

The Belltower

Hurstville Public School Newsletter

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Education & Communities

Calendar of Upcoming Events

| TERM 1 | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 30 th January | Students' Years 1 to 6 - First Day Term 1 2018 |
| Monday 5 th February | Kindergarten students' first day of school |
| Tuesday 13 th February | Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 |

Principal's Message

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday!

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the staff of Hurstville Public School to wish all of our students and school community members a happy and safe school vacation period. I would like to thank all members of the school community for their ongoing support throughout 2017.

I would particularly like to thank the Hurstville Public School P&C who I have enjoyed working with very much throughout the year and together, as a school community; we have taken on a number of shared endeavours that will provide further opportunities for our students. I would like to extend a special thank you to the P&C Executive team who have given up many hours over the year to work with the school administration and have been fantastic representatives and advocates for the school community.

In 2018, students will return to school on **Tuesday 30 December**. Please contact the school office via email to advise if your family will not be returning at this time. This information needs to be presented in written format so we are able to maintain each student's enrolment at the school.

Farewell to Year 6, Class of 2017

I would like to wish our graduating Year 6 Class of 2017 all the very best for the future. They have been an outstanding Year 6 cohort and have provided wonderful role modelling for the other students at the school. As they move off to the many different schools they will attend next year, we know that they will take with them the special bond they have formed with Hurstville PS. Subsequently, the school community will remember the Class of 2017 for their diligence, their kindness and their empathy for others. We wish them well with their future pursuits.

Staffing Update – Term 4, 2017

We have had significant movement in school staffing this term and a number of our teachers currently working in a temporary capacity this year have been successful in securing permanent teaching roles for 2018. These teachers are:

Mrs Vanessa Kapoor – Summer Hill PS
Mrs Erin Dalling – Kogarah PS
Miss Christie Read – Carlton PS

Two of our teachers from Hurstville PS have been successful through a recently completed merit selection process in securing permanent classroom teaching positions at the school for the start of 2018. I would like to extend my congratulations to Mrs Rebecca Proctor and Mrs Kathryn Southall who will change from temporary to permanent teaching status for the start of 2018.

We have also recently concluded a merit selection process for an English as an Additional Language/Dialect Teacher and the success candidate was Mrs Adriana Stojanovska. Adriana is currently working at Hurstville PS in a temporary capacity within this EAL/D teaching role.

A number of our teachers have secured promotional positions for 2018. As you will recall, Mrs Jennifer Birch, one of our Deputy Principals, moved onto the position of Principal of Illawong Public School at the beginning of Term 4. I can announce now that the merit selection process for this position has been concluded and the successful candidate is Ms Kim Lovell. Ms Lovell is currently the Relieving Deputy Principal of Connells Point Public School. She will bring a wealth of experience and a strong, demonstrated focus on collaborative leadership to Hurstville PS. Kim will be visiting the school today and next Monday to meet members of the staff and will officially begin the role in 2018.

Mrs Amy Mortimer, one of our teachers and our strategic leader of Contemporary Learning, has been successful in securing the Assistant Principal position at McCallums Hill Public School for 2018. Amy will bring outstanding knowledge, leadership and contemporary practice to this role and will be a huge asset to the McCallums Hills school community.

Finally, it has just been officially announced today that our substantive Deputy Principal, Miss Danielle Scott, has been successful in gaining the Principal position of Como West Public School for 2018. I want to congratulate Danielle on this very well deserved achievement. Danielle has been a teacher, an Assistant Principal and a Deputy Principal at Hurstville Public School over the past 12 years. She is deeply respected by all members of our school community and is an absolutely amazing leader. I know that members of the staff, students and school community will be very sad to see Danielle move onto her new position but at the same time, they recognise the significant impact she will have as the Principal and leader of the Como West school community.

I would also like to thank a number of our temporary staff members for their contribution to the school and community in 2017. Due to a variety of reasons, they will be moving onto other positions for 2018. I would like to wish them well for 2018. My thanks to: Mrs Elizabetha Angelkovik, Mr Kenny Gan, Mrs Kerrie Gilmartin, Mrs Julie Harris, Mrs Margaret Moro

We are very fortunate to have exceptional teachers, specialist staff, administration and support staff here at Hurstville PS. I want to thank them all for what they do on behalf of our students each and every day. They are both wonderful practitioners and incredibly decent human beings. I believe very strongly that the Hurstville school community is well served and supported by our exceptional team of educators.

