



# Minchinbury Public School

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Principal: Miss Webster

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## Principal's Message

Have a wonderful new year!

We will see you all in 2020.

Year 1 to Year 6 students return to school on  
Wednesday 29 January 2020.

All students, both new and returning, will  
gather under the COLA at 9am.

There will be some announcements and then  
students will be put into their classes for  
2020.

Kind regards,

*Miss Rebecca Webster*

*Principal*

# Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments

## 2020 Student Leadership Team

|  |   |   |                                      |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
|    | <p>Olivia Burnes<br/>School Captain</p> |    | <p>John Jose<br/>School Captain</p>  |
|    | <p>Summer Reynolds<br/>Vice Captain</p> |    | <p>Kayleb Sing<br/>Vice Captain</p>  |
|   | <p>Tiana Bawab<br/>Prefect</p>          |   | <p>Kaustubh Dillikar<br/>Prefect</p> |
|  | <p>Isha Maharaj<br/>Prefect</p>         |  | <p>Jonathan Herbert<br/>Prefect</p>  |
|  | <p>Joanna Merana<br/>Prefect</p>        |  | <p>Shaurav Singh<br/>Prefect</p>     |
|  | <p>Ella Munday<br/>Prefect</p>          |  | <p>Marko Udovcic<br/>Prefect</p>     |

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## 2020 Student Leadership Team



Amy Gower  
Bird Captain



Ava Partridge  
Bird Vice Captain



Eli Mascarenas  
Bird Captain



Austin Menolotto  
Bird Vice Captain



Aaliyah Fisher  
Hargrave Captain



Pundaree Playngam  
Hargrave Vice Captain



Tyran Shields  
Hargrave Captain



Jakob King  
Hargrave Vice Captain



Mali Coombes  
Hinkler Captain



Tiana Ramos  
Hinkler Vice Captain



Matthew Lin  
Hinkler Captain



Jaxson Atkins  
Hinkler Vice Captain



Hayley Loudoun  
Smithy Captain



Sarah Houston  
Smithy Vice Captain



Eden Carr  
Smithy Captain



Ryan Deluca  
Smithy Vice Captain



# Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments

## Rural Fire Service Fundraiser

Two of our students, William Allen and Mitchell organised a fundraising art stall to raise money for the Rural Fire Service. Thanks to William and Mitchell's initiative and the support of our students, we were able to donate \$250 to our local RFS.



## SRC Christmas Hamper Donation to St Vincent's De Paul

Thank you to all of our community for donating a variety of items to St Vincent's De Paul for distribution to needy families.

Minchinbury PS donated the following items:

Over 400 food items from K to Year 2 students

Over 150 school items from Year 3 & 4 students

Over 100 toys from Year 5 & 6 students



# P&C News

## P&C Christmas Raffle Winners

Thank you to our 2019 P&C Committee for organising our annual P&C Christmas raffle. Thank you to our community for supporting this annual event. The following students and/or their families were the lucky winners.

| Prize                         | Ticket Drawn     |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Bike                          | Deedan (5P)      |
| Switch Pro Scooter            | Atila (5/6M)     |
| Swimming Pool                 | Jack (3/4C)      |
| Vodafone Smart Phone          | Paige (6G)       |
| X Shot Bubble Ball Inflatable | Laurel (5/6M)    |
| Pogo Stick                    | Angel (3/4C)     |
| Remote Control Car            | Michael (3/4P)   |
| Splash Lama Game              | Lorelye (1T)     |
| Light Up Soccer Ball          | Alayna (3/4T)    |
| Karaoke CD Player             | Marko (5P)       |
| Wizard Spell Set              | Christopher (1H) |
| Twister                       | Mackenzie (2M)   |
| Monopoly                      | Atila (5/6M)     |
| Water Sprinkler               | Nial (KF)        |
| Slip 'n' Slide                | Lauren (KF)      |
| Globe Lamp                    | Servan (KF)      |
| Connect 4                     | Lincoln (5D)     |
| Scentos Pack                  | Tanya (1H)       |
| Faber Castel Pack             | Deedan (5P)      |
| Crystal Science Set           | Keanu (KP)       |
| Bluetooth Speaker             | Hayley (5D)      |
| Scented Dough                 | Isaiah (3/4W)    |



# End of Year Lowes Draw Winners

Congratulations to the following students / families who won a \$50 Lowes gift card at the end of 2019.

