

YANCO

PUBLIC SCHOOL

PARENT GUIDE

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Welcome to Yanco Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

You have chosen to send your child to a friendly, rural village school, where students are encouraged to take pride in their learning environment and school community. Parents and community members take an active role in the development of children's social, emotional and educational development. A child's education is a shared partnership between home and school and this partnership plays an integral role in the child's overall progress and development. It is most important that the school and home setting share the common goal of providing every child with the best possible education within a safe and happy environment.

Parents and community members are always welcome at our school, are encouraged to become involved in the P. & C and attend in-school events.

Teachers at Yanco Public School prioritise the learning environment ensuring programs and activities are stimulating and current. Classrooms are welcoming, friendly and supportive. Students understand the importance of being respectful to their peers and teachers. Many of our students enjoy special reward days as a thank you for the effort and pride they demonstrate in all aspects of their learning.

Parents who are actively involved are aware of school routines, programmes and expectations and are therefore able to offer greater support to their children in reaching their full potential.

I wish your family a rewarding, safe and happy time at Yanco Public School. It is a small school with a wealth of opportunities for your child.

Tarnya Grigg

Principal



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What does Yanco Public School offer?

- ◆ Experienced, innovative, dedicated staff
- ◆ A quality learning environment
- ◆ Friendly, inclusive and caring school atmosphere
- ◆ Safe playground area with rubber surface
- ◆ Extensive, irrigated, grassed sporting fields
- ◆ Library facilities
- ◆ Kitchen Garden and Cooking Programs
- ◆ Kindergarten Transition Program (Ten Weeks)
- ◆ Emphasis on developing and improving skills in Mathematics and English
- ◆ Annual Bike-a-thon
- ◆ Daily Breakfast Program
- ◆ Healthy Eating Programs (Live Life Well)
- ◆ Inter school sporting and educational events with students from Whitton Murrumbidgee PS, Wamboona PS and Grange School
- ◆ The Little Learners Program (Week 5 Term 1-Week 5 Term 4)
- ◆ Intensive School Swimming Program
- ◆ Access to the latest technology, including iPads, laptops, Sphero and wireless network
- ◆ Sporting Programs in Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country
- ◆ Excellent Parent and community participation
- ◆ Regular community events, assemblies, Anzac Day ceremonies in Leeton and Yanco, Long Lunch, C.W.A International Day
- ◆ Remedial Education Programs, small group and one to one support offered
- ◆ Student Welfare Programs
- ◆ Bus transport to front gate
- ◆ School Community Fundraising Group
- ◆ Promotion of a healthy lifestyle through the 'Live Life Well' program
- ◆ Early Action for Success
- ◆ Regular opportunities for parent teacher interviews
- ◆ Student Reports published in all school terms to inform parents and carers



Vision Statement

At Yanco Public School we strive to ensure all participants of our learning community are supported, challenged and inspired. Opportunities for creative learning, critical thinking and self-direction are promoted. The four core values of Respect, Responsibility, Care and Excellence guide our students into becoming conscientious and successful citizens.



Staff at Yanco Public School

Director of Public Schools	Located in Wagga Wagga Mr Troy Mott	
Principal	Miss Tarnya Grigg	2017—Present
Teaching Staff	Mr. Mark Powter	Stage 2/3
	Mrs Robyn Locke	Stage 1/2
	Miss. Tarnya Grigg	Early Stage 1/Stage 1
	Ms. Brooke Williams	Creative Arts/RFF Stage 2/3
	Mrs. Kara Kroek	Learning Support
		Little Learners
Support Staff		RFF Stage 1/2
	Mrs Lizzie Walsh	Music/RFF Early Stage/Stage 1
	Mrs Carmel Walsh	Administrative Manager
	Mrs Janelle Vidler	Administrative Officer/Library
	Mrs Linda Milthorpe	Learning Support Officer
		School Chaplain
	Miss Grace Holt	Learning Support Officer
	Mrs Justine McKellar	Learning Support Officer
	Mr Joe Mimmo	General Assistant
	Mrs Sue Cregan	Cleaner

School Community Links



- ♦ P&C Meetings are held on the Thursday of Week 4 and Week 8 of each term.
- ♦ A weekly newsletter is sent home to parents every Thursday.
- ♦ Yanco Public School, along with Wamoon Public School and Whitton Murrami Public School, form the Small Schools group as part of the Leeton Community of Schools.
- ♦ Keep updated with YPS Facebook and Skool Loop app
- ♦ At times photos and information about the school is published in The Irrigator (Leeton Newspaper).
- ♦ Information is regularly added to the Yanco PS school website

School Core Values

At Yanco Public School ALL students are encouraged to be the best they can be and build positive respectful relationships with all members of their learning community.



