



Woollahra Public School

Term 4 Week 1 – 10 October 2023



Calendar Dates

- Wednesday 18 October – Year 6 excursion to the Opera House to see Dimanche Performance
- Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 October – Tournament of Minds International Final
- Tuesday 24 October – P&C meeting at 7pm in staffroom
- Wednesday 25 October – Kindergarten 2024 Information Night @ 7pm
- Friday 29 October – Year 6 and Sports Captain photos- NEW DATE
- Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 November – Y6 Canberra Excursion
- Thursday 2 November and Thursday 9 November - 9am-11 am – Kindergarten 2024 Stay and Play Visit
- Saturday 18 November -P&C event @ Bronte Surf Club
- Tuesday 21 November – P@C Meeting AGM

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back goes to all families. I trust you all had a restful break ready for a busy and exciting Term 4. As is the Woollahra way, we have a busy calendar this term with a range of exciting learning programs, opportunities and events planned for both your children and some for families. You'll see we have a list of important Term 4 events later in the newsletter. Make sure the dates that are relevant to your child and family are in your diary and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Congratulations!

One of my favourite parts of each week is celebrating the achievements of our students. Yesterday we were proud to have Luca G in Year 6 represent the Sydney Coastal sports zone at the Sydney Region athletics carnival. To say Luca can run like the wind is an understatement and I'm delighted to let you know that he came first in the 100 and 200 metre races. Luca will now progress to represent the region at the NSW Department of Education state athletics carnival. Congratulations Luca! We are all very proud of you!



**NO DOGS
ALLOWED ON
SCHOOL
GROUNDS**

Dogs on our School Site

For many members of our school community, dogs are an important part of our lives. We do have to remember however, that this is not the case for all of our students and their families. We have some students that are quite fearful of dogs. In addition, even the most placid dog can be unpredictable in an environment such as a school playground or on the streets around the school. We have recently had a number of incidents where dogs have been brought onto the school grounds. This has caused a great deal of distress and fear for some of our children.

- Please remember that dogs are not to be brought onto our school site at any time – leashed or unleashed.
- They are also not to be tied up outside the school grounds at any time.
- If walking your dog to school for pick up, please DO NOT wait at Gate 3 (near the hall) as this is the main exit point for our younger children.

A reminder that this is law under the NSW Companion Animals Act as follows:

Dogs are prohibited in the following places (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled)--

(a) Children's play areas (meaning any public place, or part of a public place that is within 10 metres of any playing apparatus provided in that public place or part for the use of children).

(e) School grounds (meaning any property occupied or used for a purpose connected with the conduct of a government school or non- government school under the [Education Act 1990](#), other than any property used for a residence or the curtilage of a residence).

While only a small percentage of dogs will ever be involved in an attack, the [Companion Animals Act 1998](#) ('the Act') requires that all dogs must be under effective control by means of a chain, cord or leash when in public (unless in a designated off-leash area) in order to minimise the chances of an attack occurring, and to protect the welfare of the dog and members of the public. (Ref: Woollahra Council website).

While it is imperative that we all abide by the law, it's just as important that we support each other as a community. Our school grounds need to be a safe place for every child and family. This means it is not a place for dogs.

Osborne Lane Pick Up

As we all know, our school is a busy place at 3.00pm in the afternoon at pick up time. We all need to work as a team to ensure children are picked up safely and efficiently. We also need to ensure we are being respectful and kind to local residents. We've recently had some unacceptable incidents in Osborne Lane with community members speaking in an unkind and disrespectful manner to both staff and local residents. As you would agree, this is unacceptable and not in keeping with our school values of kindness and respect. The following guidelines for pick up in Osbourne Lane are important and I seek everyone's assistance in adhering to them.

- Osborne Lane is a **no parking and no standing area**. Please do not arrive early and park in the lane or pull over under any circumstances. This is unsafe and also blocks access to the garages of residents.
- Please do not enter the Osborne Lane for pick up prior to 3.00pm. If your child is not waiting at the gate when you arrive, you will need to move on a go around the block to ensure traffic is not blocked. If the car line doesn't keep moving, this blocks up Osborne Lane and then Edgecliff Road. This then blocks up all of the surrounding roads leading to frustration for everyone.
- We are putting some strategies in place this term to ensure children are at the back gate in timely manner to ease this frustration.
- If you are using car line please be efficient and quick with getting your children into the car to ensure it moves quickly. As you pull in, move up as far as you can so that we are loading three cars at a time.
- Remember that Gate 4 on Osborne Lane is not a pedestrian exit point in the afternoons for safety reasons. It only takes an extra minute to walk the other way - a minute that could save a life.



