



Yulara School

Parent / Teacher Hand Book

2021

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I extend to you and your child a warm welcome to Yulara School. I am sure your time at our school, and Ayers Rock Resort will be both happy and memorable.

We have a completely new team here at Yulara School. The Staff are professionally devoted to providing a holistic learning environment for your child. We strive to immerse every student in a rich learning environment and grant them access to the curriculum that is being delivered in an increasingly contextualised and engaging manner. Here at Yulara, we place great emphasis on the social and emotional development of every learner in the school so that we can provide the positive steppingstone possible to a rich and fulfilling future.

At Yulara school we champion the values of inclusiveness, resilience, personal best and respect. We encourage the students and teachers espouse these values and aim to ensure that they underpin every action undertaken at Yulara School.

Each student is treated as an individual, and we encourage them to achieve their very best in a caring and supportive environment. It is our view that a shared commitment and a genuine partnership between school and home will enhance your child's learning opportunities.

I hope that you, through your interest, personal involvement, and support, will come to feel very much a part of our school community.

Mr Cameron Sutherland

Principal



HISTORY

Welcome to Yulara School

Yulara School was opened in 1984, is categorised as an 'urban remote' school located some four hundred and fifty kilometres to the south-west of Alice Springs close to the South Australian border. It is only twenty kilometres from Uluru and forty-eight kilometres from Kata Tjuta.

Yulara School is referred to as an 'urban' school as a result of the teaching of mainstream educational programs in the classrooms whilst catering for a diverse student clientele. The description of remote is of course in reference to the geographical location of the school which in the context of the Australian continent could only be classified in this category.

The school's average student enrolment of fifty is drawn from the families of Ayers Rock Resort and Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park. The school caters for children from Transition through to secondary students (Years 7 - 12). Student enrolments may vary throughout the year from a low of approximately forty through to a high of sixty-five during the peak tourist season. Students arrive at Yulara School from diverse locations throughout Australia and internationally, including our local Mutitjulu Community and Rangerville.

The school's physical infrastructure includes six classrooms, a small library/teacher resource centre, a school administration building, a student ablutions block/canteen area and a covered school assembly area. The central area of the school is a paved courtyard which is defined by the major buildings. The physical infrastructure adequately caters for the teaching and learning requirements of the school community.

One notable feature of Yulara School is the wonderful support provided by the people of the Resort and National Park. Yulara School is located within a very community-oriented environment where people are only too happy to assist and support any initiatives that target the improvement of student learning outcomes and wellbeing. This may be observed through their assistance with fundraising or the completion of projects at the school.

SCHOOL STAFF



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ADDITIONAL SCHOOL STAFF

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COUNCIL

Yulara School has an incorporated school council. Meetings are held twice a term, and all parents and staff are welcome to attend. The Council plays an active role in developing and implementing the School Strategic Plan. It also actively assists in fundraising activities working bees, encouraging active parent participation. The Principal plus one (1) teaching staff representative also serve on the council. Sub-Committees may be formed to help cover a range of professional and non-professional areas.

Please consider volunteering your services.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Parent Member 1	Sam Henry
Parent Member 2	Ben Lanyon
Parent Member 3	Lynette Ross
Parent Member 4	Philip Logan
Parent Member 5	Lawrence Khoo
Parent Member 6	Jessica Laidlaw
Invited Member	Linda Harper
Invited Member	Vacant
Teacher Rep	Kayce Parker
Principal	Cameron Sutherland
Chair Person	Sam Henry
Treasurer	Rowan Churches
Secretary	Mette Hansen

YULARA SCHOOL HOURS

Yulara School operates from Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 2:40 pm.

Students may arrive between 8:00 am and 8:30 am.

Morning session 8:30am-10:30 am Recess 10:30 am-11:00 am

Students sit outside under shade cover in the courtyard during this time. The first 10 minutes of recess is allocated for eating time after which students may go and have play time. One member of the teaching staff will be on duty during recess time. Music will play to signal the end of recess and students are encouraged to get a drink from the bubblers, use the toilet and line up promptly outside their classroom.

