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Happy 50th birthday Bankstown Hospital School

The paediatric ward at Bankstown Hospital is gearing up for a big birthday bash as the Hospital School marks 50 years of providing education to sick kids in hospital. Celebrations will include balloons, cake and entertainment for the children at a golden jubilee party next week.

The hospital school opened in January 1966 in the Children's ward of Bankstown Hospital to provide educational programs for hospitalised students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Bankstown Hospital General Manager Chris Leahy said the classroom, which is located inside the Paediatric Ward, has seen great collaboration between patients, clinical staff and teachers.

"The great thing about the school is that children who come to the hospital have the option of continued education - if they feel well enough," said Mr Leahy.

"Meetings between the families and carers, clinical staff, hospital school and the child's enrolled (census) school all focus on the same core objective - the total wellbeing of the child.

"During their stay in hospital, students are reconnected with their learning while clinical staff attend to their illness or injury and school staff work to deliver a unique educational program," he said.

Staff and resources are provided by the NSW Department of Education, with students from all school sectors studying from their hospital bed or classroom.

Bankstown Hospital School Principal Rosalee Lamaro, said school staff are committed to best practice to ensure hospital students are well supported in all subjects from Kindergarten to Year 12.

"A key characteristic of all hospital school staff is being able to quickly connect with their students. Staff work collaboratively to develop an education plan that is engaging and purposeful," said Ms Lamaro.

"We provide activities that stimulate students and offer one to one support including numeracy based card games, educational apps, textbook work, painting, knitting, historical timelines and Wii sports games.

"Students are also able to connect to with their census school through online portals and email and the hospital school can provide access to all Board of Studies exams including NAPLAN and HSC examinations which can be conducted in the school room.

We are very proud that we have reached this milestone and look forward to celebrating with staff and the children on the ward," she said.