Staffing

The Department of Education has implemented a Temporary Workforce Transition initiative whereby for this year only, teachers that have worked as a temporary teacher at our school over the last 3 years and have a contract this year are able to be converted from temporary staff to permanent. It is with great pleasure that I let you know that the following teachers and support staff will now be permanent teachers at our school. Congratulations to:

- Janey Jankelson - full time permanent
- Craig Lawson - full time permanent
- Sophie Wadsworth - full time permanent
- Alice Caspers - full time permanent
- Katelyn Boshell – part- time permanent
- Neil Kirby – part-time permanent
- Svetlana Skrypnikova – part-time permanent
- Bec Whitcombe - part-time permanent
- Alicia Khoo - part-time permanent
- Lori Walker – full time permanent
- Renate Dunham – full time permanent

These staff members will begin their permanency at our school on 30 January 2024.

Whole School News

Important Term 4 Events

Please take note of the following important term 4 events and put them in your diary. We would love to have as many parents and friends involved as possible.

What	When	Where	Who
Year 6 Canberra Excursion	1 – 3 November	Canberra	Year 6
2024 Band Expo	8 November 9.15am	Hall	Year 2 students and any students interested in joining band
Year 6 OC Notables Presentations	Monday 20 November @ 1.30pm	Classrooms	Year 6 OC
Year 6 High School Week	27 – 30 November	Classrooms	Year 6 students
Band and Strings Concert	Wednesday 29 November @ 6.30 pm	Hall	All Band and Strings students
Year 6 Fair	Friday 1 December	Playground	All students
Chess Competition	Monday 4 December	Hall	K-6 Students
Super Choir singing at the Woollahra Community Carols - Chiswick Park	Tuesday 5 December @ 6 pm	Chiswick Gardens	All Choir students 1-6
Presentation Day Award Assemblies	Wednesday 6 December K-2: 9.30 – 11 am 3-6: 12pm -2 pm	Hall	All students K-6
K - 2 Picnic Day	Thursday 7 December	Parsley Bay	K- 2 Students
Year 5 Picnic Day	Tuesday 12 December	TBC	Year 5 Students
Year 6 Picnic Day	Friday 8 December	TBC	Year 6 Students
Stage 2 Picnic Day	Thursday 14 December	Parsley Bay	Years 3 and 4 Students
Year 6 Graduation Dinner	Thursday 14 December @ 5.30 pm	Hall	Year 6 students @ 6 pm
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	Friday 15 December	Hall	Year 6 Students Parents are welcome to join us at 1.30pm.

2024 Enrolments

Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2024 and will be ready to start school? We encourage all families with children starting school next year to complete the enrolment application. Please also spread the word to other local families interested in enrolling at our school that now is the time to work through this process. Now is the time to complete an **Application for Enrolment**. This can be done online at the following link:

[Enrolling at Woollahra - Woollahra Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://nsw.gov.au/education/public-schools/enrolment)

Our 2024 Kindergarten orientation dates have been set. The flyer is included in the newsletter and will be on our website shortly. We encourage new families or siblings who are commencing school in 2024 to put these dates in your diary. Don't hesitate to contact our school office if you have any questions or need assistance. We are looking forward to meeting all of our new 2024 Kindergarten recruits!

Library News

The library has purchased many wonderful new books and would love some parents to please cover them if they have time. Books can be sent home by your child for covering or it can be arranged with Miss Hoare before or after school from the library. Please email Miss Hoare if you can help out with this task.

All books will come in a bag with very good quality contact. kellie.hoare@det.nsw.edu.au

Stage 3 News

Applications for Selective High School Placement 2025

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 9 May 2024.

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available on Monday 9 October at:

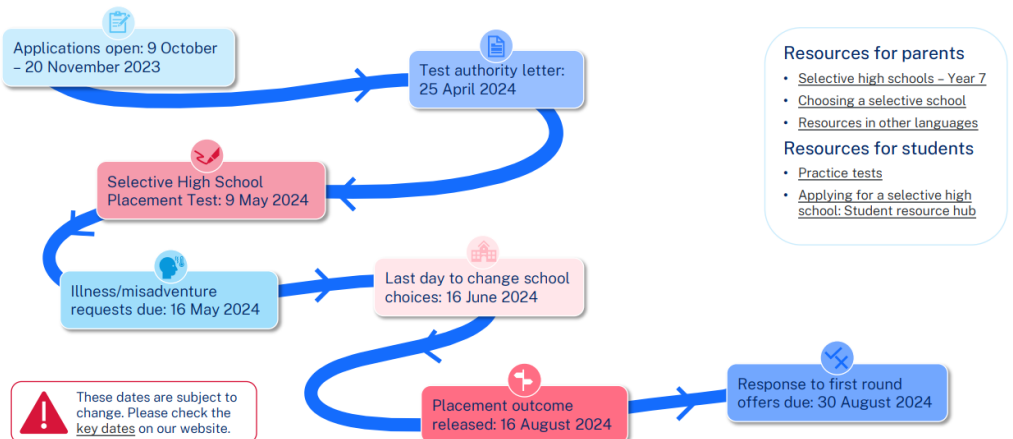
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Applications open on 9 October 2023 and close on 20 November 2023. You must apply before the closing date. You must submit only ONE application for each student.

