# **Edition 7** 9th May 2025

# IN THE LOOP





# Happy Mother's Day to All the Wonderful Women of Lalor North Primary School!

On Sunday, we celebrate and honour the incredible women who make our school community so special — mothers, grandmothers, carers, aunties, teachers, support staff, and volunteers. Whether you're raising children, nurturing young minds, or lending a helping hand behind the scenes, your kindness, strength, and dedication do not go unnoticed.

Thank you for the love you give, the lessons you share, and the countless ways you support our students every day. You are the heart of our community, and we are grateful for everything you do. Wishing you a beautiful and joyful Mother's Day!

### **Acknowledgement to Country**

We are learning on Wurundjeri Country and in the spirit of reconciliation, Lalor North Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are learning. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

# **Important Vates**

Week 4, Term 2

Monday 12th May – Attitudes to School Survey Begins

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Swimming Program Week 3

Tuesday 13th May - Macedonian Storytime 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 14th May - Playgroup 9am-10am

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Prep Coffee & Chat 9am

Thursday 15th May – Emergency Drill, Shelter in Place

Thursday 15th May - Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am

Thursday 15th May - Immigration Museum Excursion

Thursday 15th May – Village OSHC Meet the Parents 6pm-7pm

Friday 16th May - Interschool Sports

Week 5, Term 2 - Education Week

Monday 19th May – Education & Policy Subcommittee Meeting 5pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Swimming Program Week 4

Tuesday 20th May - Macedonian Storytime 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 21st May - National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday 21st May - Playgroup 9am-10am

Wednesday 21st May – Education Support Day

Wed 21st May - Finance & Fundraising Subcommittee 4.45pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Newsletter Released

Friday 23rd May - Interschool Sports

Friday 23rd May - Assembly

Week 6, Term 2 - Reconciliation Week

Monday 26th May – Greek Community Catchup

Tuesday 27th May – Swimming Program Week 5

Tuesday 27th May - Macedonian Storytime 9.30am-10.30am

Tuesday 27th May - School Council

Wednesday 28th May - Playgroup 9am-10am

Wednesday 28th May - Reconciliation Mixed Classes

Wednesday 28th May – Lalor District Cross Country

Thursday 29th May - Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am

Friday 30th May - Interschool Sports

### **Our School Values**



We communicate openly and work together to solve problems. By demonstrating honesty and acting with integrity we build trust, which enables us to collaborate, to take greater risks with our learning and to be more resilient when things go wrong.



We respect ourselves, our school and each other, and understand that our attitudes and behaviour have an impact on the people around us.



We have many languages, come from many backgrounds and are a school of many differences, but we speak with one voice, as one school.

We develop a sense of connection and belonging within each part of our school, and across the whole school.

# Success

We help each other learn so that everyone experiences success every day. Success means doing new things, learning new skills, finding new ways of thinking and solving interesting, complex and challenging problems.

# Resilience We know trying new things, experiencing challenges and bouncing back from adversity are control to life

are central to life and to learning. Only by building our resilience can we experience strong levels of growth.



We are thrilled to share some wonderful news with our school community—our new play area with mudstone sandpit have officially been completed and are already bringing smiles and excitement to our students!

This project has been a true collaboration. Our **Student Representative Council (SRC)**, along with other **student leaders**, played a key role in helping design the space. They provided fantastic ideas, thoughtful feedback, and helped ensure the area reflects what our students love most about outdoor play. We are incredibly proud of their leadership and creativity.

Thanks to the generous support of the **Active Schools Grant**, this vision was able to come to life. The grant has allowed us to create a safe, inclusive, and engaging outdoor space and garden area that promotes active play, social connection, and imaginative fun for all students. The new sandpit is certainly going to be a hit and we look forward to seeing our students enjoy this fantastic new space for many years to come!

### The Attitudes to School Survey

The Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS) is an annual Department of Education survey for Grade 4 to 6 students, that captures students' attitudes to and experiences at government schools.

All government schools must participate in AtoSS, providing the opportunity for students from Year 4 to Year 12 to complete the survey. The survey provides data



that helps the department understand student perspectives of their school and to improve the schooling experience.

Data collected includes how students feel in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

Data from the survey is used to inform school improvement and planning to support student learning and wellbeing. Please see additional information in the letter attached.

This survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** want your Grade 4 to Grade 6 child to participate in this survey, please email the school at <u>lalor.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u> to opt out, before the survey starts on the 15th of May 2025.













### **Village OSH Program Meeting**

∼ Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 6pm to 7pm ~

We invite all families who use the Before and After School program to join us for a special Q&A session with the Regional Manager of Village OSH. This meeting is a valuable opportunity for parents to share feedback, raise any concerns, and work collaboratively with the Manager to help improve the program for our children. The meeting will be held in our staffroom.



It's time to enrol for **Prep 2026**, and we're thrilled by the strong interest in our school! We've had many successful tours with prospective families, and enquiries continue to come in daily. Submit your enrolment to secure a spot!









Our next **Prep Parents Coffee and Chat** is coming up soon. Parents of Preps are encouraged to come along and enjoy time together. Its an opportunity to ask questions and gain clarity on how children learn and engage in the school environment. Kim and I will be in attendance and we we will explain the way reporting to parents works at our school as well as other things related to the prep year.

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 9am to 10am...See you there!

**Places are filling quickly**, so we encourage families with Prep-aged children to **submit enrolment forms as soon as possible** to avoid missing out. Early enrolment helps us plan effectively and ensures a smooth start for our newest learners. We look forward to welcoming our next group of Preps into our school community!

# From the Office

## Some Useful Reminders.....

# 20000

#### **Secondary School Placement**

Thank you to the families of Grade 6 students who already returned the "Year 6 to 7 Placement Information Pack for 2025–26". The application form included in this information pack is required to be completed and **returned to the LNPS office by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. Please contact the office if you have any queries, or if you require an additional form, on 9465 4922.

The Department of Education has useful information for Parents and Carers on how to enrol and support their child moving from Primary to Secondary School at <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers">https://www.vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers</a>

Parents and carers may find it useful to check the April 2025 Digital Edition of the Government Schools Guide using this link: <a href="https://victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au/government-schools-guide/">https://victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au/government-schools-guide/</a>.

# enrol

#### **Prep 2026 Enrolments**

Enrolments for Prep 2026 are now being accepted and we are getting close to capacity for some programs already.

Any of our current families who have a child ready to commence Prep in 2026 are encouraged to contact the office as soon as possible to request an enrolment form, either in person or to have this emailed. Alternatively, the

enrolment form can also be found on our school website <a href="https://www.lalornorthps.vic.edu.au/">https://www.lalornorthps.vic.edu.au/</a> under the "Enrolment" tab. Please contact us with any queries on 9465 4922.

The Department of Education urge families to submit their prep enrolment forms by Friday 25th July.

#### **Lost Property**

Parents are welcome to come and check our lost property area which is in the reception area at the main office for any clothing or swimming items that have gone missing. All uniform, hat and swimming items should be named. Our staff return to students any items found that are named.

Diana, Liz and Barbara

# Dry Swimming Program Highlights: Sun Safety First!

As part of our Dry Swimming Program, students in B7 are learning vital water and outdoor safety skills—even without getting wet! This week, the focus was on **sun safety** and understanding the importance of protecting ourselves from **harmful UV** (ultraviolet) rays.

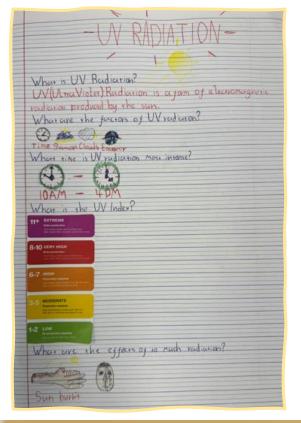
Students explored the Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide sun safety guidelines:

- Slip on protective clothing
- Slop on SPF 30+ sunscreen
- Slap on a wide-brimmed hat
- Seek shade during peak UV hours
- Slide on sunglasses

With rising UV levels, it's more important than ever for children to develop safe sun habits.









# WATTLE

This week in Wattle 5, we have learnt about understanding strong emotions, by investigating how our individual emotional responses vary. We also described situations that can lead to strong emotional responses. All of the students created their own emotions thermometre showing their understanding of the strong

emotions they feel.