Mr Mark Steed – Principal

From the Leadership Team

Sydney Kings Visit

Last Thursday afternoon, 7th December some of the Sydney Kings players attended our school. They played against a team of our finest Year 5 and 6 basketball players.

It was a very hot afternoon but the whole school turned out to support and cheer on our students. Unfortunately, Hurstville Students were at somewhat of a height disadvantage but they still played an amazing standard of basketball and put some points on the scoreboard.

In the half time interval two students from K-2 had a shoot-out game wearing Sydney Kings shorts, shirts and shoes.

Mr Jackson represented the staff in a shoot-out with the Sydney Kings Captain and won.



Mrs Rebecca Ingram – Acting Deputy Principal

Student Invoices and requirements for 2018

The beginning of a new school year can be a busy and expensive time for families so, in order for you to plan for these expenses, in this Belltower we have included the following:

- A **draft** Student Invoice for Term 1, 2018 (do **not** pay until the final copy is sent home in Week 2 Term 1 2018)
- Online order instructions for **Kindergarten 2018 Packs** (can be paid now)
- Online order instructions for **Year 1 and Year 2 2018 Packs** (can be paid now)
- Student classroom requirements lists K-6 (may be purchased over the holidays)

Please refer to this information at the end of this newsletter.

School Swimming Carnival 2018

This is advance notice for students who would like to do some swimming training during the holidays that the 2018 school Swimming Carnival will be held at Bexley Pool on **13th February 2018**, which is Week 3 of Term 1. The carnival will be attended by all students from Years 3-6.

Returning to School in 2018

The first day of the 2018 school year for students going in to Years 1-6 is **Tuesday 30th January, 2018**. If your child will not be returning on the first day, and you have not yet informed the school, please call or email the school office on or after 30th January with the expected date of their return. The 2018 Kindergarten students will be meeting their teachers for their Best Start assessment during the first week of Term 1 and their first day of school will be on Monday 5th February, 2018. We look forward to meeting them as they begin their school journey.

I wish all of our Hurstville families a safe and enjoyable holiday and I hope you are able to share some quality time together. See you in 2018.

Mrs Jenny Cooper – Acting Deputy Principal

I would like to sincerely thank the Hurstville Public School community for their support over the many years I have worked here. It is with both sadness and excitement that I leave HPS. It has been an absolute joy working with and getting to know the students and families during my time here. I am very excited to take on the challenge of leading a new school but will continue to watch with interest some of the innovative and exciting things happening at HPS next year. Have a wonderful, relaxing holiday and enjoy the time with your wonderful, hard-working children who certainly deserve a rest after a busy and productive year.

Miss Danielle Scott –Deputy Principal

Early Stage 1-Kindergarten



Kindergarten Report

Kindergarten students have had an amazing first year at school! I am so proud of the social and academic successes our students have had. I would like to congratulate all students on their achievements this year. I would also like to thank all of the parents for the support you have given to students and teachers. Lastly, I would like to thank Miss Edwards, Miss Brosens, Miss Diab, Miss Elia, Mrs Harris, Miss Roebuck, Miss Saad, Mrs Angelkovik and Mrs Bringmann-Walker for all their efforts this year. These teachers have dedicated time to plan meaningful lessons for all students and have provided opportunities for students to become confident, creative and resilient students. I would also like to thank Mrs Prahin and Mrs Dounis for their dedication to support the development of literacy skills in our students.

On Wednesday 13th December, the Kindergarten students and teachers were able to celebrate a successful year of learning at Funarama. Students participated in a range of fun activities and had smiles on their faces the entire day. What a delightful way to finish a wonderful year of learning!

Mrs Maakaroun – Assistant Principal

Stage 1

Year 1 End of Year Celebration

Throughout this year, all Year One students worked very hard in all learning areas. To celebrate the end of another year of exciting learning, students got to go on an excursion to Funarama. There they had a day of fun with their friends. They got to climb through a maze and go down a slide, have a turn on the jumping castle, shoot some basketball hoops or dance and play games. Everyone enjoyed themselves and some students said how it was the best day out. All students were exhausted by the end of the day! Well done to everyone as all students were very well behaved. We wish all students and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have a joyful and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you back in 2018!



