



Tamworth South Public School

NEWSLETTER

Respectful, Responsible, Safe, Successful

Term 1 Week 3

15 February 2025

Calendar 2025

February

- Monday 17** **Primary Swimming Carnival**
Notes were sent home
- Tuesday 18** **Parent/Teacher Information Night**
5:30pm to 6:30pm starting in the school hall
- Wednesday 19** **P&C Meeting**
4:00pm in the Library
- Friday 21** **Scholastic Book Club Issue 1**
Orders close. No late orders will be accepted after this date
- Friday 21** **Year 5 Opportunity class entry in 2026**
Applications close
- Friday 21** **Assembly**
In the Hall - 2:10pm - 2:40pm
- Friday 21** **Zone Swimming**
- Friday 28** **Infants Assembly K-2 (Hall)**
2:10pm-2:40pm
Class Item - 2D-18
- Friday 28** **Schools Clean up Day**

March

- Friday 7** **Primary Assembly 3-6 (Hall)**
2:10pm-2:40pm
Class Item - 5J-10
- Friday 14** **Infants Assembly K-2 (Hall)**
2:10pm-2:40pm
Class Item - 1B-22
- Wednesday 19** **P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)**
4:00pm in the Library

April

- Tuesday 8** **MSP School Photo Day**
Information to follow
- Friday 18** **Year 5 Opportunity class entry in 2026**
Test admission tickets available to parents/carers in the SHS and OC placement website (application dashboard)
- Friday 18** **Year 7 Selective High School entry in 2026**
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Kindergarten classes at Tamworth South Public School.

This year we have three Kindergarten classes. KS, KH and KB. Kindergarten have had a wonderful and settled start to the school year. They have been working hard in their classrooms and having lots of fun out in the playground.

Well done Kindergarten.
Dom Benson



Michael Windred, Principal



Principal's Message

Welcome back to school! I would like to thank all of our staff and many community members for making me feel at home at Tamworth South PS. It has been a welcoming transition into the role of principal, and I look forward to working with you now and into the future.

This year promises to be filled with lots of opportunities for learning, growth, and fun for both staff and students. I encourage everyone to embrace the challenges ahead, support each other, and contribute to our school community. Remember, each one of us plays an important role in making our school a welcoming and inspiring place.

In the classrooms, we will continue to foster an environment that encourages learning, friendship, respect, curiosity and critical thinking. Our teachers are very dedicated and support each student in their academic endeavours. This year, we will be introducing various projects and initiatives that aim to enhance each child's learning experience.

I hope you had a joyful and restful Christmas break, filled with time spent with family and friends. Our staff were very thrilled to see so many familiar faces returning to school last week and they warmly welcomed our new students who are joining us for the first time.

New Staff

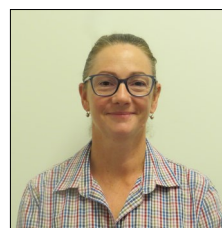
We have been very fortunate to enlist the support of some new staff this year. They are Amanda Johnston (Support Teacher), Mr. Phillip Mattheus (Teacher), Emily Tasker (School Learning Support Officer) and Amanda Starrit (School Administration Officer).



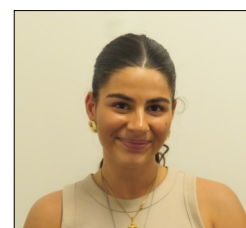
Amanda Johnston



Philip Mattheus



Amanda Starrit



Emily Lasker

We welcome them to our team and know that they are going to be a terrific asset to our school.

New Students

We have been blessed to have over 60 kindergarten enrolments this year. It was a pretty special occasion last Thursday when the majority of them started with us. Mrs. Benson and her team did an awesome job ensuring that every kindy student felt at ease on their first day. There were lots of games and activities awaiting each of them and I didn't see many tears ... from the students that is. I thought the Prime news article of their first day was terrific. Every student that was interviewed spoke really well, as did the mums who were interviewed.

We have had a number of new enrolments in Years 1 – 6. It has been a great opportunity to welcome them to our school and let them know that we understand that starting at a new school can be both exciting and a little daunting. We have encouraged them to reach out, make new friends, and get involved in school activities. We have also let them know that our school community is supportive and inclusive, and we are confident they will find their place here.

Welcome ...



Parent Teacher Night

I am really looking forward to next Tuesday Night as we are holding our Parent Teacher Night. This will commence in the hall at 5:30pm and will conclude at 6:30pm.