The angrier you are or the stronger the emotion the higher you are on the thermometre. - Rayan

I liked that we got to share our emotions. - Aura



It kept me calm and showed that we all have similar emotions.

- Savannah



I learnt that everyone shows their emotions in different ways. - Charlie

### COME AND SEE OUR WALL DISPLAY!



Anything that happens in life, shows an emotion.

- Lara





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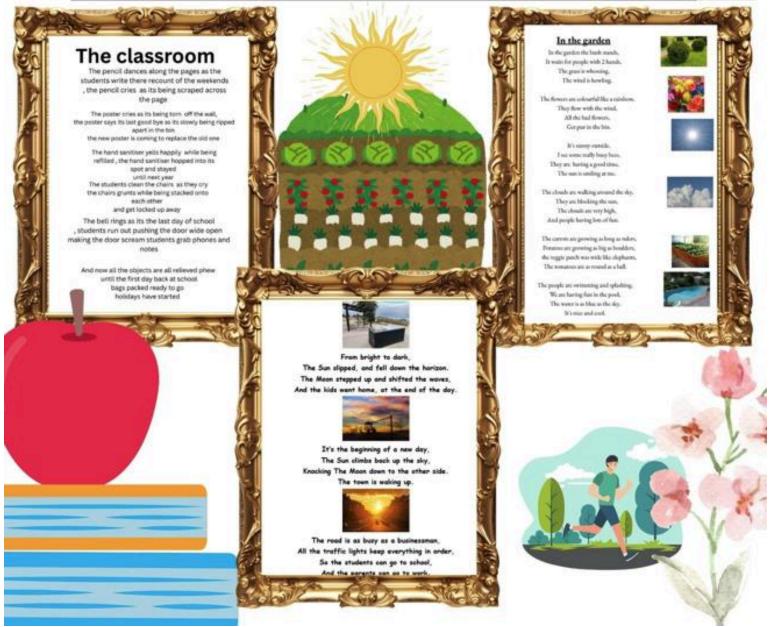
# What's going on in W4?

### We learnt about...

This week W4 dove into the world of Figurative Language. We explored imagery, metaphors, similes and personification. Each of the student's showed off their poetic sides by creating a poem centred around personification.

They included settings like the garden, soccer field and a haunted house. Please come visit the hallway infront of our classroom to have a read of our wonderful work!!





# WATTLE 3 News

# Poetry

This term, students have been learning about writing poetry. They have explored the effects of similes, metaphors and personification. Drop past Wattle 3 to see more of our poems on display.

# Thunderstorms

#### Jerome

The waves were like mountains eating the world as the sky turned dark and people swam to land as

they barely made it out.

The storm circles around the endless waters. lighting strikes the water with all its strength.

The people froze as they

saw the others swim to shore

Marchella Lightning

In the clouds angrily attacking The Earth surface

Crying like a sad moan Over the sky Tearing down drops of water

Spreading electricity to zap things among it like an angry rhino

Dancing in the sky slowly flying away the wind, disappearing As the sky delight

# Numeracy

This week, students have been learning how to apply their addition knowledge by measuring the perimeter of shapes. We have been measuring the sides of shapes and adding them together.





# Macedonian Storytime

Macedonian Teacher's Association of Victoria
in collaboration with
Lalor North Primary School
is organising reading sessions for preschool children
aged 1-5 year.





These sessions are free and will take place at Lalor North Primary School,

Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:30am

2 Derna Cresent, Lalor 3075







# Welcome back to Term 2! Let's create a term you'll LOVE!

Ding-ding! The first school bell has rung, and Term 2 has begun!

Our team is back again to provide activites in sports, science and art, straight from the heart!

We look forward to welcoming you into our service every school day, and providing reliable care the VillageOSHC way!

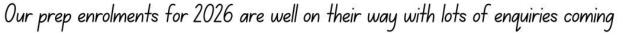
With VillageOSHC, there's lots for your kids to do, so make your bookings for Term 2!





# **Prep Enrolments**

2026



in and tours being booked.

We welcome all parents interested to get in quick and explore all of the great

things our school has to offer!