*Year 1 -
Classroom Teachers*

Stage 3

Coding News

During Semester 2, five teams of students in 5H registered for the ACER Online Video Game Coding Competition. Two teams were able to submit their finished games in the Upper Primary Competition section. We did not win any prizes but were awarded really cool certificates and badges which gave us entry into the ACER Hall of Fame.

The overall theme of the games had to be "Reaction" and we were instructed by ACER organisers to use the Scratch Coding APP. Triple A Team developed a game collecting and creating tools to defeat monsters with. Our group, The Four Amigos, developed a game with several characters, music and background features. The aim is to earn points by moving through many challenges.

By members of the 5H Coding crew

PSSA Cricket

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Hurstville Public School's Cricket PSSA teams on their fantastic season this year. Both the Junior and Senior teams played in the semi-finals on the 24th of November at Scarborough Park. The Seniors played Kogarah Public School and the Juniors played Blakehurst Public School. Despite both teams being defeated by 8 runs each, they played with great sportsmanship. This result is even more impressive as there were many new members in both teams. Congratulations on a great season!

Mrs Adams – PSSA Cricket Coach

AFL News 2017

This year our school was invited to enter one girls team and one boys team into the PSSA competition. In Term 1, we had an outstanding response from boys who tried out for the team, and enough interest from the girls to form the girl's team.

Most students attended a weekly training session, designed to build the necessary skills, and learn the rules for playing the game. Dion and Matt from AFL NSW, supported me during these sessions. Each week, a new skill was introduced or practised, often through fun games.

On a Friday morning, games were played at Carss Park, against other schools in the area. It was amazing to see the improvement in the student's ability from handling the ball, kicking the ball to working as a team. All team members who played seemed to really enjoy themselves, which was pleasing. The girls in particular showed a great deal more confidence and resilience as the season progressed. They ran harder and played harder, giving it their all.



I've already be told by some team members that they'd like to play again, and there has been some real interest from students who didn't play this year, wanting to play next year.

Thank you to both the girls and the boys of both teams who attended training every week, who displayed commitment, courage, respect and team sportsmanship throughout the competition. Well done to all of you, you made me very proud.

Thank you parents for supporting your child during the season.

Ms. Rourke -AFL Coach

ICAS Competition

This year the students from Year 2 were given the opportunity to participate in the ICAS competition for the first time at our school. The students tried very hard and should all be proud of their achievement. Zihan from 2/3M scored the highest result in Mathematics. He achieved a perfect 100%. Zihan attended a special ceremony at the University of NSW where he was recognised for his outstanding results by receiving a special certificate and medal.

Leanna from 5H also achieved a perfect score of 100% in Mathematics and she too was awarded a special certificate and medal for her outstanding results.

A huge congratulations to Zihan and Leanna from all of us at Hurstville Public School.



Mrs Marinkovic

Student Representative Council News

Take 2 for the School

In Geography, we learnt about the horrible effects of pollution and how it damages our environment. We decided that we should try to reduce the pollution that Hurstville Public School creates. 'Take 2 for the School' is a program that 3/4S and 4K have working on, this year to solve this problem, and we would like to introduce it to the whole school in 2018. We made iMovies to inform others what the initiative is and to encourage students to be involved. The program asks students to pick up 2 pieces of rubbish at the end of recess and lunch. We would like to make our school cleaner and less polluted.

In 2018, students from the SRC will work with their classes to implement the program in the school. To watch some of our videos, visit our school's website <http://www.hurstville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/student-leadership>

Keasi Diloi and Chloe Zhang
Year 4 SRC Representatives

K-6 School Disco

On Wednesday the 6th of December, Hurstville Public School, in partnership with our P&C, held a K-6 Disco. We had an amazing 700 children attend the event and all grades looked to have lots fun, dancing and experiencing the snow and light machines used by DJ Andy. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the children for their beautiful behaviour and congratulate them on raising approximately \$2500, which will be split between the P&C and Stewart House. This event could not have been made possible without the help and support of teachers and parents who volunteered on the night. Thank you to everyone involved!