Middle session 11:00 am-1:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm-1:30 pm

Students sit outside under shade cover in the courtyard during this time. The first 10 minutes of lunch is eating time after which students may go and have play time. One member of the teaching staff will be on duty during lunch time. Music will play to signal the end of lunch and students are encouraged to get a drink from the bubblers, use the toilet and line up promptly outside their classroom.

Afternoon session 1:30 pm-2:40 pm Students must be collected at 2:40 pm

Please Note: No supervision of students is provided **before 8.00 am** or after **2:40 pm**.

Yulara Child Care Centre operates a before and after school care program.

Please enquire directly by phoning 08 8956 2097.

TRANSITION STUDENTS

Children who turn five years of age between the 1st of January and the 30th of June may be enrolled in Transition from the start of the school year. Transition operates on standard school hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am until 2:40 pm.

Please ensure your Transition child has the following each day: a Yulara School hat, water bottle, recess, lunch and a spare change of clothes in case of accidents.

MIDDLE AND SENIOR YEARS VIA DISTANCE EDUCATION

Students in years 7 to 9 study through distance education from Alice Springs School of the Air (ASSOA), whilst the Senior Years (year 10 to year 12) study through the Northern Territory School of Distance Education Centre (NTSDE) in Darwin.

Please note: All enrolment enquiries are to be directed to the Yulara School Principal.

The school office is open:

Monday to Friday

8am to 8:30 am

&

3.00pm to 3.50pm.

Please contact the office in person, via phone or email for any of the following:

General school enquiries – Absences - Enrolment - Late arrival - Early departure Meeting requests
- Newsletter articles - Return of permission forms - School council information - Uniform purchase.

Outside of our school office open hours, **please see your child's classroom teacher.**

Phone: 08 8956 2014

Email: yulara.school@education.nt.gov.au

Post: PO Box 146 Yulara NT 0872

YULARA SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION POLICIES

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL POLICY

It is the responsibility of parents to advise if their child is away.

An email, written note or phone call will suffice for absences up to 3 days. Please advise the school via phone call, note or Dojo message on the morning of the absence. Longer absences for illness must be accompanied by a doctor's certificate. Other extended absences should be advised to your child's teacher and the office administrator via a written note or email.

Please note NT Policy Guidelines state: "Notifications for absences must come directly from the parent, student living independently or authorised person. Advice from a third party will not be considered as a notification unless this is approved by the principal. Third parties include, but are not limited to, school bus driver, relatives, other students, siblings, Remote School Attendance Strategy staff or members of the community."

BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER

The Back-to-School Payment Scheme (the Payment Scheme) provides all Yulara School students with an entitlement to receive \$150.00 towards the cost of school uniforms and stationery supplies in **term 1** of each school year.

COMPLAINTS POLICY

Please ensure that if you have any questions or concerns that you address them first with your child's classroom teacher. The Northern Territory Department of Education has policies and procedures in place to assist schools in handling complaints effectively.

MEDICATION POLICY

Staff at Yulara School will only administer short term medicines to students on receipt of a completed *Medication Request Form* (available from the office). Medication is to be handed directly to the office, or your child's classroom teacher and needs to be clearly marked with your child's name. Students with ongoing conditions need to have a current, formal health care plan. **For the safety of students, all medicine is to be stored in the office area.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Yulara School has a **compulsory** school uniform which is available from the office at reasonable prices. Students are expected to wear full school uniform including a hat each day. Please refer to *Uniforms* (on page 17) for a list of uniforms available for purchase and cost.

WELLBEING AND BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Our behaviour policy revolves around 4 Basic Rights being; Everyone has the right to Learn, Everyone has the right to be Safe, Everyone has the right to be treated in a Respectful and Friendly manner and Everyone has the right to have their Property and Belongings Treated with Respect. By enrolling your child at Yulara School, you are entering into a partnership with the school community. By entering into this partnership, you are agreeing to the *Yulara School Well-being and Behaviour Policy* on behalf of your child. A copy of the policy is available from the School office and can be emailed to parents upon request.

All Yulara School and Northern Territory Department of Education policies can be found in the School Office should you wish to request a copy.