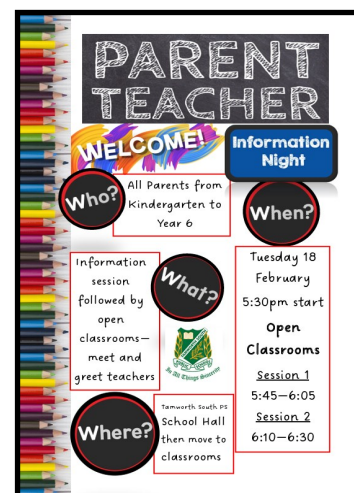
All parents from Kindergarten to Year 6 are welcome!

Information session followed by open classrooms - meet and greet teachers

Open Classrooms:

Session 1 - 5:45pm-6:05pm

Session 2 - 6:10pm-6:30pm



Support and Wellbeing

Please remember, that your child's wellbeing is important. If you ever feel that your child is overwhelmed or need someone to talk to, our school counsellors and staff are here to listen and support them. We encourage open communication and want all of our students to feel safe and valued in our school environment.

Swimming Carnival

I would like to thank Mrs. Antzakles for her organisation for Monday's carnival. This carnival is only for competitive swimmers, and I wish each competitor all the best as they strive to make the school team to compete at the zone carnival. We will conduct the presentations at the PBL assembly on Monday afternoon back at school. I would also take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who without, we could not run the carnival.

Languages starts

We would like to welcome back Abbi Weribone, Justin Welsh and Len Waters who are continuing to implement the Gamillaroi language lessons in our classrooms. This an awesome enriching experience for our children and staff.

Maarubaa.





**Welcome
back
to school**







ES1 - Thursday
(Kindergarten)

Stage 1 - Friday
(Year 1 and Year 2)

Stage 2 - Tuesday
(Year 3 and Year 4)

Stage 3 - Thursday
(Year 5 and Year 6)

Support Unit

Students will be integrating with the other stages

No Bag, No Borrow

ALL students (K-6) require a Library Bag to be able to borrow books from the library for home or the classroom.

Library Opening Hours

Before School	Open for staff
Lunch	11.20 – 11.50
Afternoon Tea	Closed

Assembly Roster Term 1 2:10pm Friday afternoon (Hall)			
Week	Date	Class Item	Assembly
4	21 February	Captains	
5	28 February	2D-18	Infants K-2
6	7 March	5J-10	Primary 3-6
7	14 March	1B-22	Infants K-2
8	21 March	4L-04	Primary 3-6
9	28 March	2K-19	Infants K-2
10	4 April	3P-06	Primary 3-6
11	11 April	1O-21	Infants K-2
Monday afternoon - K-6 assembly (K-2 COLA)			

House Groups		
BLAXLAND	A-D	BLUE
LAWSON	E-L	RED
STURT	M-R	YELLOW
WENTWORTH	S-Z	GREEN

YEAR 6 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA 2025

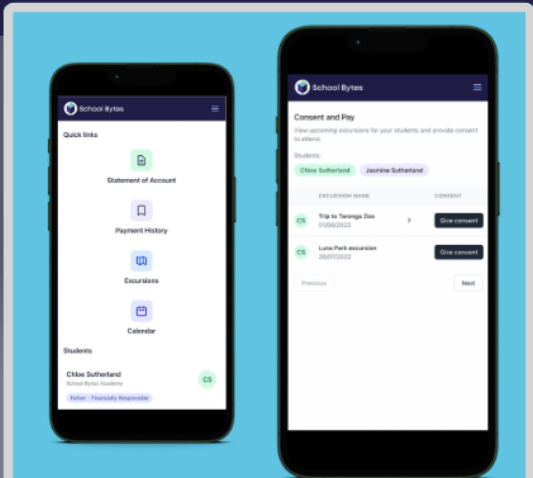
Dear Parents/Carers

Just a friendly reminder to let you know that we have decided to extend the Year 6 Excursion to Canberra deposit due date. **We will still be accepting the \$150.00 deposit for the Year 6 excursion to Canberra until April 11 2025.**

Thank you

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments




The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

TSPS SCHOOL BYTES PORTAL

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>

School Bytes



If it's on Blue there is Something to do

The mantra 'If it's on blue there's something to do' refers to notes that are sent home. If the note is on blue paper you are required to do something.

