



# Evelyn Scott School

**Information for Junior Campus  
Families and Learners**



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# Welcome to Evelyn Scott School

Evelyn Scott School is a 'Future Focused' school, we learn through an inquiry-based approach that connects learners and their learning to their world. We lead our community to engage with the ACT's *Future of Education Strategy* and all of its possibilities. Contemporary learning means preparing for a shifting future that requires skills and knowledge, citizenship, connection to culture and the environment and the capacity to solve complex problems with creative approaches.

Evelyn Scott School prepares learners for the 21st Century. They will build their capacity to solve problems, be critical thinkers and self directed learners. Through collaboration and effective communication, they will be inspired to navigate their futures and become life long learners.



## My first day at Kindergarten

### Day 1 - Tuesday 30 January 2024

Day 1 will begin at **9:00am**. Follow the signs to the Kindergarten building, where learners will meet their class teacher, receive their name tag, and meet classmates.

After your child has met their teacher and joined their class, families are welcome to join the school leadership team in our Community Room for light refreshments between 9:20am and 10:00am.

The school day finishes at **3:00pm**. Parents and Carers can wait outside the Kindergarten learning space for learners to exit. We require a hand to hand pick up for all kindergarten learners.

If your child is attending Out of School Hours Care, OSHC staff will collect them from the learning spaces and accompany them to the school gymnasium at the end of the school day.

[Starting school - a guide for families from the ACT Education Directorate](#)

## Day 2 and beyond for Kindergarten Learners

### Day 1 - Wednesday 31 January 2024 and beyond

Children in our Kindergarten can be dropped off by a parent or caregiver once the teacher welcomes the children into the classroom at **9:00am**. The Kindergarten day ends at **3:00pm**.

Collection of children in Kindergarten must involve a parent, carer or familiar adult who is listed on the child's enrolment form as an authorised nominee and emergency contact. Please contact the school via email to update or add to this list.

For more information about a typical school day at ESS, please see: [Our school day - Junior campus](#)

## My first day - For learners new to ESS in 2024, in Years 1 to 6

### Day 1 - Tuesday 30 January 2024 - visit & tour

We invite new learners from Years 1 to Year 6, joining ESS for the first time in 2024, to visit the school from **10:00am to 11:00am** so they can meet their teacher and visit the learning and play spaces.

## Day 2 and beyond for all learners in Years 1 - 6

New learners in Year 1-6 will spend their first full day at Evelyn Scott School from **Wednesday 31 January 2024**.

Playground supervision starts from **8:50am for learners in Year 1 - Year 6**. Learners are not able to be left unaccompanied in the school grounds before this time.

The school day will commence at **9:00am**. Please follow the signs to the Nature Playground to find a table with your child's year group and teacher. They will receive a name tag and head to their learning space.

In the afternoon, Parents and Carers are welcomed into the school gates from 2:45pm to wait outside their child's class if they choose. Our school day finishes at **3:00pm**.

For more information about a typical school day at ESS, please see: [Our school day - Junior campus](#)

## What to bring



The essential things to pack in your child's school bag are:

- A full drink bottle of water
- A [waste free lunch](#) box for fruit/vegetable break, a snack and fruit/vegetable for Break 1 and [healthy lunch](#) for Break 2
- **Evelyn Scott School is an anaphylaxis-aware school. This provides protection for children who have severe allergic reactions to certain foods and in particular nuts and nut products. Parents are asked to provide nut free food for their child's snack and lunch. This includes *Nutella* and peanut butter sandwiches.**
- A complete set of spare clothes to accommodate changes in weather and accidents of any kind (for our younger learners, please pack these in case of toileting accidents).
- A warm coat and beanie in the cooler months.
- A broad brimmed/sun-safe hat

***Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled.***

## Communication and Staying Connected

Staying connected to our families is our school's priority. We want you to be a part of your child's learning and encourage families to stay in touch.

Evelyn Scott School Front Office is open between 8:30am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday during school term times. Our contact number is **6142 3491** or you can email us at: **[evelynscottschool.information@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:evelynscottschool.information@ed.act.edu.au)**

We will regularly communicate with families via email, our Weekly Warbler and our monthly Newsletter, which will also be made available on our school's website: **[evelynscottschool.act.edu.au](http://evelynscottschool.act.edu.au)**

### Feedback

At Evelyn Scott School we value feedback about our school. Classroom teachers are available for informal and scheduled appointments out of school hours. Please note teachers are not expected to respond to emails outside of normal working hours. You can communicate with your child's teachers in a number of ways:

- Formal Parent /Teacher meetings
- Verbal comments to teachers before or after school
- Email your child's teacher: **[firstname.surname@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:firstname.surname@ed.act.edu.au)**

## Voluntary Contributions

Every year we request families pay a one off voluntary contribution of \$150 for one child or \$250 for families with more than one student attending. Families are also able to contribute to a tax deductible Library trust Fund.

These voluntary payments contribute towards the running of the school and educational resources for the preschool. Payment details are included in family information packs and on our website under the 'Notes' tab.

## Resources for Learning

Families can conveniently purchase their annual book pack for each child through our supplier, **[Blue Ink](#)**. The book pack contains consumables used in the classroom throughout the year.