A-Z YULARA SCHOOL GENERAL INFORMATION

ASSEMBLIES AND AWARDS

School assemblies are held fortnightly on odd weeks of the term commencing on week 3 of each term at 8:35 am. Assemblies provide the opportunity for students' interests and achievements to be acknowledged. Individual classes are rostered to host and share their work at these assemblies and classroom merit awards are presented to students by the Principal. Families will receive an email notification from their child's classroom teacher if their child is receiving an award. Parents are encouraged to attend the assemblies. Assembly details are published on the Facebook page and Class Dojo.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE/VACATION CARE

Yulara Child Care Centre offers long day care, before and after school care and school holiday/vacation care. Please enquire directly with the centre by phoning 08 8956 2097.

BIKES

Students riding bikes need to wear covered shoes and **fastened safety helmets** when riding their bikes. They must walk their bicycles within the school grounds. Bicycles are to be parked in the bike bays at the front of the school.

COMMUNICATION

Information from Yulara School is shared continually via the Facebook page, assemblies, Class Dojo and the school Newsletter. Feedback and suggestions on our school are always welcomed and can be provided in person, via email, or anonymously via the office letterbox. Yulara School supports effective communication strategies to build strong parent-teacher relationships. Parents are encouraged to utilise the open-door policy in place in all of our classrooms. Teaching staff may be available after 2.50 pm should you wish to make an appointment. Please contact your child's classroom teacher to arrange.

COVID-19

Yulara School is compliant with their COVID-19 Safety Plan and are committed to physical distancing and health and hygiene principles as per requirement. All visitors to the premises will have to check-in at provided QR scanning points and are not permitted to attend the grounds for longer than 15 minutes unless they are on official business or have cleared it with the principal. A School Pandemic Outbreak Management Plan is in place and available at the school at the principal's discretion.

DENTAL VISIT

Students will have an annual dental examination conducted by the Central Australia Health Service (Alice Springs). These examinations are conducted at school for all students. Dates and times will be advised in advance.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Should your child have a minor accident or feels unwell at school our qualified first aid officers will render support. If we are concerned, we will contact a parent or carer in the first instance or your emergency contact if you are unavailable. Please ensure that your current address and telephone numbers are recorded at the school office. Information update forms will be sent home during the year to confirm student and parent details.

EXTRACURRICULAR FEES

Some activities may take place at school which will incur some cost to parents. Examples of these would be visits by travelling groups, small excursions etc. Information on such events will be made available as required.

FACEBOOK PAGE AND CLASS DOJO

Yulara School has a closed Facebook page: *Yulara School, Ayers Rock*. This page is only available to parents with children currently enrolled in our school. Our page provides parents with daily and weekly updates on class and school activities.

Class Dojo is a free application that the school uses to share moments of your child's day with you. It operates in 3 ways, an individual student stream (shared with only the parent, teacher and student), the classroom feed (all parents of the class can view), and the school feed (all parent members of the school can view). Class Dojo is an easy-to-use application that can be used as an initial point of contact with your child's teacher through its messenger service. Please feel free to come and have a chat to our staff if you would like to learn more.

FUNDRAISING

Throughout the year Yulara School may fundraise for special projects or one-off events. Funds raised may be used for a special project for the school, a class project or be donated to charity. Information will be provided throughout the course of the year. All families are asked to support fundraising initiatives undertaken by Yulara School.

HEAD LICE

Head lice can be an ongoing problem in schools. Proactively checking hair regularly, tying hair up and applying natural deterrents are effective avoidance strategies. Should staff notice a child has head lice, a note will be sent home requesting immediate treatment; all students will be advised of head lice being found in their classroom.

HOMEWORK

Research states homework as a title has little to no academic benefit to primary age students. Research also tells us that reading at least 10 minutes a night and being read to by an adult has significant outcomes in multiple areas of academia and wellbeing. At Yulara School we encourage every student to read each night. We also recognise that some families would like to request a formalised form of homework for their child. If this is the case, please inform your child's teacher.

INTERNET USE

Students wishing to access computers at school are required to understand, accept and complete the Department's "Acceptable Use Agreement," which defines acceptable and appropriate usage. Parents may be required to explain the contents to students who have difficulty understanding. Any usage contravening the agreement may result in students being disallowed access.