NSW Department of Education

Selective high school placement timeline

Year 7 entry in 2025



Stage 3 News

Learning in 6H and 6I

The students in 6H have been studying a wide variety of poetry on a range of topics, from well-known poets and poetry structures, to contemporary, artists and slam poets. This study has encouraged us to explore and experiment with the elements of poetry and inspired many of our own wonderful poetic creations.

Science and Maths Poetry

*I know what you're thinking, science and poetry are different,
And while you can write poetry about science,
You can't write science about poetry,
Though we can hypothesise on what the formula would be-*

*Because if x represented the way it affects the reader's hearts,
And y represents the way it ends and it starts
And z represents all the brains and the smarts,
But z doesn't matter as much as it is divided by m,
And m represents, most importantly,
The way that it makes you think,
When you lie in your bed and dream,
Or when you're in the shower and your mind is working,
Or when you're in the classroom and you're meant to be learning,
And while it is all multiplied by c for your creativity,
The true value of a poem is the way that it makes you think.*

*But if you add an extra addition sum,
Don't worry, soon the work will be done,
Because if you add the way it inspires others,
To write poems of their own,
Then you can add infinite more numbers,
For every new poet you inspire,
Adds a whole other formula to make your value higher,*

*Because the formula of a poem represents its greatness,
And helps you tell when a poet's going places,
For all poets had to start from somewhere,
So why don't you start from x?*

- Claude 6H

Tapestry Poem -

(A weaving of two poems by two poets)

*I wander the rippling willows of grass
That cascade in ebbs and flows, delicate fronds
That bend with the whispering hymn of the wind.*

*I breathe in the scent
Of my home.*

*It has been so long since I gazed
At the unfettered sky, dotted with wisps of cloud*

Reminiscent of my homeland.

I'm a turtle coming back to its nest,

A fish coming back to the coral.

They say, embrace us, come home with us

Go to your homeland of nature, greenery.

A world of shiny, radiant stars.

I'm where I belong.

When I come to my coral or nest

I whisper

Welcome home.

- Daphne and Julian

6I embarked on a brave exploration of poetry this term, reading and writing across a diverse range of forms, genres and subject areas. We interrogated what makes a poem a poem, wrote about our diverse histories, cultures and identities, and personified numbers and mathematical concepts. Venturing deep into the universe, we created poems about cool astronomical phenomena. Who knew that the Milky Way smells like rum and raspberries? Who could have guessed that our moon is actually lemon-shaped? We have collaborated to create tapestry and exquisite corpse poems and will finish the term by adapting some of Roald Dahl's quirky short stories into ballads. We hope you enjoy just a couple of our magnificent works of poetry.

Where I'm From

I am from creaky wooden floors and soft grey
carpets,
from the gumnut tree towering in the
neighbour's yard,
dropping spiky gumnut seeds.
I am from a trampoline that was never used,
its printed labels so old they have started to
fade.

I am from pranking my brother,
leading him to the hedge on a rainy day,
flicking its wet leaves in his face.
I am from falling asleep to audiobooks,
listening to stories until my headphones die.

I am from home remedies,
boiled pear juice and rich garlic soup,
herbal ointments and green paste to cover
mozzie bites.

I am from hand-pulled noodles,
chewy, off white and soaked with warm
chicken broth,
covered with lettuce.
From dumplings stuffed with minced pork and
carrot.

I am from video games,
asking dad to help when I can't beat a level.
From going to Fitzpatrick Park,
climbing the oak,
whose roots have started to crack the rubber
asphalt,
and traversing the creaky, cobweb-filled
playground.

I am from a crowded bus,
packed with screaming kids.
From squishing three to a seat,
to chatting about school with my friends,
or trying to beat each other's Subway Surfer
score.

I am from bushwalks at La Perouse,
The smell of rain stuck in the canopy,
The chatter of birds in my ear.

I am from family,
I am from friends,
I am from food,
I am from Kingsford, Sydney, Australia

I am from Earth.