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Student Welfare

At Yanco Public School we encourage and promote a learning environment where all students feel safe and respected. Positive behaviour demonstrated in the classroom and playground is acknowledged and rewarded. Students demonstrating regular positive behaviour and demonstrate the core values are invited to participate in the end of school term Reward Day.

Merit System

- ◆ Positive behaviour/learning = student receives a white merit award
- ◆ Three white merit awards = student receives a large blue merit at the whole school assembly
- ◆ Three large blue merit awards = student receives a bronze award at the whole school assembly
- ◆ Three bronze awards = student receives a silver award at the whole school assembly
- ◆ Three silver awards = student receives a gold award at Yanco Public School Presentation Night and are presented with a badge

Special programs/Opportunities

Breakfast Program

All students have access to the Yanco Public School Breakfast Program. Breakfast runs from 8.30am - 8.50am with a teacher, parent volunteer and student helpers. Students learn to prepare their own breakfast under supervision. The program is run at a minimal cost to students. 50 cents per use or \$10.00 per child for a full term. Families with more than one child pay \$8.00 per term per child.

Crunch-n-Sip

During the morning session students participate in Crunch-n-Sip. Students bring a piece of fruit from home each day to eat while completing a class activity. The fruit should be peeled/cut at home if required. At Yanco Public School we encourage children to eat healthy food and minimise the eating of packaged food high in sugar and salt.

Lunch Box Tokens

Students are encouraged to bring a healthy lunch box to school. Students are given tokens they can collect and then claim a prize for after collecting ten Healthy Hero tokens. Educating our students on the importance of caring for the environment involves collecting 'Nude Food Warrior' tokens, again, on collection of ten tokens students can claim a prize.

Dental Clinic

A dental clinic is situated within the grounds of Leeton Public School. The dental clinic can be contacted on 1800 450 046 for free dental care from birth to 18 years.

Visits to the School

Each year the school has many opportunities for parents to visit the school. Whole School assemblies held in Week 4 and Week 8 of each term with a shared lunch. Open Day held during Education Week, which also coincides with an Education Week Assembly where awards are presented. A welcome to the new school year barbecue at the commencement of Term One and End of year Presentation Night. There are usually community-based activities such as a community breakfast or 'Long Lunch' held during Education Week. Students perform in many local events, SHINE, KROP, Leeton Eisteddfod, participation in Anzac Day ceremonies, SunRice Festival and Leeton Show entries.

Banking

Children have the opportunity to operate a Commonwealth Bank account through the school. Banking takes place each Thursday morning. Children bring their books to the school office. The books are returned the same day. The school receives a commission for each deposit made.

Being Fit and Active

Children in all classes K-6 have the opportunity to participate in the annual Premier's Sporting Challenge. In addition, daily Fundamental Movement Skills activities also take place. Students are encouraged to have a healthy lunch box each day. Yanco Public School participates in the 'Live Life Well' program and we are working towards meeting the requirements of the NSW Healthy Canteen policy into most food related activities at the school.

General School Contributions (formerly known as School Fees)

With the agreement of the school community a General School Contribution is sought each year from parents and guardians. Funds raised through this contribution will be used to supplement educational resources and programs, purchase texts and activity books for children's use throughout the year and to assist with the cost of the publication of the school yearbook the Yanconia. The cost of this contribution will be publicised in the school newsletter at the beginning of the school year. For enrolments later in the year, details can be obtained from the School Office. The payment of this General School Contribution is entirely voluntary.

Sport

The children are involved in three major sporting areas where they participate against other schools. These are swimming, athletics and cross country. Carnivals are also held in these areas at a school level. In addition, the children experience a range of sports and a program of skills development. Children are asked to wear their sports uniform each Friday. Some sports equipment is restricted to use only when children can be under the direct supervision of a teacher.