The use of blue paper is to help parents/carers easily recognise permission notes so they can be returned back to the school on time.



Class 5/6M-36 - Belinda Meppem

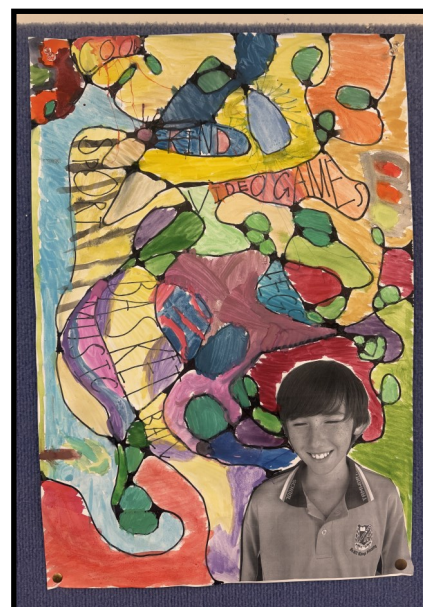
5/6M have been exploring a new style of portraiture known as neogeographic art. The curving lines in the background are intended to promote calming thoughts, so we're giving it a try! Here you can see some stunning portraits created by Reeha Ahmed, Cohen Darlington and Sebastien Spicer.



Reeha Ahmed



Cohen Darlington



Sebastien Spicer

PARENT TEACHER

WELCOME!

Information Night

Who?

All Parents from
Kindergarten to
Year 6

When?

Tuesday 18
February
5:30pm start

**Open
Classrooms**

Session 1

5:45–6:05

Session 2

6:10–6:30

Information
session
followed by
open
classrooms—
meet and
greet teachers

What?



Where?

Tamworth South PS
School Hall
then move to
classrooms

Book Club
Issue 1
 Out Now!
2025

Sorry, no late orders available.

Orders Close
 Friday 21st February, 2025

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

SCHOLASTIC

All orders need to be given to Mr. Bailey in the Library.

Please do not take your orders to the Office.

An online catalogue and ordering with LOOP is available as well at

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

Thank you
 Mr. Bailey

Medical Conditions

Each year it is important that you notify the school if your child has a medical condition. This needs to be supported by your Doctor.

Your Doctor will provide you with a Medical Action Plan, this action plan is only active for 12 months.

It is a legal requirement that you provide the school with a current and updated plan each year.

This notification should occur either at the time of enrolment, or if your child is enrolled as soon after diagnosis as possible.

This ensures that the school community provides your child with the most effective support possible.


Please call the school if this applies to your child, so we can share information and clarify each other's expectations.



Our Wonderful GA - Jeff Parker

"Thank you for keeping our school looking beautiful!!
 We appreciate you!"







Skills Development Workshops 2025

Tamworth Area

Dates	Location	Schools
Wednesday, February 19	Quirindi/Tamworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quirindi Public School • Quirindi High School • Tamworth Conservatorium
Thursday, February 20	Gunnedah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's College Gunnedah • St Xavier's Primary School Gunnedah • Gunnedah South Public School • Gunnedah Conservatorium
Friday, February 21	Tamworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamworth West Public School • Tamworth High School

If your school or community is not represented here then [please contact us](#) and we'll do our best to find a place in our schedule for you.



MOORAMBILLA VOICES



The Tamworth Con is excited to host **Moorambilla Voices** as part of a special workshop series in the Tamworth region.

Founder and Artistic Director, **Michelle Leonard OAM**, will deliver these inspiring workshops in early in 2025. Designed for school-aged students and offered free of charge, the workshops align with the Year 3–12 music syllabus. They are practical, joyful, and focus on building music literacy, singing, and body percussion skills.

Students who show exceptional promise during the workshops will be invited to join **Moorambilla Voices'** annual residency camps. Each year, 300 talented students travel to Baradine to sing, dance, compose, drum, draw, and connect with culture alongside like-minded peers.

In 2025, **Moorambilla Voices** proudly celebrates 20 extraordinary years. Over this time, the program has engaged more than 50,000 remarkable children and youth across western NSW.

For more, visit www.moorambilla.com.

Friday, 21 February | 4 pm

Chapel Theatre

Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music

1 hour



Photograph by
Noni Carroll Photography

CAPERS 2025

Creative Arts in Public Education Regional Spectacular

 **Calling all performing artists!**

Are you a singer, instrumentalist, dancer or performance artist?