That's where I am from.

- Freya 6I

The Moon is a Lemon

Once upon a time Mother Earth had a twin
Thea was her name and boy, did she spin
Spun so much their orbits collided
And Thea exploded

And died

But the story ended bittersweet
Thea left the world with
One. More. Thing
Soon after her death Jupiter spread a rumour
Of a baby child simply named...

Luna

Earth pulled her in like a warm embrace
Luna tried to run away in the thrill of the chase
But then tripped; and poor Luna fell on her face
And then to Earth, what did she say?

"Earth, I've twisted my... uh... ankle."

You see, Luna didn't handle it as well as it may
seem
She wasn't made of rock
And she wasn't made of cheese
I mean,
Under the rock was a warm, liquid centre
And so the citrus club, it would soon enter

And we only figured out Luna was shaped like a
lemon
45 years after we first invaded
And took over the sacred space that it resides
And Luna had matured and had a cold, rocky
inside!

When life gives you lemons,
Don't make lemonade
Use it to control the ocean's tides
And make a barricade!

Or just eat it

- Nash 6I

Student Wellbeing

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a framework that helps WPS develop a positive, safe and supportive culture. Expectations are consistent and explicit across the school, giving teachers and students more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction.

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Safe**
- **Be an Active Learner**

This week our PBL focus is general expectations in the classroom. Teachers are guiding their students to:

Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow class rules and instructions - Raise your hand to contribute - Use appropriate voice volume - Treat others the way you want to be treated - Keep hands and feet to yourself
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take care of class equipment - Solve problems calmly - Accept fair consequences - Use the bathroom at break times
Be an Active Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approach tasks with a growth mindset - Ask questions and contribute to discussions - Stay focused on the task - Do your personal best

Parents & Citizens' Association News

Uniform Shop News

Donations

We welcome all donations of school uniforms that you no longer need. We would appreciate it if the items are in good condition and washed prior to them being dropped off.

We are now selling second hand uniforms again during our regular opening hours of Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8.30 and 9.00 am.

The 2022/2023 WPS Uniform Order form is on the school website. Please send a completed form including payment details to our email address. No payment details will delay the fulfilment of your order. Note that it may take up to 72 hours for orders to be filled during term time.

The updated order form is available from the school office or on the school website:

[https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/w/woollahra-p/uniform-shop/Woollahra Uniform Shop order form 2022-23.pdf](https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/w/woollahra-p/uniform-shop/Woollahra%20Uniform%20Shop%20order%20form%202022-23.pdf)

The Uniform Shop Team Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com

WPS Uniform Shop


**Opening hours: Tuesdays and Fridays
8:30-9am**

For online orders, please email us at
WoollahraUniforms@gmail.com
 For more information please visit:
<https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/p-c-uniform-shop/p-c-uniform-shop.html>

Term 4 P&C Parent Event – The Woollahra Beach Party!

Our P&C are hard at working organising a fabulous parent social event for this term. Join us on Saturday 18 November for a Beach Party at Bronte Surf Club. Ticket can be purchased at the following link. Be quick to purchase your tickets to ensure you don't miss out!

[Woollahra Beach Party 2023! | Humanitix](#)



 **Summer Time Beach Vibe**

JOIN US FOR THE WOOLLAHRA PARENTS BEACH PARTY

SOAK UP THE FUN, DRINK IN THE SUMMER VIBES, DANCE TO THE CHILL BEATS

\$80 P.P. GETS YOU:

- A WELCOME DRINK
- SUMPTUOUS BUFFET DINNER BY BARBICREW
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- PHOTOBOOTH FUN AND SO MUCH MORE.
- PLUS RAFFLE PRIZES TO RAISE FUNDS

TICKETS ON SALE HERE



Starting School at Woollahra Kindergarten 2024



Is your child starting school next year? We are delighted to welcome you to Woollahra Public School! Please join us for the range of events we have planned for our 2024 Kindergarten children and their families.

School Tours for New Families

Thursday 18 May and Wednesday 26 July 2023- 9.15am

Our school tours are an opportunity to meet our Principal, students and staff. The tours will enable you to visit classrooms, talk to our students and tour the school facilities. Our students will give you an insight into the school from their own perspective and share some of their Woollahra stories. Meet at the school's main entrance on Forth Street.

Learning Conferences for Families and Children

23 May through to 15 September 2023

Each student and their family enrolling in Kindergarten for 2024 is invited to attend an enrolment learning conference with our Principal or Deputy Principals. At this time you will have the opportunity to share information about your child's interests and needs as well as ask any questions you may have about the school.