Mrs D Adams
On behalf of the SRC



21st Century Learning Corner 2017!

In 2017 we have continued to implement contemporary learning across the curriculum using technology, Project Based Learning and STEAM approaches, among others. We have seen our students grow as Critical and Creative Thinkers, Collaborators and effective Communicators and come to understand curriculum content at much deeper levels.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have attended the many 21st Century/Future Focused workshops. We hope they were useful and gave you an insight into what contemporary practices look like in a classroom.

Have a safe and happy school holiday.
A.Mortimer



Draft Student Invoice – Term 1, 2018

Hurstville Public School

This draft invoice is to inform families of the cost of resources and planned excursions or activities that will take place during Term 1, 2018. **No payment is required until Term 1, 2018.**

Please note: A final copy of this student invoice, including relevant permission notes and a payment envelope, will be sent to all families in Week 2 of Term 1, 2018. Please contact the Principal if you need to discuss possible financial assistance for this payment.

| Excursion / Activity/Resources | Kindergarten | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Support Classes |
|--|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Yearly Craft Levy | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 |
| Yearly Technology Levy | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 |
| Year 1 Incursion | - | \$5.50 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival | - | - | - | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | - |
| Years 3-6 On-line subscriptions | - | - | - | \$3 | \$3 | \$16 | \$16 | - |
| Stage 2 Handwriting and Homework workbooks | - | - | - | \$27 | \$27 | - | - | - |
| Years 3-6 School Magazine subscription | - | - | - | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 (excluding 6OC) | - |
| Support Classes workbooks | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$16 |
| Support Unit Living Skills Program | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$15 |
| Total Cost: | **\$25 | **\$30.50 | **\$25 | \$75 | \$75 | \$61 | \$61 6OC-\$51 | \$56 |
| | Kindergarten | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Support Unit |

****Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 resource and workbook packs are to be paid directly to LJ Harper before 7 February 2018. Please see information below.**



Kindergarten

Textbook Requirements 2018

1. Please see the requirements for Hurstville Public School Kindergarten 2018.
2. Packs will be available online at www.ljharper.com.au
3. Please see below for online ordering instructions.

Kindergarten Textbook Requirements \$59.95

- 2 x Clever Kangaroo Foundation Topic Book
- 2 x Early Years Scrapbook
- 1 x Handwriting Rules K
- 1 x My Home Reading Journal
- 4 x Bostik Glue Sticks 36g
- 1 x Staedtler Noris Club Colour Pencils 10pk
- 1 x Crayola Twistable Crayons 12pk
- 1 x Staedtler Whiteboard Markers 4pk
- 1 x Whiteboard Eraser
- 1 x B4 Multi-Purpose Mesh Bag

How to Order Online

1. Go to: www.ljharper.com.au
2. In the Left Hand Menu select **Booklist Schools 2018**.
3. Choose your School's Name (**Hurstville Public 2018**) from the list of schools.
4. Click **Add to Cart** on the Year pack you wish to purchase.
5. You will be taken to the Pack description. Enter your Child's Name in the Text Box at the bottom of the product description, choose the quantity you would like to order and click "**Add to Cart**".
Note: You can complete these steps again for any additional packs you wish to purchase.
6. Once you have selected all of the packs you require, in the Right Hand Menu click the **Checkout** button.
7. Login using your existing account details or Register a New Account.
8. Complete the Billing Information section and click Continue.
All booklist orders will be shipped to the school regardless of the shipping address you enter.
9. In the Shipping Method section, your shipping cost should be \$0.00. As all booklist orders will be shipped to the school, click Continue.
10. Enter your payment details for Credit Card Payment (Visa / Mastercard).
11. Review your order and Continue

You have now completed your order and should receive a receipt to the email address you entered in your registration.