Once purchased, the **entire** book pack will be sent to the school prior to the start of Term 1. Families will receive an email regarding how to order book packs prior to the start of the next school year.

These items **do not** need to be labelled and books **do not** need to be covered prior to starting school. The price of book packs may vary slightly depending on the year level of your child. More information regarding how to order the ESS book pack will be provided to families prior to the start of the school year.

## Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

**[Woden Community Services](#)** is the provider of Evelyn Scott School's Out of School Hours Care. They offer before and after school care during each term. Holiday programs will be offered during term breaks. Out of hours school care operates in the school gymnasium. For more information and enrolment please visit their website: **[wcs.org.au](http://wcs.org.au)**

## The Australian Curriculum

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The Australian Curriculum is designed to help all young Australians to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

The Australian Curriculum is 'front and centre' for all Junior Campus Teachers at Evelyn Scott School. Staff routinely use a highly structured process to utilise the Australian Curriculum and design academically rigorous learning experiences for ALL children and young people.

Evelyn Scott School prioritises high quality teaching and learning for junior students. All staff members work with students to develop critical and creative thinking so learners can develop their abilities to ask questions, design investigations, interpret evidence, form explanations and arguments, and communicate findings. The development of sound literacy and numeracy skills is a foundation of teachers' daily work with students.

We work hard each and every day to build essential future skills like communication, problem-solving and collaboration. This skill development is crucial for life beyond school as young people move into further education and/or employment.

## School Uniform



"Childhood is about doing. It is about process, action, adventure, motion, trial, error, exploration, discovery, searching, connecting and probing- we call this play"

At Evelyn Scott School we encourage children to be comfortable so they are able to play and learn. We offer a variety of uniform options that are comfortable hard wearing, sustainably sourced and easy to care for.

We encourage children to wear closed toed shoes to keep little toes safe and for ease of play.

The Evelyn Scott uniform showcases the school's Reed-Warbler logo on a navy backdrop and is the core piece of the uniform. This is coordinated with black bottoms in the form of skorts, shorts, pants and skirts. A trans seasonal dress is also available for purchase. Please visit our school's website to purchase school uniforms under the '**[Enrolling Your Child](#)**' tab. Additional information regarding uniforms will be emailed to families prior to the end of the year.



## Houses become Bunjis

'Bunji' is an Aboriginal term that means "a mate, a close friend a kinsman" (from Warlpiri and other languages of the Northern Territory and northern Queensland).

We acknowledge that the term 'house' is founded on conservative ideals from a bygone era and we wish to reflect the contemporary nature and philosophy of the school which we have co-created this year. We have sought permission from the EDU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Team and we will utilise the term 'Bunji' in place of the term 'House'.

At the commencement of 2021 we asked our community to vote for Bunji names and colours and the results were:

**1. Norris - (Emerald)** Named after Dame Ada Norris DBE, CMG was president of the National Council of Women of Victoria from 1951-54 and national president from 1967-70 where she contributed to shaping public opinion and influencing legislation about issues of women's rights, status and opportunities.

**2. Rigby - (Purple)** Named after Norma Rigby MBE who helped to establish Canberra's Koomarri school and spent much of her life working for the rights of people with a disability or mental illness

**3. Golgerth - (Aqua/Light Blue)** Named after Joyce Golgerth, anti-conscription activist

**4. Felstead - (Burnt orange)** Named after Minnie Felstead, union organiser and advocate for women's rights

These Bunji names and colours were selected by the school community to reflect some of the street names in the suburb of Denman Prospect where our school has been built. These names also honour some of Australia's most highly accomplished women advocates.

Learners are placed into Bunjis when they join Evelyn Scott School and will stay in their Bunjis from Preschool to Year 10. Learners come together in their Bunjis across our school sporting events and in their classroom activities. Coloured Bunji polo shirts are available to purchase from our uniform supplier, [Workin' Gear](#) or families can source their own coloured shirt if preferred. Families will receive information about their child's Bunji at the start of the school year.



## Our Community



Evelyn Scott School is a school in the heart of a new suburb. We will strive to create a connected community where all members of our community feel a sense of belonging and their voice is heard.

Together, as a community of staff, children and families we will create a safe, collaborative, connected learning environment. We nurture independence, resilience and regulation through respectful relationships, encouraging every child to reach their full potential. We value a culture where high expectations, respectful and effective communication is developed through community partnerships.

### School Board

The Evelyn Scott School Board was established in 2021. Each public school in the ACT is administered by a School Board whose membership comprises of the school principal, elected staff members, elected members of the parent body and a nominee of the Education Directorate. Elected members normally serve for a two year period. The Board is the policy making body of the School. For more information on nominating for the school board and the roles and responsibilities please email [jackie.vaughan@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jackie.vaughan@ed.act.edu.au).

We always encourage our parents to get involved and there are many opportunities for you to be a part of Evelyn Scott School, such as:

- Sharing skills
- Volunteering your time to support children
- Nominating to serve on the School Board
- Assisting on excursions
- Participating in special projects during the year
- **Regular** volunteers are asked to comply with the [Code of Conduct for Volunteers](#) and complete a [Working with Vulnerable people Check \(WWVP\)](#)