We are looking forward to meeting you all









PHAROS ALLIANCE PRESENTS

SEMINAR 3 LANGUAGE IN THE HOME: RAISING GREEK ENGLISH BILINGUALS IN MELBOURNE

> Facilitator: Professor Joseph Lo Bianco Faculty of Education The University of Melbourne

Sunday 8 June 2025
1.30pm - 5.30pm
Mezzanine Level, The Greek Centre
Cnr Lonsdale and Russell Streets, Melbourne

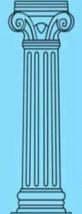
RSVP: http://www.mgtav.asn.au/seminar---language-in-thehome.html



Η ΓΛΩΣΣΑ ΣΤΟ ΣΠΙΤΙ-

ΜΕΓΑΛΩΝΟΝΤΑΣ ΔΙΓΛΩΣΣΑ ΠΑΙΔΙΑ ΣΤΗ ΜΕΛΒΟΥΡΝΗ

> Παρουσιαστής: Ο Καθηγητής Joseph Lo Bianco Τμήμα Εκπαίδευσης Πανεπιστήμιο Μελβούρνης



ΣΕΜΙΝΑΡΙΟ 3

Κυριακή 8 Ιουνίου 2025 1.30μμ - 5.30μμ στον Ημιώροφο, Ελληνική Κοινότητα γωνία Lonsdale και Russell, Μελβούρνη

Για να δηλώσετε συμμετοχή: http://www.mgtav.asn.au/seminar---language-in-the-home.html

### School Saving Bonus reminder and allocation to school activities

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus (SSB) – a one-off support of \$400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

The SSB can be used for uniforms and textbooks until Monday 30 June 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities. However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July.

To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the <u>SSB</u> online system and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025.

To learn more about the SSB online system, download the step-by-step <u>System guide for parents and carers (DOCX, 945KB)</u> or watch this <u>School Saving Bonus video</u>. <u>System guide translations</u> are also available in 14 languages.

The Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by:

- completing the <u>School Saving Bonus enquiry form</u>
- calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

After this date, please contact our administration team for any SSB related questions.

# Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. Means-tested concession cards must be valid on the first day of Term 1, 2025 (Tuesday 28 January 2025) or Term 2, 2025 (Tuesday 22 April 2025).

A student aged 16 years and over who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card is also eligible to apply.

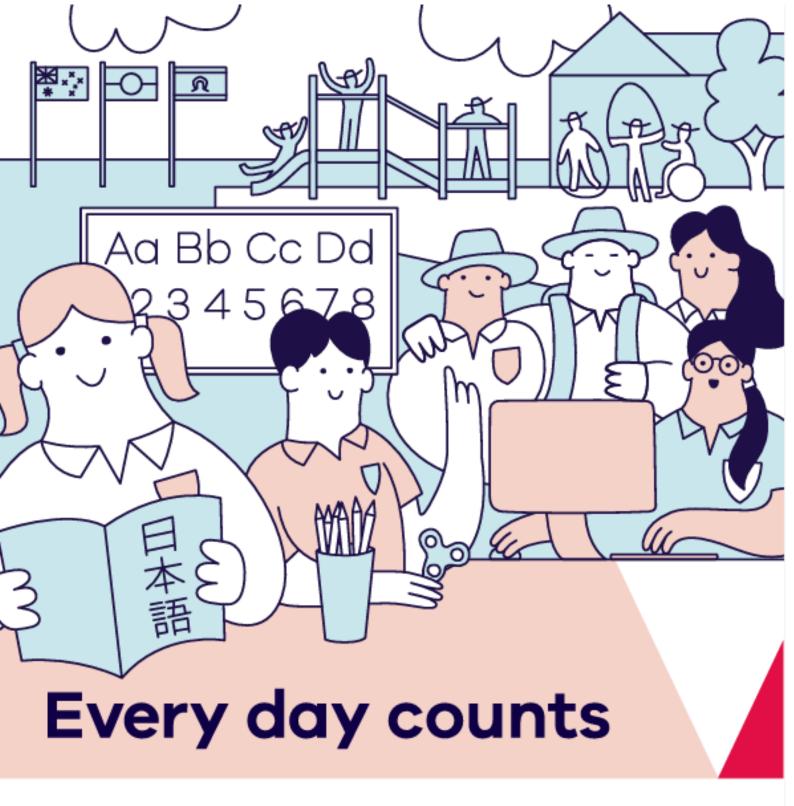
Eligible families will receive a payment of \$154 per year for primary school students. The funds will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9465 4922 and ask for an application form. Please return completed application forms to the school office as soon as possible.