CAPERS is an exciting opportunity for students to showcase their creative talent in a large-scale, collaborative, community-driven arena spectacular event.






Featured performer applications are now open.

- Featured vocalist auditions workshop - Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 March.
- Featured instrumentalist, drama & performer auditions - Tuesday 25 March.
- Featured dancer auditions - Tamworth, 17 - 19 June & Armidale, 24-26 June.
- Various other featured performer workshops and rehearsals will be held throughout 2025 and attendance is expected at all times.
- Show week rehearsals from Monday 3 November to Thursday 6 November.
- **2025 performances - Friday 7 November and Saturday 8 November.**
- Venue - Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre (TRECC).

To apply use the QR code or visit the CAPERS 2025 webpage.







 capers@det.nsw.edu.au


CAPERS 2025




All applications for **featured performers**, including vocalists, instrumentalists, dancers and any other performance artist are now open through a separate application process to be complete by individual students and their families.

All details regarding the featured performer auditions are outlined on the application form and the [CAPERS 2025 school information website](#).

CAPERS 2025

Creative Arts in Public Education Regional Spectacular

 **Calling all performing artists!**

South United Football Club Girl's Football Gala Day

Sunday 9th March 2025

Under 5s to Under 16s

Gipps Street Sporting Complex

Under 5s - Under 7s: 4-a side
Under 8s - Under 16s: 7-a side

For more information message the page

South United Football Club 2025 Girl's Football Gala Day

In early 2025, South United will be hosting a Girl's Gala Day in Tamworth at the Gipps Street Sporting Fields.

The day is aimed at the junior age groups of female football with an aim of getting more local female players in the community playing the sport of football.

The games will be small-sided with ages 4s-7s playing 4-a side and ages 8s-16s playing 7-a side.

We will be opening nominations in the New Year once we work out a few more logistics but I will be able to share these forms with you once completed.

The day isn't restricted to just club football meaning that players can form teams with whoever they like whether it be friends, family, schoolmates or club mates.

For any enquiries please let me know and I will be happy to help.

Looking forward to what should be a great day!

Daniel York
President

southunitedfc@northerninlandfootball.net.au



TAMWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB 2025 SEASON REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

JOIN TAMWORTH FC FOR AN EXCITING 2025 SEASON!
We welcome players of all skill levels, from entry-level juniors to competitive youth and senior teams.

NSW ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

ENTRY LEVEL (5-7 YRS)

JUNIOR LEVEL (8-11 YRS)

YOUTH LEVEL (12-14 YRS)

YOUTH LEVEL (15-16 YRS)

YOUTH PLAYING SENIORS (15-18 YRS)

Scan to learn more



www.tamworthfc.com.au/registration

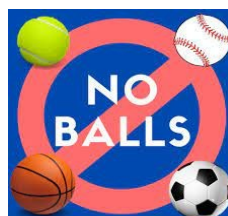


Toys, Pokémon Cards & Balls

Staff are seeing an increasing number of toys, cards and balls being brought to school and are having to manage situations that arise when they are broken, stolen or used at inappropriate times.

Please leave all toys at home. **DO NOT** bring them to school.

Your cooperation around this will be appreciated.



Tamworth South Public School **P&C Meeting**

The P&C always love to see more parents/carers and being actively involved so activities like our Mothers and Fathers Day stalls, the uniform shop along with other fundraising can continue.

A gold coin donation is all that is required to become a member, Its a great way to meet new people and to become involved at your child's school

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm in the school library, everyone welcome.

We would love to see you all there!!!

P&C Association

February 2025: P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held **on Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 4:00pm in the school library.**



Uniform Shop Hours

Uniform Shop Hours

Please visit the TSPS P&C Facebook Page for any changes in the Uniform Shop opening hours.

**Wednesday and Friday mornings:
8:40am to 9:00am**

Purchases may also be made via the Flexi school app (orders will be delivered to your child).

All purchases may be made via Eftpos and cash. (card payments from adults only accepted)

If you need other uniform arrangements, please post to the P&C Facebook page and a volunteer will contact you.

Regards
Stacey Pepper
TSPS P&C Secretary

Tamworth South Public School **P&C AGM Meeting**

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 4:00pm in the Library.