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| Year 1 \$60.70 | Year 2 \$55.50 |
|--|---|
| Homework Contracts 1 Sounds Right Read Write 2 Clever Kangaroo Topic Book Home Reading Journal Yellow Blue Stud Wallet iMaths Online Access Bostik Glue Stick x 4 Staedtler Whiteboard Marker Pack Multi-Purpose Bag | Homework Contracts 2 Handwriting Conventions 2 Home Reading Journal Green Blue Stud Wallet iMaths Online Access Bostik Glue Stick x 4 Staedtler Whiteboard Marker Pack Multi-Purpose Bag |

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- 2 In the Left Hand Menu select **Booklist Schools 2018**.
- 3 Choose your School's Name (**Hurstville Public 2018**) from the list of schools.
- 4 Click: **Add to Cart** on the school pack(s) you would like to purchase and enter **Student Name**.
- 5 To Checkout: Hover your mouse over the **shopping cart icon** in the top right hand corner of the page and then click: **Go to Checkout**
- 6 Fill in your customer and shipping details then click: **Next** at the bottom of the screen
- 7 Payment Method: **Choose Credit Card-eway**
- 8 Fill in your credit/debit card details and click: **Place Order**
- 9 Make note of your order number for any further queries about your order, a confirmation of your order will be emailed to you.
- 10 You have now completed your order and should receive a receipt of payment to your email.

Please Note: Your Child/Children's pack will be delivered to Hurstville Public School and will be distributed at the School.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Kindergarten 2018</p> <p>2 x boxes of tissues 1 x roll of paper handtowel 1 x liquid soap 1 x art smock/old shirt</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Support Unit 2018</p> <p>4 x glue sticks 2 x packs of baby wipes 1 x liquid soap 2 x boxes of tissues 4 x whiteboard markers 1 x art smock/old shirt 1 x library bag</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Year 1 2018</p> <p>1 x pencil sharpener with catcher 6 x 2B lead pencils 4 x whiteboard markers 1 x liquid soap 2 x boxes of tissues 2 x rolls of paper handtowel</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Year 2 2018</p> <p>8 x 2B lead pencils 1 x pencil sharpener with catcher Coloured pencils 30cm ruler school size scissors eraser textas (optional) 1 x A3 folder for artwork storage 1 x box of tissues 1 x protective shirt for painting 1 x library bag 1 x hand sanitiser/liquid soap 1 x roll of paper handtowel</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Year 3 2018</p> <p>2 x boxes of tissues 1 x roll of paper handtowel 1 x liquid soap/ or hand sanitiser 1 x 30cm ruler 2 x glue sticks (preferably Bostik 35g) 2 x lead pencils 1 x red pen 1 x highlighter 1 x whiteboard marker 1 x A4 document wallet 1 x A3 document wallet or display folder 1 x USB Drive (2GB) 1 x sharpener with catcher 1 x eraser 1 x school size scissors textas (optional)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Year 4 2018</p> <p>2 x boxes of tissues 1 x pump liquid soap 1 x 30cm ruler (wooden) 2 x glue sticks (preferably Bostik 35g) 4 x lead pencils (HB) 2 x red pens 2 x highlighters – different colours coloured pencils 1 x whiteboard marker 1 x thick black texta (sharpie) 1 x thin black texta (sharpie) 2 x A4 document wallets 1 x A3 document wallet or display folder 1 x A3 Art Diary 1 x dictionary 1 x USB Drive (2GB) 1 x sharpener with catcher 1 x eraser 1 x school size scissors textas (optional)</p> |

Year 5 2018

2 x boxes of tissues
1 x pump liquid soap
1 x hand sanitiser
2 x rolls of paper handtowel
1 x 30cm ruler with mm
2 x glue sticks (preferably Bostik 35g)
2 x lead pencils (HB) – not pacers
Red/blue/black ball point pens
2 x highlighters – different colours
Coloured pencils
1 x thick black marker pen
1 x A4 document wallet
1 x A3 Visual Arts Diary
1 x set Gel pens
1 x refillable water bottle
1 x USB Drive
Headphones with microphone
Geometry set
1 x sharpener with catcher (non-electric)
1 x eraser
1 x school size scissors
textas
NO LIQUID PAPER OR TAPE PLEASE

Year 6 2018

2 x boxes of tissues
1 x pump liquid soap
1 x roll paper handtowel
1 x 30cm ruler with mm
2 x glue sticks (preferably Bostik 35g)
2 x lead pencils (HB)
Red/blue/black ball point pens
2 x highlighters – different colours
coloured pencils
1 x thick black marker pen
1 x A4 document wallet
1 x A3 Art Diary or Sketch book
Headphones with microphone
Geometry set
1 x refillable water bottle
1 x USB Drive
1 x sharpener with catcher(non-electric)
1 x eraser
1 x school size scissors
textas (optional)

From the Office...

