

# Students Striking from School for a Safe Climate Future

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On September 20th (three days out from the UN's Emergency Climate Summit) a number of BMGS pupils wish to join school students across Australia as part of a Global #ClimateStrike. This call to action is a way of demonstrating directly to our elected leaders our deep concern about the ongoing lack of political action on climate change.

**Everyone including parents and caregivers are most welcome to join us!**

Student participation at this event has been organised by the Sustainability portfolio. This is not an official school event, nevertheless your support is very much appreciated.

**Right now we are in the thick of a climate crisis.** Yet we recently elected a government that wants to open the floodgates to new coal, oil and gas projects putting all of us at risk.

**We are already hurting from the impacts of climate change.** If we don't act now to transition fairly and swiftly away from fossil fuels, this will only get worse. It will take all of us working together to succeed.

**This is not truancy.** Truancy is defined as "being absent without a good reason". We all have a very considered reason for striking, we are acting on our concerns about the biggest threat to our future, climate change.

Rallies for this event will be taking place in Springwood at the community hub and in Sydney meeting at the Domain. The Springwood rally being aimed at more of the younger students as it is a closer option with an easier commute.

The Sustainability group will be catching the train that departs Katoomba at 9:15am from various stops into the city. We will be getting off at Central and then catching a connecting train to St James where we will walk to The Domain.

We will be wearing our school uniform.

The Rally in Sydney begins at The Domain with speeches and performances, from there the group will march past NSW Parliament House on Macquarie Street, down Elizabeth Street to Park Street and then into Hyde Park.

Both events starting at 12pm and expected to finish around 2 to 3pm

Supporting the students of BMGS in attending this climate rally is something that should be encouraged, this sort of young activism is what the world needs right now. Through this event we

can make a stand for what we believe in and be a part of the change we seek. The world isn't waiting so neither are we.

If your child has shown interest and wishes to go to this event please email Mrs Martin so we can get an idea of the numbers that will attend from the school.

You can read more on the Global #ClimateStrike here: [www.schoolstrike4climate.com](http://www.schoolstrike4climate.com)

Yours sincerely,

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