoes

Navy wide brim hat

Please ensure all articles of clothing and other belongings are clearly labelled with the child's name

#### **Girls Uniform**

Summer

Light blue school dress in DNPS check Or

Light blue shirt – Midford brand or Light blue polo tee with DNPS emblem with skort in light blue DNPS check

White socks

Black shoes

Navy wide brim hat

Winter

Navy DNPS tartan skirt, pinafore or long pants

Light blue shirt – Midford brand or Light blue polo tee with DNPS emblem

Navy polar fleece windcheater with DNPS emblem

Navy tights or white socks

Black shoes

Sport

Light blue polo tee with DNPS emblem

Navy shorts or tracksuit pants

Sports shoes

Navy wide brim hat