The office will be open from 9am-3pm on Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th December 2017.
It will re-open on Monday 29th January, 2018.

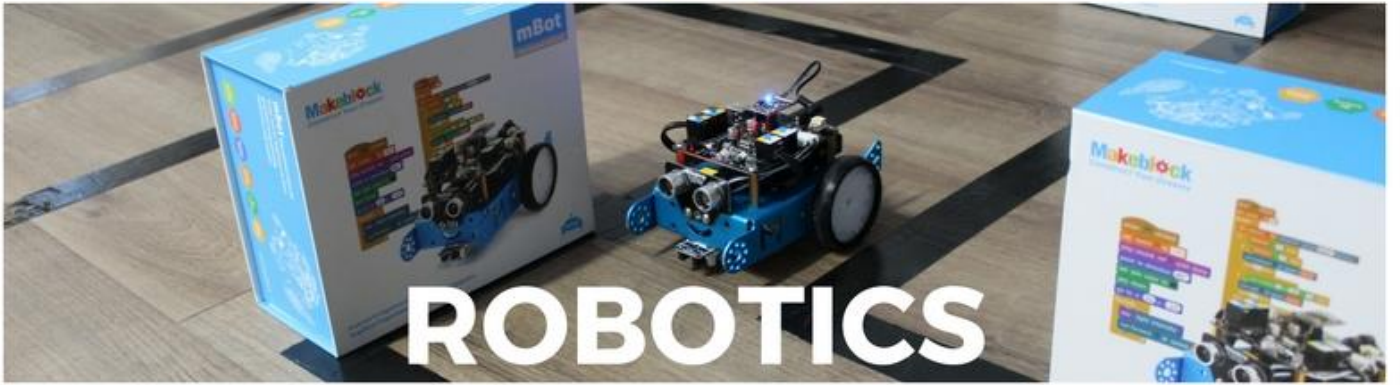
新生注冊入學時間

每天上午 9:30 至下午 2:30 之間

“New Enrolments” will be taken
between 9.30 am - 2.30 pm



CODING



ROBOTICS



ENGINEERING



SCIENCE



VIRTUAL REALITY

(Only available at Haymarket HQ)

PIEX HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



International Grammar School

4-8 Kelly St, Ultimo NSW 2007
Date: 6, 7 & 8 December 2017
11 & 12 December 2017

(Only available for kids attending this school)

Hurstville Public School

Forest Rd, Hurstville NSW 2220
Date: 8, 9 & 10 January 2018

(Only available for kids attending this school)

Dural Public School

622 Old Northern Rd, Dural NSW 2158
Date: 18, 19 & 20 January 2018

Olympic Park Netball Central

1 Olympic Blvd, Sydney Olympic Park
NSW 2127
Date: 22, 23 and 24 January 2018

Haymarket HQ

2/63 Dixon St, Haymarket NSW 2000
Date: 12, 13 & 14 January 2018

Marsfield Stars TV

54 Agincourt Road, Marsfield NSW 2122
Date: 15, 16 & 17 January 2018

Check out our website for more locations!!

Age: 6 to 12 years old

Time: 9am to 5pm

Early Bird Price Range: \$180 to \$310 (valid until 10 December 2017)

Normal Price Range: \$200 to \$330

Register at www.piexeducation.com/enrolment



PIEX AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Only available for kids attending these schools

International Grammar School

4-8 Kelly St, Ultimo NSW 2007
Date: TBC

Hurstville Public School

Forest Rd, Hurstville NSW 2220
Date: every Tuesday

Beecroft Public School

90-98 Beecroft Rd, Beecroft NSW 2119
Date: every Thursday

Matthew Pearce Public School

4G Astoria Park Rd, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153
Date: TBC

Age: 6 to 12 years old

Time: 3.30pm to 5pm

Price: \$350 per term

Register at www.piexeducation.com/enrolment

Dural Public School

622 Old Northern Rd, Dural NSW 2158
Date: TBC

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