Kindergarten

Neha Yedla

Ethan Phan

Year 1

Lillian Araldi

Micah Haumono

Year 2

Mackenzie Ibbotson

Angus Foreshew

Stage 2

Sienna Carr

Sienna Vitalis

Ceylin Diler

Elianna Mascarenas

Year 5

Keeley Allen

Emir Selvi

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## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



 iTunes

### For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



 Google play

### For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



 Windows Phone



# Summer Holiday Club



**Book into a Summer of discovery, right here at Holiday Club.**

Helping children discover their passions in life is something we value at Holiday Club. Right here in our clubs we've got our future leaders. Our future scientists, actors, lawyers, CEOs, chefs, dentists and even Prime Ministers!

Discovery all starts with variety and exposure; and this Summer, we've got a jam-packed program with all kinds of activities. We've got active excursions, engineering projects, mindfulness incursions, cooking workshops and everything in between.

## Engineering

## Cooking



## Active Play

## Mindfulness

**Book now.** To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and to find your nearest service, visit: [www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs).

We look forward to seeing you at **Holiday Club**.

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### Why it's important to collect your child on time at Outside School Hours Care

When it comes to collecting your child from Outside School Hours Care, we want to make sure they get home safely, and on time collection is key to that. So we thought we'd remind all families of the importance of our on time collection policy.

If you know you will be running late, we recommend you arrange for someone else who is authorized to collect your child.

But we understand unforeseen circumstances may arise. In such instances, we ask that you please inform us of the situation promptly. As per our Late / Non Collection of Children Policy, we will call you if you are 5 minutes late. That way we can all ensure any necessary measures may be implemented to protect your child's safety and wellbeing.

If you are unsure of our hours of service, they are displayed at our service. Otherwise please ask our friendly educators at your school.

To find out more about the Camp Australia OSHC program visit our website at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or call our friendly Customer Care on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except National Public Holidays).

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# Enrolment policy

## Information for parents

The Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy is in place to assist schools to meet their obligations under the *Education Act 1990* - to ensure that every student has a place at their local school. The policy also communicates to staff and the community a transparent enrolment process.

### Why was the enrolment policy revised?

Across the state, many communities are changing. Some are growing at rates never seen before. Some schools that used to be able to accept out-of-area enrolments, no longer have the room to do so.

The revised policy is designed to support schools to manage all enrolment applications, encourage greater consistency in decision-making and make sure the enrolment choices are clear for parents.

### What are the changes?

#### The enrolment cap

The enrolment cap is the number of students that can be enrolled at a school based on the school's permanent accommodation. The enrolment cap tells us whether the school may or may not have the capacity to accept non-local enrolments. It is not a target or limit on the number of local enrolments a school can take.

Each school with a local intake area will have a cap set by the department from Term 4 2019.

Within the enrolment cap, a number of enrolment places (the buffer) must be kept aside for the likely number of local students who will need to enrol during the year. For this reason, a school will not take non-local students once they reach their buffer, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

#### 100-point residential address check

Parents planning to enrol their child at a school that is near or at its buffer or cap will be asked to complete the 100-point residential address check to confirm they live within the school's designated intake area. This means parents will need to provide documents to verify the child's current address.

So that schools only seek information relevant to the child's enrolment, a list of approved documents for the residential address check is available from the school or the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>.

#### Selection criteria for non-local enrolment

Sibling enrolments are now clearly prioritised (where possible) and selection criteria for non-local enrolment will not include student ability, performance or achievement.



## What has not changed?

Schools will continue to enrol students who live in their local intake area, regardless of the school's cap status.

Enrolment procedures for students accessing particular education settings (for example selective schools, distance education, specialist support classes for students with disability, Intensive English Centres) are not affected by the revised policy.

In schools with available places, there are no changes to enrolment rights of siblings of non-local students. Each enrolment application is considered on its merits, including if siblings currently attend the school. If the school is below capacity, out-of-area applications for siblings of current students will be given enrolment priority.

Schools will continue to provide families with support and advice during the enrolment process, including assessment of exceptional and compelling circumstances particularly for vulnerable students and their families.

Schools will also continue to apply the policy fairly and consistently using transparent and accountable processes when making decisions about enrolment applications. Parents have a right of appeal to determine whether the stated processes have been applied in a procedurally fair manner.