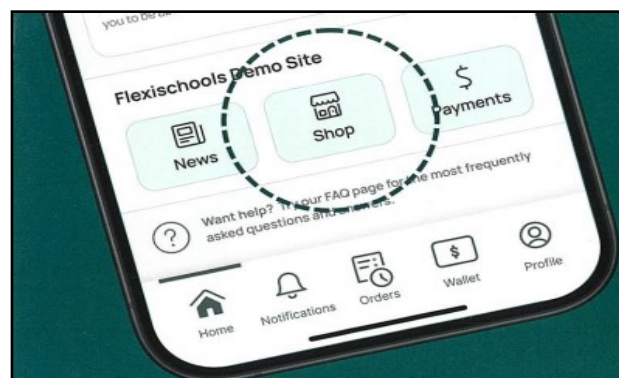
All positions will be declared vacant, we will be voting for new executive positions such as a new president, secretary and treasurer.

A gold coin donation is all that is required to become a member. It is a great way to meet new people and become involved at your child's school.

We would love to see you at there!!!

Our March meeting will follow immediately after the AGM meeting.

P & C Association



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Hello, Tamworth!

FREE NDIS NETWORKING EVENT

WHO?
Support coordinators, support workers, people with disability, teachers, parents and carers are all welcome.

WHY?
Get to know NDIS providers servicing your local area and boost your contacts in a fun and informative networking session.

HOW?
Register at onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect

JOIN US

EVENT SPONSOR



Details:
 Wednesday 05/03/2025
 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
 West Tamworth Leagues Club
 58 Phillip St, Tamworth NSW

Ready-Set-Connect is happening in Tamworth soon, and we'd hope you can make it!

This event is a fantastic opportunity for Support Coordinators, Parents/Carers, Students, Persons Living with Disability, Teachers, Case Managers, and Local Area Coordinators to connect with local and national service providers in just two and a half hours.

Plus, don't miss out on our exciting Lucky Door Prizes sponsored by AIIM Choices, NGO Training Services and Support Network.

You might just walk away a winner!

The Finer Details:

Date: Wednesday 05/03/2025

Time: 9:45 AM to 12:30 PM

Venue: West Tamworth Leagues Club, 58 Phillip Street, Tamworth

Cost: Free for attendees!

Register: us at www.onecommunity.net.au

If you have any questions or need further information, don't hesitate to reach out at adam@onecommunity.net.au or call me at 0438 932 200



2025 NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL FUTSAL TITLES

REGISTRATIONS OPEN TO ALL SCHOOLS

Event Dates - 25th & 26th March
 Tuesday 25th March - 8, 10 & 12
 Boys and Girls
 Wednesday 26th March - 13, 14, 16, 19
 Boys and Girls

Venue Sport UNE, Armidlae

Rego Deadline 14th February

Team Rego \$230/ Team

Contact Lyndal Eason - 0400 695 395
newengland@australianfutsal.com



REGISTER ONLINE
SCHOOLFUTSAL.COM




O'GRADY DRAMA
 New England

Tamworth

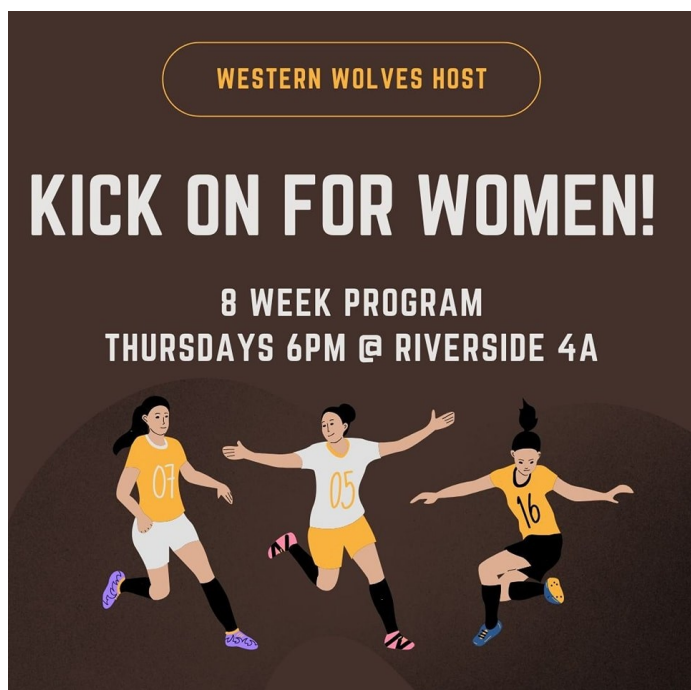
Classes running Tuesday - Friday Kindy - Year 12!

want to act? want to be on stage?
 Boost self-confidence, communication and language skills. Self-development through drama!

now enrolling for Term 1!

email Ben for an info pack:
newengland@ogradydrama.com.au

www.ogradydrama.com.au



Aimed at women aged 16 years and above, Kick-On for Women is a 45-minute commitment each week.