Leeton Show

Each year all students are provided with the opportunity to enter sections in the Leeton Show as part of the Yanco Public School group or individually. In previous years students have won awards for literary works, art and crafts, vegetables and flowers.

Performing Arts

Typically, a Music Program runs each year where students have access to music groups for example guitar, keyboard, recorder and percussion, as well as choir activities. In addition, every year every child is given the opportunity to participate in the Leeton Eisteddfod and every second year the Leeton Community of Public Schools production of Shine and KROP. Students also have the opportunity to participate in Light Up Leeton and Carols in the Park when supporting community Christmas events.



Yanconia

This is the school year book published in Term Four. Contributions are sought from every school pupil. Costs of this publication are met from the General School Contributions collected and all families have the opportunity to purchase one or more full colour copies for a small contribution of \$5.00 per copy.

Charities

Each year the school chooses a small number of charities to support. Fundraising activities are usually organised by the School Leadership Team (Year 6 students).

Best Start

The Best Start Assessment program is a government initiative to increase support for the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy for our Kindergarten students. The assessment identifies the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills that each child brings to school as they enter Kindergarten. Its purpose is to provide information that teachers use as they develop their teaching and learning plans for Kindergarten students and helps them build on these.

Working Bees

From time to time working bees are held to tidy the school or help with a school project. Details are outlined in the school newsletter and any assistance is appreciated. If possible two working bees per year are planned.

Visiting Performers

Visiting performers of various types are engaged to visit the school during the year, as they provide cultural and educational experiences that the children would not otherwise experience. Because there is a cost attached to these performances, they are selected with care to ensure a maximum benefit for your child.

Swimming

At the end of each year an intensive swimming program is held for all children in K-6. Children are supervised by teachers. There is a cost associated to all pupils for transport to and from the Leeton Pool as well as pool entry. In addition to the school program, a government run swimming scheme runs through the early weeks of January each year.

Sun Protection

Yanco Public School participates in the Cancer Council of NSW's SunSmart program. As part of the school's Sun Protection Policy, children are asked to wear a school hat that provides protection for the face, neck and ears. Boys and girls school hats are available from the school office at a cost of \$12.00. Our policy during the summer is 'No Hat, No Play.' Hats are also required for excursions, swimming lessons and sports.

Parents and carers are reminded to pack sunscreen and apply to their child/ren before leaving home in the morning for school events such as swimming carnivals and athletics days.

Painting Shirts

It is recommended that all children have an old shirt to protect their uniform during art and craft lessons. These can be labelled and kept in the classroom. If your child does get paint on their uniform, wash out immediately in cold water if the paint is still wet. If the paint has dried, soak the garment overnight in cold soapy water, then handwash in lukewarm water using ordinary soap. Classrooms do have a supply of paint smocks.

Scholastic Book Club

The Scholastic Book Club is a regular feature at the school where children have the opportunity to order books for a realistic price. . Brochures are sent home with the children twice a term. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom, however there is never any obligation to order.

It is easy to order:

- Simply complete the order form and return to the school office with the correct money or a cheque. Please make the cheque out to Yanco Public School.
- The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. . You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP).
- If you are placing an order as a gift, please let the office know and it will be held at school for collection. Otherwise orders will be sent home with your child

General Information

Contacting Children at School

Parents delivering lunches, messages etc. to their child during the day are asked to notify the front Office of their arrival. If you have an important message for your child, please contact the school via the mobile phone or call the Front Office. Please avoid visiting classrooms during learning time as this can interrupt learning time unnecessarily. Please discuss any concerns you may have with your child's class teacher or the principal. It is not appropriate for parents and carers to approach other students regarding behaviour and discipline.

Lost Property

Please encourage your child/ren to be responsible for their own belongings. If all clothing and personal items are clearly labelled items are less likely to go missing. Please check clothing at home to make sure your child has not brought home another student's belongings by mistake. It is not the responsibility of the class teacher to pack lunch boxes and other belongings into student bags. Any items found after school will be placed in the Lost Property tub located next to the bubblers. Items not collected from the Lost Property tub will be placed in the school clothing pool supply.

