



Terrigal High School SUPPORT UNIT NEW STUDENT HANDBOOK



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Welcome to Terrigal High School Support Unit

Terrigal High School's Special Education faculty commenced in 2019 and consists of four Multi-Categorical (MC) classes for students with moderate to high learning and support needs - as defined by the Department's disability criteria. Our core values, as a faculty, are that every student is Known, Valued and Cared for and all our actions relate to three central themes: Rigour, Relevance and Relationships.

Specialist support classes in mainstream schools have fewer students than mainstream classes. Our classes have a maximum of between 7 – 10 students per class. Each class has a specialist core teacher with experience and qualifications in Special Education, as well as a full time School Learning and Support Officer. Every student within our classes follows a personalised learning and support plan designed around their own individual needs and goals. We also work closely with families and external providers such as psychologists, speech therapists and occupational therapists.

For students enrolled in specialist classes in mainstream schools, there is the flexibility for them to undertake some of their learning in other mainstream classes at the same school. This is largely dependent upon the resources available and the personalised learning and support needs of the students.

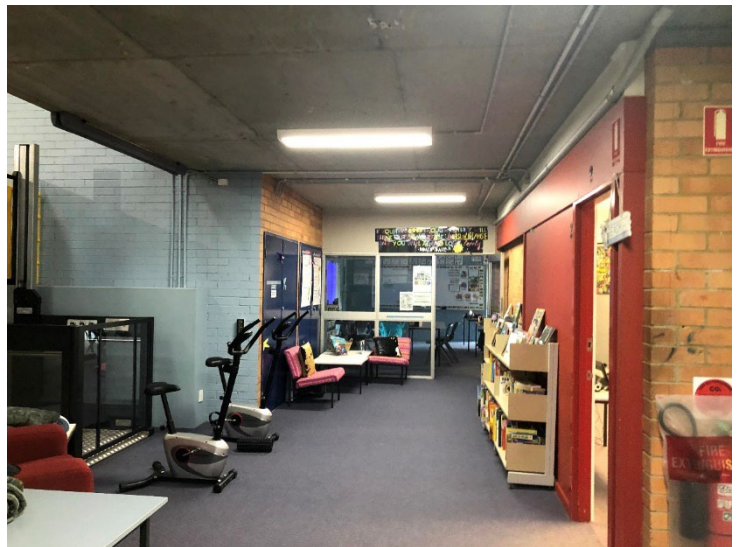
As students enter their final years of secondary school, increased emphasis is placed on the skills and experiences they will require for the workforce and full community participation.

Students in specialist support classes have the opportunity to participate in the school and community activities that their school offers. Our students are involved in activities across the school including the Student Representative Council, Junior Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group, drama productions and Nintendo Club. We are also supported by members of our local community, including the Terrigal Bowling Club, Terrigal and Erina Heights IGA and Clubs NSW.

Information for Students

Where are we located within the school?

Our classrooms are located in the area known as Bottom Red. Red 1, Red 2, Red 3 and Red 4.





We also use different specialist rooms across the school such as Art Rooms, Science Labs and Food Labs.



Our pick up and drop off location for students who are driven by parents/carers or arrive on Assisted School Transport is outside the main administration building. This is accessed by entering through the main school gate on Charles Kay Drive.



What classes will I have?

All students study the following subjects each year:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- HSIE (Human Society and its Environments) incorporating LOTE (Languages other than English) outcomes
- PDHPE (Personal Development Health and Physical Education)
- Sport

The following subjects are also delivered:

- Work and Community Studies
- Community Access
- Outdoor Education
- Music
- Visual Arts
- Food Technology
- Technology

We also have scheduled group time focusing on social and emotional, teamwork and fine motor skills.

From Year 8 onwards some students choose to attend an elective with other students in their year group.

Who will be my teacher?

Each class has a core teacher who they will have for roll call and be their main teacher. You will also have other teachers from the Support Unit and from across the school for some specialist subjects.

Your class will also have a **Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)** who is with your class every lesson regardless of where your lesson is in the school or who your teacher is. The only time this is different is if you are attending a mainstream elective class where students are supported by the mainstream classroom teacher.

How will I know what lessons I have each day?

Every student has a timetable. Your teacher and class SLSO will also have copies as well.

We have a two-week cycle of lessons. The first week is known as Week A and the second week is Week B. So for example, if it is Wednesday of the second week, you would follow the timetable for Wednesday Week B.

This is an example of a timetable for one day:

WedB	
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RC	MCRC.2: THOE R2 MC.BEnglish: HULB R2
1	
2	MC.BMaths: THOE R2
R	
3	MC.BCooking: MAGB FL2 MC.BTAS: TURM MW1
4	
L1	
L2	
5	MC.BGroup: HULB R2

The codes will tell you the subject, the teacher and the room. Most of your lessons will be in your core classroom but we do also use specialist rooms across the school for some subjects.

Each lesson is around an hour in length, with slightly shorter lessons on Monday and Tuesdays due to assemblies and sport.

What times to do bells ring? When is recess and lunch?

At Terrigal High School we have slightly different bell times on Monday and Tuesday, compared to the rest of the week. This is because we have school and year assemblies on Mondays and Sport on Tuesdays.

The structure of the day Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is:

The day starts at 9.00am.

- Roll Call
- Period 1 and Period 2
- Recess
- Period 3 and Period 4
- Lunch
- Period 5

Our students finish at 3.00pm.

Tuesdays are slightly different due to Sport. On Tuesdays:

The day starts at 9.00am.

- Roll Call
- Period 1 and Period 2
- Recess
- Period 3
- Lunch
- Period 4 and 5 (Sport)

Our students finish at 2.20pm. **Tuesday is our early finishing afternoon each week.**

	Monday		Tuesday		Wed, Thu, Fri
Assembly	9:00 – 9:20	Roll Call	9:00 – 9:10	Roll Call	9:00 – 9:10
1	9:25 – 10:20	1	9:10 – 10:05	1	9:10 – 10:10
2	10:25 – 11:20	2	10:05 – 11:00	2	10:10 – 11:10
Recess	11:20 – 11:40	Recess	11:00 – 11:15	Recess	11:10 – 11:30
3	11:40 – 12:35	3	11:15 – 12:10	3	11:30 – 12:30
4	12:40 – 1:35	Lunch	12:10 – 12:40	4	12:35 – 1:35
Lunch	1:35 – 2:20	4	12:40 – 1:35	Lunch	1:35 – 2:15
5	2:20 – 3:15	5	1:35 – 2:30	5	2:15 – 3:15

Where will I eat recess or lunch?

Many of our students spend their breaks in the same areas as the rest of school. Some students prefer to eat in one of our two covered areas near our classrooms. We strongly encourage all students to get some fresh air and exercise during break times as part of a healthy school day.



What equipment do I need?

Each day you will need:

- A hat
- A water bottle
- Your own pencil case. This can stay at school.
- Sports Uniform for days you are doing sport or practical PE.

We will supply exercise books and other learning materials.

Excursions and events

During normal school operations, our classes participate in Community Access and Outdoor Education depending upon the learning program that class is following. We have also participated in regional disability access days and events.



Sporting Carnivals

Terrigal High School holds annual swimming, athletics and cross-country carnivals. All students are allocated a sporting house based on your surname.