# Student of the Week - 2nd May

Room	Student	School Value	Reason for award
Wattle 2	Vyan S	Resilience	For settling in well to our classroom and adjusting to his new school.
Wattle 3	Aria G	Resilience	For not giving up during Numeracy lessons even when things were difficult. Well done, Aria!
Wattle 4	Danya M	Resilience	For showing resilience in her learning tasks by writing some words on the line. Well done super star!
Wattle 5	Tai Y	Resilience	For asking for help and following feedback to complete your mathematics tasks, as well as the challenge and achieving your learning goals. Keep up the excellent work, Tai!
Wattle 7	Durrah A	Success	For returning to school with a positive attitude! Durrah has been cheerful, focused and ready to learn. Great job Durrah!
Wattle 8	Kayed A	Unity	For helping everyone feel included in the classroom and helping Mrs Clarke settle in the class and finding things.
Banksia 1	Stephanie N	Resilience	For trying hard in all lessons by having a go even if the work seems difficult. Well done, Stephanie!
Banksia 2	Christos T	Respect	For demonstrating respect toward his teachers and peers. HIs thoughtful actions and positive attitude set a great example. Congratulations Christos!
Banksia 3	Caleb H	Resilience	For being brave and gaining greater control over his emotions.
Banksia 4	Illy A	Success	For his increased engagement and subsequent outstanding learning progress in maths. Congratulations, Illy!
Banksia 5	Khloe S	Success	For her hard working approach to learning and wonderful contributions to class discussions. Congratulations, Khloe!
Banksia 6	Chrysoula P	Success	For always engaging in learning activities with enthusiasm, interest and a positive attitude. Congratulations Chrysoula.
Banksia 7	Mateo R	Success	For his amazing contribution to class discussions and ability to interpret and analyse poetry in the Macedonian language. Excellent work Mateo!
Banksia 8	Mihaela T	Success	For her consistent effort to grasp the concepts taught in class, her active participation in activities, dedication to complete each task and her amazing, positive attitude in class. Bravo Mihaela!
Banksia 9	Sammy J	Resilience	For displaying a sense of determination and resilience when attempting to draw 2d Shapes. Keep up the great effort Sammy!
PE			
ART	Sofi M (Banksia 4)	Success	For producing a wonderfully colourful example of Echo art that shows contrast between warm and cool colours. Beautiful work!
ITALIAN	Kayed A	Success	For his enthusiastic contribution to class discussions and his ability to recall numbers in Italian to 20. Bravo, Kayed!
STEAM	Luka Z (Banksia 7)	Success	For developing a creative idea for his Young ICT Project that would improve the effectiveness of windscreen wipers on cars.



Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape their future.







# Celebration of cultures

Education Week 19–23 May 2025









# **Lalor North Primary School**

Respect Honesty Unity Success Resilience

# Student Free Days for 2025



#### Term 1

Tuesday 28th January - Curriculum Day 1

Wednesday 29th January - Curriculum Day 2

Tuesday 11th March - Parent Teacher Meetings 11-8pm (Pupil Free)

#### Term 2

Thursday 24th April- Curriculum Day 3

Friday 6th June - Report Writing Day

#### Term 3

Wednesday 20th August - Curriculum Day 4

Wednesday 17th September – Parent Teacher Meetings 11-8pm (Pupil Free)

#### Term 4

Monday 3rd November - Professional Practice Day

#### Please Note:

The Days were selected that would pose the least amount of disruption to the student teaching and learning focus. Consideration of spreading things out evenly across the school. Also maintaining our ability to report to parents each term of the year as follows:

ш	Term	1: Pa	rent	reacher	Student	Meetings
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- ☐ Term 2: Mid-Year Reports released
- ☐ Term 3: Parent Teacher Student meetings
- ☐ Term 4: End of Year Reports released

# 2025 Whole School Assembly Dates

### Term 2 - Updated

Week 5: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Week 8: Friday 27th June

Term 3 Term 4

Week 2: Friday 1st August Week 1: Friday 10th October

Week 8: Friday 5th September Week 5: Friday 7th November

Week 9: Friday 5th December



#### 2025 LEARNING SHOWCASE TIMETABLE (AT FRIDAY WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES)

Our Learning Showcases are opportunities for all classes and Specialists to share the amazing learning and achievements that is happening in our classrooms with our school community. Showcases (presentations) can involve your whole class, a small group of students, or individual students –it's entirely up to you! Two showcases per assembly.

