

Information for Senior Campus Families and Learners









Welcome to Evelyn Scott School

Thank you for selecting Evelyn Scott School as your school of choice and welcome to our school community!

Evelyn Scott School is a 'Future Focused' school, this means 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 Evelyn Scott School Senior Campus

Learners in Year 7

Day 1 - Tuesday 30 January 2024

Day 1 will begin at **9:00 am**. Follow the signs to the Senior Campus building, located on Wyndham Avenue to meet your classmates and teachers.

After your child has met their teacher, you are welcome to join the school leadership team in our school's Community Room in the main administration building for light refreshments between 9:20am and 10:00am.

The school day finishes at **3:00pm**. Families can wait outside the front gate for learners to exit., or learners can make their way home/to the bus stop.

Day 2 and beyond

Learners in Years 7-10 can be dropped off by families in the Senior Campus carpark. The school day begins punctually at **9:00am** and ends at **3:00pm**. Please be aware there is minimal supervision before and after school operating hours.



What to bring

Learners are expected to bring a school bag each day containing the following:

- Any learning equipment, e.g. Chromebook, books, pens etc
- A full drink bottle of water
- A <u>waste free lunch</u> box with healthy food for two breaks during the day
- 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. Families are asked to provide **nut free food** for
 their child's snack and lunch. This includes *Nutella* and
 peanut butter sandwiches
- A warm coat and beanie in the cooler months
- A sun-safe hat

Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled.

Learning Devices

Chromebooks will be provided for all learners in Years 7 - 10 who have not already been issued a device from a previous ACT Public School. It is the responsibility of learners to ensure devices are cared for and maintained, Chromebooks need to be charged and ready for use each day. More information about Chromebooks will be provided to families at the commencement of Term 1.



Communication and Staying Connected

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

Evelyn Scott School Front Office, located on Bielski St, is open between 8:30am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday. Our contact number is **6142 3491** or you can email:

evelynscottschool.information@ed.act.edu.au

The Senior Campus Wellbeing Hub is also an important point of connection for Senior Campus learners and families. The Wellbeing Hub contact number is: **6142 2300**.

We will regularly communicate with families via email. In addition we send a Weekly Warbler, which is a snapshot of events in the week ahead, and our monthly Newsletter which is also made available on our school's website:

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 the following ways:

- Verbal comments to teachers or staff before or after school
- Email your child's teacher:
 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. Senior Campus families will also receive information regarding elective contributions. Families are also able to donate to a tax deductable Library Trust Fund.

These voluntary payments contribute towards the running of the school and educational resources, particularly for elective subjects. Further details about how to make a Voluntary Contribution can be found at this link: Voluntary Contribution or you can go directly to our website or contact our front office for more details.



Book Packs and 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.

Senior Campus learners who do not already have a Chromebook device, issued by the ACT Education Directorate at a previous high school, will be issued with Chromebooks during the first week of school in 2023.

The Australian Curriculum

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 Senior 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 senior 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.

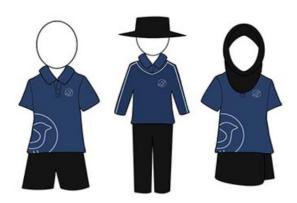
We work hard each and every day to build essential future skills like communication, problem-solving and collaboration. This skill development is crucial for life beyond school as young people move into further education and/or employment.

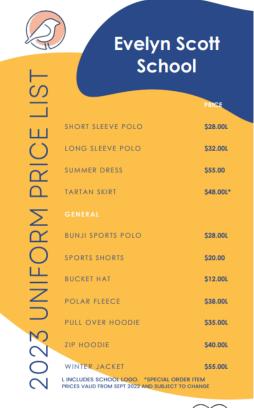
School Uniform

We offer a variety of uniform options that are comfortable, durable and sustainably-sourced . All learners are required to wear closed-toed shoes for safety reasons.

The Evelyn Scott School 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.

Families have the option to purchase uniforms in store or online through our Senior Campus supplier, <u>Workin' Gear</u> located locally in Fyshwick.







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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 Evelyn Scott School in 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 and 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**. Families are encouraged to contact the school if they would like to know which Bunji their child has been placed in.







Our Community

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

Together, as a community of staff, children and families we 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.

Family Involvement

We always encourage our families to get involved in their child's learning and there are many opportunities for you to be a part of Evelyn Scott School, such as:

- Sharing skills and talents and volunteering your time on Thursday afternoons to participate in our Head Heart Hand Program
- Nominating to serve on the School Board
- Assisting on excursions
- Participating in special projects during the year

NB: **Regular** volunteers are asked to comply with the <u>Code of Conduct for Volunteers</u> and complete a <u>Working with Vulnerable people Check (WWVP)</u>