Clothing Pool

Second hand items of clothing are available for a gold coin donation from the Front Office. Please see Mrs Walsh for assistance. It is appreciated if unwanted uniform items are donated back to the clothing pool.

Visitors in and Around the School

All parents and visitors need to come to the Front Office when first entering the school to sign in before going to a classroom or into the playground. This is to ensure safety and protection of students and visitors, as we need to know who is on school grounds in case of an emergency.

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Subjects we Learn

As a parent of a primary school student you will want to know what your child is learning. You are encouraged to talk to your child's teacher about what they will cover in class and how you can help your child at home. The NSW Board of Studies sets the learning requirements for each stage of primary schooling. The Board's syllabuses state what must be taught in the key learning areas:

English
Mathematics
Creative Arts
Geography and History
Science and Technology
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

Bell Times



Office hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am till 4pm.
Fridays—CLOSED

Parents are asked not to call during lesson times on Fridays (non-office days) to avoid interruptions. Please call during recess or lunchtime if possible, on these days or leave a message on the answering machine.

School Contact Numbers

Phone: 02 6955 7162
Mobile: 0436 691 944 for emergencies or text messages
Fax: 02 6955 7477
Email: yanco-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.yanco-p.schools.nsw.gov.au
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Procedures in Case of Emergencies

This is very important information for our school record system.

Children can become ill at school or can have serious accidents and the parents/guardians are not always at home. In order for a child to receive medical attention, or even simply to go to a home where they can be cared for, we ask for the telephone number of a relative, neighbour or friend who would be willing to care for your child in an emergency. If you are unable to supply this number at the time of enrolment, please give one to the school office as soon as possible.

It is most important that the school be notified if you change your address, telephone number (at home or at work) or your emergency contact number. Please notify changes in writing to the School Administration Manager

Supervision

Schools hours are from 9:10am to 3:15pm. Children are supervised from 8:40am to 9:15am (playground equipment is out of bounds at this time), and at recess and lunchtime in accordance with Departmental regulations. Children who arrive at school prior to 8:40am are required to sit under the cola and are not under supervision

School Bus

are dropped off at school by 9:00am each day. Misbehaviour can result in refusal to carry the student concerned. Children are supervised within the school grounds and at the bus stop by teachers whilst waiting to board their bus each afternoon. A bus shelter is located outside the school's front entrance for the convenience of bus travellers. Parents and carers must contact the bus company and make arrangements for your child/children. Online forms can be found at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Attendance

Children are required by law to attend school regularly. If a student is absent, a note explaining the absence is required when the students returns to school. Absence notes are filed and details are recorded on departmental rolls. Absences can also be verified via the Skool Loop app or verbally over the telephone. Unsatisfactory attendance is reported to the Home-School Liaison Officer. Absent note proformas may be obtained as needed from the school office, or on the school's website. On occasions where students arrive late to school or are picked up early the Sign In/Out book must be filled in by the adult accompanying the child/children

Homework

Homework for all K-6 students will be set each week for spelling, reading, mathematics and other key curriculum areas. Homework is given to Yanco Public School students on a weekly basis to establish a sense of responsibility and independence. Homework set by teachers will be followed up in the classroom to ensure optimum benefit for all children. Parents are advised to seek further clarification of specific homework demands for their children from the class teacher, if required. Homework is often the cause of friction in the home. Homework is encouraged as parents and carers can assist in further developing skills and knowledge.

Home Reading Program

It is very important that students develop a love of reading and read at home every night. All students are provided with a Home Reading pack at the beginning of the year and students and their parents are encouraged to complete a Home Reading Diary each evening. Students are rewarded with achievement awards for every 25 nights of home reading. Special certificates are presented at Week 4 and Week 8 assemblies at 50, 100 and 150 nights of reading. Children receive a book when they reach 100 nights of home reading and a Scholastic Book voucher for reaching 200 nights. A selection of special prizes is also available to encourage students to read, read, read. Home reading is encouraged for all students as many nights as possible each week and is encouraged for the school term breaks.

Toys

We request that children not bring toys to school. Children can play with sporting equipment supplied by the school. Special items brought to school for news can be left with the teacher or in the Administration Office.