LATE ARRIVALS / LEAVING EARLY

Students arriving at school **after 8:30 am** must be signed in by a parent or guardian. Students leaving school early must also be signed out by a parent or guardian. Sign in and out registers are kept in each classroom.

LIBRARY

Students attend the school library once a week. Books should be returned within 7 days. Classroom teachers keep a register of books borrowed by students. Parents are requested to

ensure that their child has a library bag for borrowing. Pillowcases, cloth bags or a sturdy plastic bag are suitable.

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property is kept in a box in the Front Office. This box can be checked regularly by parents. Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled.

LUNCHES

The school provides refrigeration for students' lunches but is unable to heat lunches or provide cutlery. There is no provision of food by Yulara School. It is a parental responsibility to ensure that students' have sufficient food with them each day. If a student arrives at school without sufficient food for the day parents will be contacted and will be expected to bring food in by Recess or collect their child. Please pack a healthy lunch for your child and ensure they have a drink bottle each day. **Please advise the school if your child has any dietary restrictions or allergies.**

MEDIA IN SCHOOL AND MEDIA RELEASE CONSENT

Teaching staff may use visual media materials during learning sessions. Northern Territory Department of Education policy enables teachers to present video streams or media which are G rated. Any media above G- rating to be used for educational purposes will require parental consent.

We also have many visiting groups throughout the year, who frequently ask to post pictures on Social Media platforms. Please advise if you would not like your child image to be used in any publication.

MONEY AND VALUABLES

The school cannot accept responsibility for items brought to school. Any money or valuables for a specific purpose should be given to a teacher as soon as possible, in the morning. Toys, games, etc. should not be brought to school except for the purpose of class sharing. Full responsibility for these items remains with the student who owns them. Electronic devices such as a mobile phones, iPods and handheld electronic games should be brought to the front office to be held during school hours. They are not to be kept in classrooms or school bags.

NAPLAN

The **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** is an Australia wide testing program that assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in all schools. The tests are administered by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), and provide an important measure of how Australian students are performing in spelling, grammar and punctuation, writing, reading and numeracy.

The tests are also designed to be carried out on the same days all across Australia in any given year. Parents of students sitting the NAPLAN tests will be advised of the dates.

NEWSLETTERS AND NOTICE BOARD

The newsletter is an important means of communication between the school and families. It contains information regarding all future events, important dates and special activities. Newsletters can be sent via email to reduce waste and ensure they make it home. Please ask if you would like a printed copy.

PARENT CONTRIBUTION

Parents are encouraged to contribute financially towards the following;

- Renewal of writing books, pencils and general educational items.
- Upgrade of school computer equipment: iPads, laptops and desktops
- Sport, e.g. balls, beanbags, hoops, soccer & basketball nets, bats,
- Science, e.g. magnets, batteries, gloves, straws, light globes, balloons
- Maths, e.g. dice, counters, calculators, batteries, compass
- Library, e.g. book cover, labels, card, scanning equipment, posters

Please consider the Yulara School Council approved an amount of \$150 per child per year. Payments can be made either annually, by each school term or weekly. All contributions are tax deductible and are made to the Yulara School Council.

Your contribution helps the school provide essential consumables and additional resources for your child. Contributions are not compulsory.

PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOONS

During the year Yulara School hosts informal parent information sessions. Families are invited into the classrooms after school to view student work and discuss student progress.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

You are welcome to regularly discuss your child's progress and the classroom program with the class teacher. During the year the school arranges for specific teacher/parent evenings. Student Led Conferences are held in Term 2 and Term 4.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parents are encouraged to volunteer for fundraising activities and events throughout the year. The Northern Territory Government requires that all volunteers working with children obtain an Ochre Card. Contact SAFE NT on 1800 723 368 or <https://forms.pfes.nt.gov.au/safent/> to receive information on applying for a Working with Children Ochre Card.

PETS

Pets are not permitted on the school grounds unless prior permission has been given by the Principal.

REPORTS

Semester 1 Student progress reports are sent home at the end of Term 2.

Semester 2 Student progress reports are sent home at the end of Term 4.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Yulara School is a member of the Scholastic Book Club. Students will receive catalogues twice per term. Parents place their orders online and your books will arrive at the Yulara School Office for collection. Your Book Club purchases assist our school by providing Scholastic Rewards. By supporting your child's reading at home, you are also supporting their reading resources at school. Every parent order placed, credits Yulara School with 20% of your purchasing total. These rewards are then used to order new library and classroom books and resources for our students. Updates and notification on Scholastic Book Club will be made via email throughout the year.

