

SHARE THE HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

•Spirit•

OUR SCHOOL MASCOT

At Hornsby Heights Public School we have a strong positive school spirit. We also have a school mascot called 'Spirit' the Cockatoo.

In one of your learning tasks we asked all students to share the school spirit by colouring in Spirit and placing the artwork in a **window** or on a **letterbox** so that when families go for a walk they can see that we are all still here and the HHPS School Spirit is well and truly alive (even during Home Learning)! Below staff have written about what the HHPS Spirit means to them and what we love about HHPS! Enjoy!



How fortunate are we to belong to HHPS, where our “spirit” is one of caring and kindness, sharing and encouragement, perseverance and achievement, resilience and learning, gratitude and understanding, laughter and togetherness. Not a school day passes when I do not see HHPS students showing respect, responsibility and personal best to their fellow students and teachers. Sometimes it’s in the little things, like a thank you, finding the right Lego piece that a friend needs, sharing a book in a cosy spot in the library or marvelling together at the surprise of discovering something new, that just shows how our school spirit flies.

Mrs Demlakian
LIBRARIAN





I feel the magic of HHPS Spirit in all that we do. It's in the perseverance, bravery and grit of students challenging themselves; the enthusiasm and excitement when learning and in the sense of belonging, friendship and kindness shared amongst students, teachers and parents. It's something that we don't have to look hard to find. The magical thing about HHPS Spirit is it's everywhere and I've been lucky enough to find spirit in all that we share as we Learn from Home. I'm proud and grateful to be a HHPS teacher and share your journey.

Ms Taylor
3/4T

I see the Spirit of HHPS everyday with the wonderful messages and support from our beautiful community. Everyone has been working so hard to make sure all members feel supported. My students amaze me each day with their dedication to their home learning and I see them strive to their personal best each day. They send encouraging messages to their friends and cheer each other's successes on. What a wonderful community to be a part of!

Mrs Maasepp



Whilst I am new to HHPS this year, I continue to be amazed at the wonderful community spirit within the school. The parents are supportive, the staff are collaborative and the students are always trying their best no matter what challenges they are faced with. I am proud to be part of this community during this challenging time!

Mrs Wilson



Mrs Martin
SLSO

Hornsby Heights Public School is a special place filled with eco warriors. Because of our eco warriors the school grounds are full of trees and beautiful native plants that encourage all sorts of animal life to thrive.



Even though things are a little different right now at HHPS, the one thing that remains the same is the incredible teamwork within this beautiful school community. During face to face teaching at school, Zoom sessions, and through photos and messages on SeeSaw, the HHPS spirit has never been stronger as everyone turns up with a smile and a 'Can Do' attitude.

Mrs Tudor
1DT



When I think of spirit I think of the team spirit we share at HHPS. We all represent our school in many different ways. Each time we put on our uniform we are capturing our team spirit and showing it through our school values: respect, responsibility and always giving our personal best.

Mrs Sakajani
PE



I am the luckiest teacher to work with the best students and the best teachers who truly love and care about every single child at HHPS. The amount of work that goes on behind the scenes is astounding and the quality of work that comes back from students is equally impressive!! can't help but have high spirits when I'm surrounded by that.

Mrs Kolotas
6E



I see the HHPS Spirit each and everyday where we all work together to be the best we can be. I love being a part of our beautiful school community because we are one big family and I am amazed at how our students support and encourage one another. I always have a smile on my face when people ask me where I work, as I proudly say "I teach at Hornsby Heights!"

Mrs Dunn



Spirit soars above our playgrounds, our oval, our classrooms, our ecogarden, our office block, our library, our OOSH, from all four corners of our school, watching us work together. Stop. Listen. Look up. Hear her message. "Aim high! Spirit fly, green and gold, we'll always try, aim high! Spirit fly, Hornsby Heights, reach the sky!"

Mrs Liddle
Learning Support



HHPS Spirit can be felt the moment you step foot through the gates. It can be heard in the laughter of students throughout the school, and in the music played or sung. HHPS Spirit can be seen as you watch the various performance groups take to the stage. It is felt when a friend encourages another friend to have a go. Our Spirit is heard through the numerous small gestures of gratitude shown by students and staff everyday. I am always so proud to tell people I am a teacher at Hornsby Heights Public School because of the high amount of Spirit the school holds throughout the wider community.

Mrs Cullimore
Music

Hornsby Heights Public School is certainly filled with very Spirit-ed students, especially during times when we can work together towards a common goal. Just like the cockatoos who we based our mascot on, we can achieve any goal if we put our minds to it - even though we'd rather the actual cockatoos not do so when it comes to cracking into our lunch boxes and fruit break containers! Whether it is a maths or literacy activity, an afternoon's art or even a Zoom chat, Aim High Hornsby Heights!

Ms Stroak
5/6S



The HHPS Spirit continues to shine strongly, perhaps even more so at the moment. I see it in the enthusiasm and dedication of the students who continue to demonstrate respect, responsibility and personal best in new learning environments. I see it in their happy faces. I hear it in the voice messages and videos they post. The HHPS spirit is evident in our wonderful school community, students, families and teachers.