## But what do the changes mean for me?

### What if my child is already enrolled but we do not live in that school's intake area?

Your child will remain enrolled at the school as the revised policy does not affect students already enrolled in NSW Government schools.

### We were in area when my child was enrolled in the school. The department has since changed the school's boundary and our residence is now out of area. I have other children and I want them all to go to the same school. What are my options?

At times it is necessary for the department to make adjustments to a school's local enrolment intake area. This could mean a family with a child/children already enrolled is then outside the local intake area. When this happens, the family will still be able to enrol siblings together at the school, regardless of whether the school is over the buffer or cap.

### I already have a child enrolled as an out-of-area student in a NSW Government school. Can I enrol my other children at that school too?

This will depend on the capacity of the school:

- If the school is **not near its buffer**, then siblings should be able to be enrolled at the school. In fact, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **nearing its buffer**, then the school will form a non-local enrolment panel. The panel considers non-local enrolment applications when the number of non-local applications received exceeds the number of places available below the buffer. Again, in this instance, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **at capacity**, it will not accept non-local enrolment applications unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### I have already accepted an offer for my child to attend a school in 2020 that is not my local school. What happens now?

The enrolment will proceed. Non-local enrolments accepted before Term 4 2019 for students starting in 2020 should not be affected.

### What is the criteria for enrolment in a school that is not my local school?

Schools that are able to accept non-local enrolment applications establish a non-local enrolment selection panel, if demand exceeds the number of places below the school's buffer.

Schools are required to make the selection criteria available to the school community.

### My circumstances are challenging and I think this school is best for my child. We live outside the school's intake area. What should I do?

We understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same, and that there are instances where exceptional and compelling circumstances will need to be considered. If this is the case, you should talk to the principal of your local school.

## Contact

For general enquiries contact: 1300 679 332 or email: [DoEInfo@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:DoEInfo@det.nsw.edu.au)

For enrolment enquiries, speak to your local school. Find school contact details at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/finding-a-public-school>







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# KIK MESSENGER (For parents)



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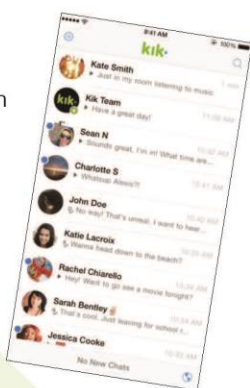
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## What is Kik Messenger?

Kik Messenger (Kik) is a free smartphone messenger application that allows users to send texts, pictures, videos and sketches. Kik uses a wireless connection or mobile data to send and receive messages.



## What is the age restriction for Kik?

The age classification for Kik is 13-years-old, however young people between 13-17 years need to obtain parental permission before using Kik. If your child is using Kik and they are under 13, you can submit a deactivation request to have the account closed through the Kik website. This should occur in conjunction with an open discussion with your child about why this action is being taken. It is important to know that these age classifications are set by the apps creator and are not overseen by an independent body.

## What are the potential problems with Kik?

Kik is a popular application amongst young people of all ages. Issues arise when this app is used to transmit messages that are menacing, harassing or offensive. In some cases this can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation. Ethically, young people need to be aware that the messages they send can have a significant impact on other people.

As Kik also has the capability for users to share images, it is important that your child is aware of the legal and ethical ramifications of sharing sexualised, provocative and nude images.

It is extremely important that parents and carers are aware of the issues associated with various apps and websites so they can openly communicate with their child about their safe and responsible usage of Kik.

## How can I limit who can contact my child on Kik?

There is a feature on Kik called 'New Chats' which separates messages sent to your child by random users, from people in their contacts list.

It's a good idea for your child to disable notifications from this feature before they start using Kik to prevent them from communicating with people they don't know. To do so, select **Settings > Notifications** and turn off **Notify for New People**. This will hide any messages sent to your child from people who aren't on their contact list.

## How can I block someone on my child's Kik account?

It is really important that children know how to block and report on every social networking site or app that they might use. To block a user in Kik select **Settings > Privacy > Block List**, click the + to select the username of the person you want to block and select **Yes** or **Block** to confirm. This will make sure that all messages from this user will be hidden.

**Note:** A user will not be notified when they have been blocked.

## How can my child delete a user on Kik?

We recommend that you monitor your child's use of Kik and be aware of who they are communicating with. This might mean going through your child's contact list together to identify who they are talking to. It is important to ensure that their contacts are people whom your child has met in real life, trust and are safe to communicate with on a regular basis.