SPARE CLOTHING

Students in Preschool, Transition and Year 1 are encouraged to have a change of clothing in their school bag each day in case of toileting accidents.

Yulara School has a limited supply of clothing items. If your child requires a change of clothing from the classroom supply a note will be sent home with your child. Please ensure all items are washed and returned the following day.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND CHARITY DAYS

Yulara School participates in numerous fun events throughout the year. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for charitable days. Previous special days have included:

Jump rope for heart	Pyjama day
National day against bullying and violence	Genes for Jeans day
Walk to school day	Do It for Dolly Day
Harmony Day	Daniel Morcombe Foundation

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND VISITORS

Due to our unique location, Yulara School attracts some exciting guests and activities throughout the year. Previous visitors have included:

AFL current players	Sydney Harmony Orchestra	Variety Bash
Australian Defence Force	The Dalai Lama	The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge
Royal Life Saving	Laurie Lawrence	Healthy Harold

Information on these days and many more will be available throughout the year. Additional consent and permission notices will be required to be completed for such events. Forms will be made available as required and must be returned to the office by the due date.

SUN PROTECTION

The average UV Index in Yulara is in the very high range. The cancer council recommends elbow length sleeves, close-fitting collars, knee-length shorts, broad-brimmed or bucket style hats. Broad-brimmed hats are compulsory for students for Physical Education and for outside play. Sunscreen may be applied during school for activities such as swimming. Should you wish to supply sunscreen for your child to reapply during the school day please speak to your child's teacher. **Please advise the school if your child has any sunscreen allergies.**

STUDENT RECORDS

It is important the school has current information on file **in case of an emergency**. Information that must be kept current include address, phone number, medical conditions, place of work, emergency contacts and court orders. Please ensure you notify the school if any of your details change so that our records can be kept up to date.

TRANSPORTING STUDENTS

When students are transported around our local region: Ayers Rock Resort and Uluru National Park, measures are undertaken to ensure the accountability of all students prior to leaving the school grounds, upon arrival at the venue, departure from the venue and upon return to the school.

Accountability of students is the responsibility of the accompanying teacher who completes a roll call and head count of students before the bus departs the school car park and again once students have alighted the bus at the venue. On the return journey, the process is repeated.

The teacher-in-charge of the excursion also ensures that they take parental permission forms and contact numbers with them on any excursion outside of school. First aid kits are also taken.

UNIFORMS

Yulara School has a compulsory school uniform available from the office. Students are expected to wear a uniform shirt, shorts/skorts and hat each day. In winter, school jumpers and tracksuits are available for students to wear. Due to OH&S issues, enclosed shoes are the only footwear permitted. These shoes should be suitable for sport applications.

Item	Size 4-16	S-XXXL
Polo Shirt	\$25.00	\$30.00
Cargo Short	\$20.00	\$25.00
Skort	\$20.00	
Hooded Jacket	\$35.00	\$40.00
Track Pants	\$20.00	\$25.00
Hat		\$15.00
ASSOA - NTSDE	25.00	\$30.00

Yulara School also has a small supply of **second-hand** uniforms for free upon request.

Please see the office should you wish to view the uniforms available.

VISITING SPECIALISTS

Yulara School may have visiting specialists throughout the year such as an optometrist, audiologist, dietician etc. Information will be made available throughout the year.

VISITORS

All visitors to our school during business hours are expected to sign in and out at the front office or with one of the classroom teachers.

All visitors are to check in using the schools QR code.

USEFUL LINKS:

Yulara School Website

<https://www.yularaschool.net>

ClassDojo

<https://www.classdojo.com>

Facebook Page – Yulara School

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/167657640708721>

Department of Education Policy & Guidelines

<https://education.nt.gov.au/policies>

Scholastic Book Club

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Alice Springs School of the Air

<https://www.assoa.nt.edu.au>

Norther Territory School of Distance Education

<https://www.ntsde.nt.edu.au>