It gives all players the opportunity to focus on improving their own fitness and well-being in a judgement-free and social playing environment.

The program has a strong focus on fun, inclusion and friendship and is a popular way for women to stay active, energised and connected.

All Women's Football Club starting up in Tamworth this year and some events we are running.

Western Wolves Womens Football Club

Western Wolves Women's Football Club is the first all female football club in the Northern Inland region. Our goal is to create a positive environment for women and young girls to play football. Link to Facebook Page;

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566034016580>

Term 1 MiniTillies

MiniTillies is Football Australia's national introductory football program for girls aged between 4 to 11 years. This fun, social and engaging program provides an alternate option for girls who may not want to participate in a mixed-gender program, as well as the opportunity to choose their football experience.

The \$35 registration fee includes a participant pack so children are ready for all the activities

When: Thursdays 13 Feb - 4 April, 6pm - 6:45pm

Where: Riverside Fields 4A

Registration Link; <https://membership.mygameday.app/regoform.cgi...>

Term 1 Kick On For Women

Who: Women aged 16 and above

When: Thursdays 6pm for 8 weeks starting on Feb 13th

Where: Riverside Field 4A

Cost: \$20

Registration Link: <https://registration.playfootball.com.au/signin...>





2025 FARRER OPEN DAY

AUSTRALIA'S ONLY SELECTIVE BOYS AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
8:30AM - 2:00PM MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2025

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL. Visit www.farrer.nsw.edu.au to register before 12th February.
Wear smart casual and a hat. Light refreshments and lunch will be served.

Are you considering Farrer for your son? Our Farrer Open Day is a great opportunity to explore our exceptional facilities rarely seen in a public high school for both boarding and day boys in Years 7 – 12 and their families. Come and learn more about Farrer's broad curriculum, academic and employment pathways, exceptional, sporting and learning facilities.

We're proud of our reputation for developing responsible, respectful young men who thrive at school and in their careers beyond. Visit our website to register for our 2025 Open Day. Numbers are strictly limited!

FARRER MEMORIAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL, 585 CALALA LANE, TAMWORTH 2340 NSW

Year 7, 2026 Enrolment Applications Now Open!

Do you have a son currently in Year 6 who is interested in applying at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School for Year 7, 2026?



Boarders will now apply for an interview only and entry as a Day Student is completed through the selective school's placement test which closes **Friday 21st February, 2025**.

Don't miss the chance for your son to be a part of a supportive high school that fosters character, confidence, and a sense of community! **Apply now.**



AUSTRALIA'S ONLY SELECTIVE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOARDING AND DAY BOYS

585 Calala Lane Calala NSW 2340
T: 02 6764 8600 or www.farrer.nsw.gov.au

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FARRER
Memorial Agricultural High School

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School for Year 7 in 2026.

Applications **are closing on the Friday 21 February 2025** for Year 6 boys interested in attending Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School for Year 7 in 2026.

Day student applications are via Selective Schools for registration to sit the Selective Schools Placement Test.

Boarder student applications are submitted to Farrer and students do not need to sit the Selective Schools Placement Test.

To apply for either a Day or Boarding position visit the [Farrer website](http://www.farrer.nsw.gov.au).

Students interested in applying for both day and boarding will be required to complete both applications. Please note students local to Tamworth will not immediately be interviewed for boarding positions. They will only be considered if there are places available after the first round of offers are complete.

For more about changes to the application process visit the [Selective High Schools website](http://www.selectivehighschools.nsw.gov.au).

Important Dates:

- Selective Schools Registrations for Day students close: 21st February 2025
- Boarder student interviews commenced in December 2024
- Boarder first round placement offers announced by end of Term 1, 2025
- Day students sit the Selective Schools Placement Test held on 2nd of May 2025
- Day student placement outcomes and offers from Selective Schools released to parents and carers Term 3, 2025

Please don't hesitate to contact us on 6764 8607 or at farrer.enrolments@det.nsw.edu.au if you require further information.

Kind Regards,