To delete a contact on Kik, select the **Talk** icon to see their contacts. Select the person you wish to delete, swipe or press and hold and select **Delete** or **Remove From List**.

## How do I delete my child's Kik account?

After talking with your child about the ethical use of Kik and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the Kik account.

To delete a Kik account you require your child's username and password. To delete the account select **Settings > Your Account > Reset Kik Messenger**. You then need to delete the Kik application from your child's device. Ask a friend with Kik to send a message to your child's old account and within a few days your child will receive an email (sent to the email address used to sign up for the account) from Kik saying you have







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unread messages. At the bottom of this email will be a deactivation link – click on this and shortly after your account will be deleted.

**Note:** If your child logs into their Kik account before you have clicked on the deactivation link the request will be cancelled and the account will remain active.

Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as your child may then hide their use, making it more difficult for you to support them.



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## What is ASKfm?

ASKfm is a social Q&A website which promotes itself as offering the ability to ask anonymous questions to an individual's 'profile'. The website was launched in 2010 and is based in Latvia. ASKfm is increasingly being associated with cyberbullying behaviour worldwide due to the perceived anonymity of users who post and answer questions.

## What is the age classification for ASKfm?

The age classification for ASKfm is 13-years-old, although much of the content may be inappropriate for that age group. It is important to note that this classification is set by the website's creator and is not overseen by an independent body.

## How can my child stay safe on ASKfm?

It is important to monitor your child's behaviour online and identify changes in behaviour around technology use. ASKfm has been associated with cyberbullying incidents due to users' perceived anonymity when asking questions.

## Who can ask my child a question?

All ASKfm profiles are public and anyone can ask a question. Preventing anonymous questions from being asked on your child's profile could minimise their risk of being exposed to cyberbullying or inappropriate questions. This can be done by selecting **Settings > Profile**, uncheck the box next to **Allow anonymous questions** and click **Save**.

## Am I really anonymous on ASKfm?

It is important to make children and young people aware that they are never truly anonymous online and that their online actions can have offline consequences. The privacy policy on ASKfm states that any information collected by the website, such as username, email or IP address, may be shared to "investigate, prevent or prosecute illegal activities, suspected fraud, and violations to the Terms and Conditions".

## How can ASKfm use the information that my child posts?

By submitting content through the ASKfm service (by asking or answering questions, uploading photos or videos), you grant ASKfm a license to use, copy, reproduce, process, adapt, modify, publish, transmit, display and distribute such content in any and all media or distribution methods. In other words, all information that your child posts on ASKfm can be used by ASKfm for any reason they see fit.

## Who can see the answers that are posted on my child's ASKfm profile?

ASKfm profiles have no privacy settings - anything posted is publicly viewable (answers, images, videos, etc.). It is important that you speak with your child about what they may be posting on their profiles and how this might affect their reputation and relationships.

## How can my child delete an answer on their profile?

Select **x** to the right of an answer and click **OK**.

## How can I report something on ASKfm?

On ASKfm profiles, questions and answers can all be reported. Inappropriate questions can be reported from your inbox by **swiping left** on the question, **clicking on the flag**, and then selecting **Report**.

Report specific answers by clicking **Report** on the drop down box to the right of an answer and selecting the appropriate reason for reporting. Click **OK**. You can also report all answers on a particular profile by clicking **Report**, next to 'answers' and selecting the appropriate reason for reporting. Click **OK**.

**Note:** You can report even if you do not have an ASKfm account.







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## How can my child block someone that is asking inappropriate questions?

You can block users from sending you questions, anonymous or not, by visiting their profile and clicking the 'More' button represented by three dots, then clicking the [Block](#) button.

You can also block a user from your inbox. Once you get a question from a person harassing you, [swipe left](#) on the question and [click on the flag](#), then select [Block User](#).

You can see who you have blocked, and also un-block users, by viewing your [Blocked](#) list in your [Profile Settings](#).

## How can I delete my child's account?

After talking with your child about the ethical use of ASKfm and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the ASKfm account.

To delete a profile on ASKfm select [Settings](#) > [Disable Account](#), enter your password and select [Disable Account](#).

Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially make your child hide their usage where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them.

## More information

The ASKfm Safety Center ([safety.ASKfm](#)) contains further information on the service and links to additional resources and support options.



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