Scripture

Religious instruction is conducted weekly on Tuesday mornings. Parents have the right of withdrawal and a letter to the school is required. Any student not attending Scripture will continue with normal activities in the classroom.

Library

The School Library is available for use by all children and borrowing occurs each Thursday. Class teachers assist students to select and borrow books from the school library. Special library-based activities are planned throughout the school year. If borrowed library books are to be taken home and they must be protected by a suitable library bag. Students will be given reminder notices if they have overdue library books.



Technology

Classroom teaching activities are greatly enhanced in all curriculum areas through our library of computer software and online subscriptions. All classrooms have a number of computers, all with access to the internet. All classes are able to utilise the fully equipped computer lab, which includes video-conferencing facilities with the 'Connected Classroom.' A wireless network has been installed, with a set of 20 iPads providing mobility of technology throughout the school. Students with internet access at home can also access subscriptions to online programs. Teachers and students also use the latest technologies available through the DoE Portal.

Parent Interviews

The Principal and teaching staff are always willing to discuss your child's progress. Should you have any concerns, please contact the office to arrange a suitable time for an interview. Formal interviews are also conducted with the issuing of written reports at the end of Term 2 and are available on request at the end of Term 4. Interviews are scheduled for mid Term One to discuss individual student learning goals and progress.

School Captains

All children and staff members vote for our school captain and vice-captain in a democratic election. Our other Year 6 students then become our Leadership Team. The Leadership Team generally share the duties of Sport Captains.

Excursions

Excursions are seen as necessary and worthwhile activities for all grades. The duration and type of excursions vary depending upon the age of the children and the units of work being studied. Advance notice is given to parents/guardians so costs can be budgeted for where necessary. Information sheets and permission notes are sent home for all excursions. Our excursion policy is all-inclusive, which means we place a lot of emphasis on ensuring all students are included in our K-6 planned excursions. Students who do not demonstrate Care, Respect, Excellence and Responsibility will have their opportunities limited while on excursions. Children learn not only at school but from a wide variety of experiences. Therefore, excursions that offer exciting educational opportunities are encouraged. Parental consent notes are required for each excursion or external sporting visit. Permission notes are sent home prior to these visits and information is published through the newsletter and Skool Loop app.



Staff Development

School Development Days are held on the first two days of Term 1, first day of Terms 2 & 3 and the last day of Term 4 each year for the purpose of developing or implementing programs for the betterment of the school. *These days are pupil free days*, this allows teaching staff to take part in the day's planned activities.

School Counsellor / School Chaplain

All children have access to the School Counsellor and the School Chaplain. The School Counsellor assists parents and staff in the identification of learning difficulties and help in the areas of personal development, self-esteem, resilience and interpersonal relationships. The Counsellor is also available to parents, and contact can be made through the school. A permission note is required before the School Counsellor administers testing or meets with children. Our School Chaplain provides support to build social emotional wellbeing.

Kindergarten Enrolment

A child who reaches the age of five years before the 1st August may be enrolled in the Kindergarten of a Public School in that year. Normally these children will commence school on the second school day of the year. The problem of whether to start a child in Kindergarten arises for some parents whose child does not turn five until well into the year of enrolment. In this regard parents must use their own discretion as regards their own child. Some factors to consider may be maturity, self-reliance etc. A child who has a late birthday may be required to repeat a class if he/she is struggling with schoolwork, or if it is considered that he/she is too socially or physically immature to proceed to the next grade.



Parents and Citizens Association Events

- Annual Bike Day last day of Term 1
- \$2.00 Carnivals held at community events such as Light Up Leeton and the Yanco Lions Club Ham Raffles
- Raffles
- BBQ last day of Term 4



Administering Medication

Schools do not administer medication which has not been specifically prescribed by a medical practitioner. If your child requires medication, forms will need to be completed. Any child presenting with an illness that seems to prevent them from day-to-day activities a phone call will be made to collect the child from school. If your child suffers from Diabetes or has severe asthma, severe allergies or any other life-threatening condition you will need to make an appointment with the Principal to discuss the management of their condition and to organise a Health Care Action Plan.