Term 1	Week 7 Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> <u>Mar</u>	<b>РЕ</b> (кеітн)	B1, B2, B6 (MARIA K)	
	Week 9 Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	B1, B6 (CONNIE/MARIA K)	ART (LORENA)	
m 2	Week 2 Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	WATTLE 4 (BRE)	: BANKSIA 6 LIZ G)	
Term	Week 8 Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> June	WATTLE 8 (LINDA)	ITALIAN (TERESA)	
m 3	Week 2 Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	WATTLE 3 (JESS)	BANKSIA 8 (HELEN)	
Term	Week 7 Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	WATTLE 2 (DAPHNE)	BANKSIA 3 (JOVANKA)	
	Week 1 Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	BANKSIA 7 (SONJA/VESNA)	WATTLE 5 (ELAINE)	
Term 4	Week 5 Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov  (OLIVIA)		BANKSIA 4 & 5 (LIZ K & MARIA V)	
	Week 9 Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	BANKSIA 9 (HELEN/MIRJANA)	STEAM (JAE)	

# RESPECT

# our school staff



Be the role model your child deserves.





# A PLUS SCHOOLWEAR ASS PRINTS PTY LTD PROUDLY AUSTRALIAN OWNED Lalor North Primary School Uniform Order List Sizes Appliable



	Item	Sizes Available	Price
	Summer Dress Bottle green & white	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$29.00
A Par	Cotton Back Short Sleeve Polo  Emerald with black panels, white piping and black collar with emerald and white stripes	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$35.00
	(embroidered logo)	Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$38.00
	Rugby Knit Shorts - Unisex  Black	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$21.00
The state of the s	Microfibre Shorts - Unisex	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$30.00
	Black	Sml – Med – Lge - XL	\$33.00
A Ya	Cotton Back Long Sleeve Polo  Emerald with black panels, white piping and black	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$37.00
	collar and cuffs with emerald and white stripes (embroidered logo)	Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$40.00
Name of the last	Hooded Top  Black with green sleeves and green insert in hood	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$48.00
	with black bands with green and white stripes on bands (embroidered logo)	Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$51.00
	Bomber Jacket Black with green sleeves and black bands with	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$52.00
	green and white stripes on bands (embroidered logo)	Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$55.00
	Straight leg Track Pants Cotton/Polyester Black	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$28.00
	Fleecy Double knee trackpants with cuff  Black	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$25.00
Λ	Fleecy straight leg trackpants  Black	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$24.00
	Waterproof Jacket Fleecy Lined  Black	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$52.00
A	Bucket Hat Black	XSm 53cm Sm 55cm Med 57cm Lge 59cm XLg 61cm	\$12.00
	School Bag Black	One size	\$45.00
	Warm Beanie Black	One size fits all	\$12.00
LN.P	Grade 6 Cotton Back S/Sleeve Polo Top  - Green/White/Black	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$52.00
Š	Special Order Available only Oct/Nov	Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$56.00



The purposes of the school uniform are to distinguish the school in public, build a school identity, help build an inclusive environment and to provide parents with cost effective and

convenient clothing for school.

Lalor North Primary School has a compulsory school uniform. It must be worn at school, on excursions, at sporting activities and any other special occasions where students represent the school. It's important that every student feels comfortable and has a sense of belonging to our learning community while feeling pride about being a member of our school community each school day.

### **A PLUS SCHOOLWEAR**

**Northern Regional Uniforms Shop** 

Address: Unit 3 /30 Heaths Court Mill Park

Contact: <u>03 9436 4005</u>

Email: info@northernregionaluniforms.com.au

### **Trading Hours:**

Monday: 9.00am - 5.00pm Tuesday: 9.00am - 5.00pm Wednesday: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Thursday: 9.00am - 5.00pm Friday: 9.00am - 3.00pm Saturday: 9.00am - 12.00pm

Closed Sundays and Public Holidays.

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Website Details: <u>www.aplusschoolwear.com.au</u>