



Black Mountain Public School

Est. 1882

"Fellowship in Learning"

School Directory 2015



Black Mountain Public School provides an outstanding education, focused on ensuring all students are engaging in learning which is at the "cutting edge". Your child will experience the advantage of a quality education in a warm, caring and stimulating environment, with a highly skilled and experienced staff.

Our Mission Statement

At Black Mountain Public School we believe we must prepare our students for their futures, using technologies and preparing for occupations that have not yet been invented. They will need to be critical thinkers and effective communicators.



‘Fellowship in Learning’

“Fellowship in Learning” is our school motto and helping one another is important to us and evident in all aspects of school life. The students are highly engaged in learning social skills through the “You Can Do It” program. The “You Can Do It” program teaches the skills of Resilience, Persistence, Getting Along, Organisation and Confidence, which are fundamental to students’ future success in all aspects of their lives.

Black Mountain Public School at a glance...

Black Mountain Public School, situated in an idyllic setting, is the focal point of a small rural community located in the Northern Tablelands area of NSW. The school is situated eleven kilometres from Guyra, or four kilometres from the New England Highway, on the Black Mountain Road. Our student population is drawn from farms as well as rural, residential and rented properties in the Black Mountain and Guyra area. The community is made up of graziers and others who travel to the city of Armidale, or town of Guyra, to work in a variety of trades and occupations.

The school was established in 1882 and its culture is one of high expectations and educational excellence. It is a dynamic and very innovative school with excellent programs in Literacy, Numeracy, Creative and Practical Arts, Science and Technology, HSIE (Human Society and its Environment) and PDHPE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education).

Cohesive partnerships between families, the community and the school support and underpin the quality teaching and learning programs offered at Black Mountain Public School. Mrs. Sue Brown is the Director of the area that Black Mountain Public School is in. Mrs. Brown is based in Armidale.

Many families, who have lived in the Black Mountain and Guyra area for many generations, have family members who commenced their education at Black Mountain Public School and whose descendants are now enjoying the experience of a quality education in a rural setting and family environment.



Special Events



HIGHLAND FLING

The Highland Fling is held at Black Mountain Public School each year to celebrate Education Week. It is held on the Friday of Education Week and local small schools are invited to participate in the day. The day offers students the choice of many activities and is a time where parents can come and share in their child's learning.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

The Celebration of Learning is held at the end of Term 3. It gives students the opportunity to showcase their learning across all Key Learning Areas, performing for their parents, family and friends. It is a celebration of success for all students.



PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation Night is held at the end of Term 4 and is a night where students' achievements are recognised. All students perform for their parents; however the focus of this night is to reward student achievement and success.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions form a valuable and exciting part of the school curriculum at Black Mountain. Excursions provide a platform for classroom based projects before and after the event. Our major excursion is held every second year for Stage 2 and 3 students.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

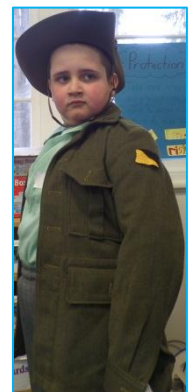
Assemblies are held on the final Thursday of every month. All parents and community members are invited to attend. The children thoroughly enjoy showing off their learning and having their parents watching them be awarded for their achievements.

Significant Programs and Initiatives

The Black Mountain teaching staff is experienced in providing explicit teaching and learning programs across all key learning areas.

Black Mountain Public School is constantly looking for new ways to improve the teaching and learning opportunities it offers to its students. Students are involved in a number of initiatives including:

- Outstanding literacy and numeracy programs
- Transition to Kindergarten – Every Friday
- LAST sessions (Learning and Support Teacher)
- Video Conferencing
- Online Learning Programs
- Leadership Program
- Science in the Bush
- Creative Arts Programs
- Creative Arts Day
- Armidale Eisteddfod
- Musica Viva
- Count Us In Music
- Easter Celebration
- Book Week Fair and Parade
- Buddy Reading
- Grandparents Lunch
- Finlayson Sports Day
- Athletics Carnival
- Cross Country Carnival
- Schools Swimming Scheme
- Life Education
- Simultaneous Reading
- Library
- Excursions
- Daily Fitness
- Gymnastics – Armidale
- Sport and daily physical education
- Morning Bites
- AASC (After School Activities Program – P&C Funded)
- Homework Centre
- Highland Fling
- Values Education
- Hearing/Vision Testing
- Scripture
- School Banking
- Representing the school – ANZAC Day, Guyra Rotary Carnival
- Many wonderful traditions including the planting of a tree for every Year 6 student and family that leaves Black Mountain.



Important Information

ENROLMENT FORMS

These are available from the front office or can be downloaded from our school's website. Along with a completed enrolment form, the school requires a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunisation history (which is available from Medicare) and proof of address.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Reports are written at the end of each semester, providing you with detailed information relating to your child's achievement at school across all Key Learning Areas. You receive information pertaining to the quality and level of work your child has been doing, the attitudes and skills developed and ways you may be able to enhance these through activities at home.

PERSONALISED LEARNING PLANS (PLPs)

PLPs are discussed at three way interviews at the end of Term 1 and Term 3. Three-way Interviews involve teachers meeting with parents and students to set achievement goals for the semester.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Each family receives a school newsletter, which is prepared and sent home every fortnight on Wednesday. Parents who prefer email, also receive an emailed copy. The newsletter contains information regarding school activities and up and coming events and is another opportunity for the students' successes to be recognised. All of the students enjoy having their picture featured in the newsletter. Our newsletter is also displayed on our website: blackmtn-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au.



P&C MEETINGS

The Black Mountain P&C is a cornerstone of the Black Mountain School life. The parent group is an active and effective fundraising organisation. The P&C provides a high level of support to the school. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month, commencing at 6pm in the staff room.



The Staff

Mrs. Belinda Baker	Principal
Emma Lindeman	Teacher – Years 3-6
Mrs. Siddell	Teacher – Years K-2
Mrs. Sally Purvis	Music & Library Teacher
Mrs. Barbara O'Neill	Learning and Support Teacher
Mrs. Deborah Moore	Senior Administration Manager
Mrs. Sally Castle	School Learning Support Officer
Mr. Barry Wilson	School Learning Support Officer
Ms. Kirrilee King	General Assistant
	School Cleaner



Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

President	Mrs. Vicki Bell
Vice Presidents	Mr. Darryl Savage Mr. Graeme Hoade
Secretary	Mrs. Carmel Hoade
Treasurer	Mr. Timothy Youman

School Times

8.40am	Fitness
9.00am	Morning Bites
9.10am -11.00am	Morning session lessons
11.00am -11.30am	First Break
11.30am -12.50pm	Middle session lessons
12.50pm -1.30pm	Second Break
1.30pm – 2.40pm	Afternoon session lessons
2.40pm	Home time

After School Activities and Homework Centre programs operate for seven weeks every term and is funded by the P&C Association of Black Mountain Public School.

2.40pm – 4.40pm Alternating Tues and Thurs and on Wed

Bus & Private Transport to School

The school charter bus system provides free bus transport to school for children who live more than 1.6km from the school. The bus arrives at school at approximately 8.10am and departs at 2.40pm.

Parents, who transport children more than 1.6km to the bus stop, or where bus transport is not available, may apply for a rebate for their transport to the bus stop or school, by motor vehicle, from the Ministry of Transport. This subsidy is paid at the conclusion of each semester. You can collect forms from the front office.



*Black Mountain Public School grows successful individuals and is
a great choice for your child's education.*