Mrs Thorpe
1T



I have seen our HHPS Spirit with my amazing 4C students during Home Learning. On Seesaw and Zoom they have continued to support and encourage each other, just as they do when we're all together in our classroom. Their sense of community as a class group has shone through and continues to be proudly on display each and every day.

Mrs Croan
4C



Everyone at HHPS plays a part in the HHPS Spirit. It is our ability to work together as a team and support each other that makes anything possible.

Mrs Comisso
2C



What I love about HHPS is the sense of community that shines through each and every day at our school. We work together to be the best we can be no matter what challenges are sent our way. True spirit shines through in kindness, gratitude and our ambition to 'aim high' as students, parents, teachers and leaders.

Mrs Clifford
KC

I see the HHPS Spirit in action every day where we all work together to support one another to grow and develop. We are a community of learners who truly care and support each other. Our spirit is on display with each of our staff members passionately working on supporting our children and our students persisting and showing character and grit with their learning. The HHPS spirit is that little voice in us that says "I can persevere, I am okay being out of my comfort zone, I am supported by my HHPS family and I am capable of doing great things". Our school spirit shines through with the parent and community support we receive and in the way in which we all connect with one another. I am so very proud to be the Principal of this school.

Mrs Cornell
PRINCIPAL



Spirit is alive at Hornsby Heights Public School with smart, curious and fun loving students!

Sue Callow
SLSO





I thoroughly enjoy being a part of the HHPS school community. The students of 4M brighten my week and I have been so proud of the way their spirit has continued to shine through during home learning. Everyone is working so hard and should be so incredibly proud of themselves!

Mrs Browett 4M



What I love most about HHPS are the kind, caring, respectful and responsible students who 'Aim High' to achieve their personal best everyday. I also love working with such a dedicated staff who share my love of learning and are passionate about supporting the students. 1B and their parents are demonstrating the HHPS spirit and amazing resilience during this challenging time.

Mrs Browett 1B

What's special to me about HHPS is our community spirit! I love how our school feels like everyone belongs – students, teachers and school staff, families and extended families. It creates a special place to be and a special place to learn. Even though we are not physically all at school at the moment – we are all still very much part of that special team!

Mrs Baker



I feel so lucky to be part of such a caring and supportive school community. I see spirit on display every day through our students' demonstration of respect, responsibility and personal best. 6Y have displayed school spirit through their commitment to Home Learning. They have all worked extremely hard each day, completing tasks with a positive and resilient attitude.

Mr Young 6Y



I am so lucky to be part of such an amazing school community! I love that everyone belongs at HHPS and we always Aim High! The wonderful students of 2W are continuing to show school spirit through their acts of kindness, resilience and commitment to home learning. Our school community is so incredibly special and even though we are not all together at the moment, HHPS school spirit still continues to shine brightly.

Miss Wright 2W



I see the HHPS spirit everyday with the students of 3R. They consistently demonstrate kindness to one another and approach their learning with a Growth Mindset. 3R have kept the HHPS spirit alive during Learning from Home as they continue to encourage each other, display resilience and practise gratitude.

Miss Ridley 3R



I see the HHPS spirit on display in my wonderful KG learners everyday! Even though we may not all be together, each and every one is showing their resilience and doing their personal best during Home Learning. It is easy to see the supportive and caring nature of the families in our community. Keep aiming high!

Miss Gow
KG



The HHPS Spirit shines bright! On the faces of our smiling children, through the cheers of our proud parents and in the dedication and passion of the teachers who love what they do! I feel very lucky to be part of such a strong and supportive community who strives to aim high each and every day.

Mrs Rosier
KR

Spirit is such an important part of life at Hornsby Heights Public School. On a daily basis, I witness students aiming high and striving for their personal best. I love seeing the commitment my learners have to completing their work, even during Home Learning times and seeing them give it their all. 6E displays school spirit in everything that they do and I feel so lucky to be their teacher. Being a part of such a vibrant, supportive community is amazing! Continue aiming high, Hornsby Heights!

Miss Eudale
6E



Each and every day, the Office staff are so impressed and genuinely appreciate working in such a wonderful and supportive team environment. Each and every student, teacher and staff member make a contribution to Hornsby Heights Public School. From the positive 'Can do' attitude, to the Care and Support shown between teachers, between classmates and even between year groups, to showing respectful language and tone of voice. It truly makes it a place where everyone is valued for their uniqueness and capacity to contribute in big and small ways.

Janelle Ayres
Office Staff



The HHPS Spirit is something we should all be very proud of. Our community always works together to make sure that our learning is the best it can be. I have seen amazing examples of support and encouragement from the parents and students in my class during home learning which make me proud to be a teacher at our wonderful school.

Mrs Montgomery
4M



I see the HHPS Spirit on display everyday with my wonderful 3C students both inside the classroom and especially during Home Learning. Every single student in 3C works incredibly hard showing their growth mindset, kindness, compassion and showing respect to themselves and to each other. I am so proud to be their teacher and be a part of the amazing HHPS community.

Miss Chatburn
3C