First Aid

First aid is administered at school for minor problems. An ambulance will be called to transport a child to hospital should the need arise. Every effort will be made to contact the parents or emergency contacts prior to calling an ambulance. A staff member will accompany the sick/injured child to the hospital in the ambulance and stay with them until a parent or carer arrives. The school provides Ambulance Cover for all students enrolled at the school.

Immunisation

The Government legislated that from the beginning of 1994 all students enrolling in school must have an immunisation certificate signed by a Doctor. This does not mean that there is compulsory immunisation - rather that schools should have detailed information for which diseases the child has been immunised. Students who have not been immunised will be excluded from school if there is an out-break of a particular disease.

Too sick for school?



Generally if your child feels unwell, keep them home from school and consult your doctor. This chart and the information it contains is not intended to take the place of a consultation with your doctor.

Bronchitis	Symptoms are coughing, a runny nose, sore throat and mild fever. The cough is often dry at first, becoming moist after a couple of days. There may be a slight wheeze and shortness of breath. A higher fever (typically above 39°C) may indicate pneumonia.	 ... until they are feeling better. Antibiotics may be needed.
Chickenpox (Varicella)	Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.	 ... for 5 days from the onset of the rash and the blisters have dried.
Conjunctivitis	The eye feels 'scratchy', is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.	 ... while there is discharge from the eye unless a doctor has diagnosed a non-infectious cause.
Diarrhoea (no organism identified)	Two or more consecutive bowel motions that are looser and more frequent than normal and possibly stomach cramps.	 ... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.
Fever	A temperature of 38.5°C or more in older infants and children.	 ... until temperature is normal.
Gastroenteritis	A combination of frequent loose or watery stools (diarrhoea), vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches.	 ... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea and/or vomiting stops.
German measles (Rubella)	Often mild or no symptoms: mild fever, runny nose, swollen nodes, pink blotchy rash that lasts a short time.	 ... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Glandular Fever (Mononucleosis, EBV infection)	Symptoms include fever, headache, sore throat, tiredness, swollen nodes.	 ... unless they're feeling unwell.
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)	Generally a mild illness caused by a virus, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth, on the hands and feet, and perhaps the nappy area in babies.	 ... until all blisters have dried.
Hayfever (Allergic rhinitis) caused by allergy to pollen (from grasses, flowers and trees), dust mites, animal fur or hair, mould spores, cigarette smoke	Sneezing, a blocked or runny nose (rhinitis), itchy eyes, nose and throat, headaches.	 ... unless they feel unwell or are taking a medication which makes them sleepy.
Head lice or nits* (Pediculosis)	Itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs; lice may be found on the scalp.	 ... while continuing to treat head lice each night. Tell the school.

Hepatitis A	Often none in young children; sudden onset of fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine, pale stools.	 ... for 2 weeks after first symptoms (or 1 week after onset of jaundice). Contact your doctor before returning to school.
Hepatitis B	Often no symptoms in young children. When they do occur, they can include fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine.	 ... if they have symptoms. Contact your doctor before returning to school.  ... if they have a chronic infection (not the first outbreak) and no symptoms.
Impetigo (School sores)	Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.	 ... until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.
Influenza	Sudden onset fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches.	 ... until well.
Measles	Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes for a few days followed by a red blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads down the body and lasts 4 to 7 days.	 ... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Meningococcal Disease	Sudden onset of fever and a combination of headache, neck, stiffness, nausea, vomiting, drowsiness or rash.	Seek medical attention immediately. Patient will need hospital treatment. Close contacts receive antibiotics.
Molluscum Contagiosum	Multiple small lumps (2–5mm) on the skin that are smooth, firm and round, with dimples in the middle. In children, occur mostly on the face, trunk, upper arms and legs. Symptoms can last 6 months to 2 years.	
Mumps	Fever, swollen and tender glands around the jaw.	 ... for 9 days after onset of swelling.
Ringworm* (tinea corporis)	Small scaly patch on the skin surrounded by a pink ring.	 ... for 24 hours after fungal treatment has begun.
Runny nose or common cold		 ... unless there are other symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough, rash or headache. Check with school.
Scabies*	Itchy skin, worse at night. Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.	 ... until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
Shigella	Diarrhoea (which may contain blood, mucus and pus), fever, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting.	 ... until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours. Antibiotics may be needed.
Slapped Cheek Syndrome (Parvovirus B19 infection, fifth disease, erythema infectiosum)	Mild fever, red cheeks, itchy lace-like rash, and possibly cough, sore throat or runny nose.	 ... as it is most infectious before the rash appears.
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.	 ... until the first 5 days of an antibiotic course has been completed. Unimmunised siblings may need to stay home too until treated with an antibiotic.
Worms (Threadworms, pinworms)	The main sign of threadworms is an itchy bottom. Sometimes children feel 'out of sorts' and do not want to eat much. They may also have trouble sleeping, due to itching at night.	 ... and tell the school as other parents will need to know to check their kids.