Playgroup Session for New Students

Thursday 14 September 2023 – 9.15am

Join us with your child for a playgroup session hosted by the school's Kindergarten teachers and our current Kindergarten and senior students. You will have the opportunity to meet staff, other parents and share in morning tea while your child plays with other children starting school next year.

Evening Information Session for 2024 Kindergarten Parents

Wednesday 25 October 2023 – 7.00pm

Join us in the school hall for an information session run by our school leadership team. We will provide a comprehensive array of information on all aspects of life at school, school programs and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Stay and Play Orientation Program

Thursday 2 November & Thursday 9 November 2023 – 9.15am

All students joining us in 2024 are invited to spend the morning participating in a range of play, art, music and literacy activities as part of our *Stay and Play Orientation* program. At the end of each session you will be invited to spend some time in the classroom with your child.

Best Start Assessment Period

Thursday 1 February and Friday 2 February 2024

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment takes around an hour and will be conducted prior to your child beginning school. This is an individualised assessment that helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills each child brings to school as they enter Kindergarten. We will make individual appointments in December.

First Day of Kindergarten – Monday 5 February 2024

Visit our website at www.woollahra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Woollahra Public School

We take pride in providing our students with a depth and breadth of educational opportunity. This takes place in a dynamic, innovative and caring learning environment, focused on achieving high levels of success for every child.

I look forward to meeting all of our new families and encourage you to contact the school and visit us so that I can personally welcome you to our great school.

Ms Nicole Molloy - Principal





WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY TENNIS CLUB



NEXT GENERATION SPORTS

Established in 2001 ABN: 80 111 922 279

Contact details

Coach: Allan – 0449 699 739

Owner: Jed - 0411 775 945 -WhatsApp

Email: info@pjtennisacademy.com

We accept Active Kids Vouchers as part of the registration payment

DATE:	Friday Oct 13– Friday Dec 15
MEETING POINT:	Outside School Gymnasium
TIME:	7.45am – 8.45am
COST:	\$185 (Pro-rata rates for late enrolments)
HOW TO ENROL:	Email: jed@pjtennisacademy.com

FORMS MUST NOT BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



ANZ Hot Shots Tennis is the fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis at school. Smaller courts, nets, racquets and low-compression balls make learning easy and gives younger players the chance to serve, rally and score right from the first time they play.

**SCHOOL
OFFER**

**STUDENTS CAN ORDER A
TENNIS RACQUET FOR AN
ADDITIONAL \$15 IF NEEDED**

IMPORTANT POINTS

- Students won't be accepted without enrolment form and payment
- Suitable for all boys and girls in primary school
- Coaches turn up for the tennis classes regardless of the weather conditions

ENROLMENT SLIP | Tax Invoice ABN: 80 111 922 279 (Term 4 Tennis, 2023)

CHILD/REN'S NAME	MOBILE PHONE/EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER (Must be supplied)	D-O-B
EMAIL ADDRESS	AFTER SCHOOL CARE (If relevant):	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS

I consent to my child attending the Hot Shots Tennis at WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC and authorise the tennis coaches to supervise these activities. If medical treatment is required and contact cannot be made with a parent/guardian, I authorise the coach in charge to seek the necessary medical treatment. Next Generation Sports will not be held responsible for any accidents. I accept responsibility for the payment of this account

PAYMENT METHOD - BANK TRANSFER ONLY

BANK TRANSFERS TO BE MADE TO:

NEXT GENERATION SPORTS


BSB: 063179

Account Number: 10243365

REFERENCE: STUDENT SURNAME and SCHOOL INITIALS

I acknowledge my child is automatically enrolled unless I am notified by phone. Classes missed due to sickness or injury will be credited. No refund given for students changing their mind on joining the program

Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin



Mandarin Stars Language Clubs at Woollahra Public School!


The Mandarin Stars program offers:

- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion-based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin!
- The discovery of Chinese culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

Classes are on a Wednesday Afternoon!
To book a free trial/ enrol for the term:

Kindy-Year 2 (3pm - 4.30pm)
Year 3 - Year 6 (3pm - 4.30pm)

Please check out [here](#) for more class options.

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fun mandarin for kids

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Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Woollahra Public School is held on:

Years K-2: Mondays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 9 October 2023

Years 3-6: Mondays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 9 October 2023

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

GROUP MUSIC KEYBOARD LESSONS AT WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC SCHOOL



- Lesson every MON or THU morning 8-8.45
- Convenient at-school lesson venue
- 45-min weekly lesson, small group
- Fun introduction to music, ideal for beginners
- Basic music theory & practical skills on keyboard
- Instrument not required initially
- Competitive rate

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