

Oatley Public School Glossary

Words and acronyms frequently used at OPS.

AP	Assistant Principal. Each stage has one.
Book Club	P&C-run program to purchase books through Scholastic Books.
Boom gates	Gates that close Neville Street off on school days from 8.30am-4.00pm.
Buddy system	Students in years 3-6 are paired with a younger buddy in K-2.
Canteen	Located on the South Site next to the hall. Open Monday to Thursday at lunchtime. Pre-order on Flexischools.
Celebrating Success	End of year awards presentation day.
ClassDojo	App for communication between teachers and parents.
COLA	Covered Outdoor Learning Area.
Comprehensive School	Government schools that enroll all students living in their area, and some others.
DEAR	Drop Everything and Read.
Demountables	Semi-permanent classrooms.
District sport	For students representing schools within the Georges River District.
DoE	Department of Education.
DP	Deputy Principal.
EALD	English as an Additional Language / Dialect.
Ethics	Classes offered by volunteers trained in the Primary Ethics curriculum.
The Flats	Synthetic grass multi-use sports court, lower part of the South Site.
Flexischools	Canteen and Uniform Shop ordering system www.flexischools.com.au .
G&T	Previously Gifted & Talented. Now known as High Potential and Gifted Education.
G-Lab	Computer room.
Google Classroom	Platform where teachers place class assignments for students.
Got Game	A sports program run by an external company, usually in terms 1 and 4.
GreenSparks	Productive gardening program.
GRPSSA	Georges River Primary Schools Sports Association (District).
Hat Parade	Held at Easter. K-2 students make hats and parade in front of the school community.
HSIE	Human Society & its Environment subjects (history and geography).
Ice Block Fridays	P&C fundraiser held on Fridays after school in the canteen in terms 1 & 4.
ICT	Information & Communication Technologies (computer lessons).
InitialLit	Literacy Program.
IWB	Interactive whiteboard.
KLA	Key Learning Areas (syllabus): English, Mathematics, PDHPE, Science & Technology, Creative Arts.
LBOTE	Language Background Other Than English.
LFH	Learning from Home.
MiniLit	Additional support literacy program for years K-2.

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MultiLit	Additional support literacy program for years 3-6.
NAPLAN	National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy.
North Site	The side of the school north of Neville Street (usually for K-2).
Oatley Organiser	School newsletter from the Principal.
OC	Opportunity Class.
OPS	Oatley Public School.
P&C	Parents and Citizens' Association.
PDHPE	Physical Development, Health and Physical Education.
PE	Physical Education.
PSSA	Primary Schools Sports Association. Students in years 3-6 try out three times a year to get into sports teams competing against other schools.
RagTagd	Electronic tag system to attach to uniforms to trigger an alert.
RFf	Relief from Face to Face teaching for classroom teachers.
School Banking	P&C-run rewards program through the Commonwealth Bank. Friday mornings before the school bell at the canteen.
School Stream	Communication app used by the school.
Selective School	Government high schools for high-performing students.
South Site	The side of the school south of Neville Street where the main buildings are located - admin, library, hall & canteen.
SPAF	St George Performing Arts Festival.
Sports Houses	All students are allocated to one of four sports houses: Lachlan (yellow), Murray (red), Hunter (blue) and Macquarie (green).
SRE	Special Religious Education. Families choose whether students attend Scripture, non-Scripture or Ethics classes.
Stages:	
Early Stage 1	ES1 - Kindergarten.
Stage 1	S1 - Year 1 and Year 2.
Stage 2	S2 - Year 3 and Year 4.
Stage 3	S3 - Year 5 and Year 6.
STEAM	Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.
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Swales	Playground area which runs from the cricket nets down to the vegetable gardens on the South Site.
Talent Fest	Students from years 3-6 audition to participate. Held in the last week of Term 4.
Uniform Shop	Located on the North Site. Open Tuesday 9-10am. Order through Flexischools.
Zone sport	For students representing school districts within the Sydney East Region.