***It is important that the rest of the family is checked for head lice, scabies and ringworm**



Information provided by NSW Health.

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Girls School Uniform

All polo shirts, school jumpers with emblem, school sports jackets, shorts and trackpants, girls skorts and winter pants and school hats are sold through the school office for the P & C.

SUMMER	WINTER	SPORT
Polo shirt with Yanco PS logo	Polo shirt with Yanco PS logo	Polo shirt with Yanco PS logo
Royal blue Skort	Fleece jumper with Yanco PS logo	Royal blue shorts or trackpants
Black school shoes & white socks	Black school shoes & white socks	White socks & sports shoes
Hair ribbons / scrunchies * if necessary navy/light blue	Yanco PS Spray jacket (optional)	Fleece jumper with Yanco PS logo
	School beanie with Yanco PS logo (optional)	Yanco PS Sport jacket
		School hat
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYTHING BROUGHT OR WORN TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.		

Beanies embroidered with the school logo are available at the school office as a fundraising initiative.

Make-up, nail varnish or personal jewellery is not permitted at school or whilst representing the school on excursions or sporting visits. The only exceptions are one pair of studs or sleepers in ears.

Boys School Uniform

All polo shirts, school jumpers with emblem, school sports jackets, shorts and trackpants, and school hats are sold through the school office for the P & C.

SUMMER	WINTER	SPORT
Polo shirt with Yanco PS logo	Polo shirt with Yanco PS logo	Polo shirt with Yanco PS logo
Grey shorts	Grey school trousers	Royal blue shorts or trackpants
Black school shoes & white socks	Fleece jumper with Yanco PS logo	White socks & sports shoes
School Hat	Black school shoes & white socks	Fleece jumper with Yanco PS logo
	Yanco PS Spray jacket (optional)	Yanco PS Sport jacket
	School beanie with Yanco PS	School hat
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School History

The first public school in Yanco was opened in 1909 and was the first school in the then fledgling Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA). The first school was located in the shearing shed of Sir Samuel McCaughey at Yanko and operated from May 1909. Later that year the old Gobbagaula school building was moved to Yanko to form the Yanko Siding Provisional School. In 1912 the school building was moved and a new school erected in Main Avenue.

Note that in the 1800's the word Yanco was spelt 'Yanko.'

The old Morundah School building was transported and erected at its present site at Yanco Public School in 1979, with the school Library and Administration Building opened in 1982. Unfortunately, in January of 2018 there was a fire in the building located in the store room and the whole building had to be demolished. In 2019 a new brick building was erected to replace the demolished classroom.

There are now three main buildings including the classrooms (Block A), Library and Administration (Block B), the 'Little Learners' room is now located in a classroom and the Canteen (Block D). In 2012 a new Sports Storeroom and General Assistants Storerooms (Block E) were constructed as part of the Federal Government's 'Building the Education Revolution' (BER) program.

The Yanco Public School badge has an interesting history. It originated in the early 1950's when the motto 'Towards a better world' was incorporated into a logo featuring the ibis as a symbol of the irrigation area by the then Principal, Mr Thomas Cooke. Back then the ibis had a hooked beak and a fat body, looking nothing like an ibis. In later years the badge was remodelled so the ibis was more realistic.

The school centenary celebrating 100 years of public education in Yanco (1909-2009) was celebrated in 2009. To celebrate the milestone major festivities were organised and former Principal, Mr Doug Saxon (1978-1982) published a centenary book; Yanco Public School, The first irrigation school in the M.I.A. 1909-2009. The book is full of historical photographs, stories and anecdotes and copies are still available from the school office.

