

Howard State School Newsletter

Acknowledgement of Country



2024 Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA)





Upcoming events

View the [events calendar](#) on our school website to keep up to date with all of the happenings at Howard State School.

What's Happening

Principal's News – Mr Gary Boobyer

I welcome everyone back from holidays. It has been great to re-connect with students and families last week and hear all about what happened over the break.

You will notice that our newsletter looks a little different. We are trialling a new style of newsletter to keep our families informed about what is happening at Howard State School. Let me know what you think!

This term we are continuing to strengthen our school culture of individual achievement within a safe, connected and respectful school environment. I believe that every child can achieve. I believe that the foundation of achievement is clearly stated high expectations, accountability for everyone and early and ongoing support.

Connecting with your child's school is important. Parents and carers can do this by regularly talking to classroom teacher, attending school events, volunteering with our P&C and talking about the learning that is happening at the school.

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to attend and participate in our school and community Anzac Day services. I look forward to connecting with families at our upcoming school-community events, such as our Under 8's Community Event.

Our School – Our Culture is another key theme for this year. We are all responsible for creating the culture of our school. Staff are here to work together with families and students. I encourage you to share your thoughts, beliefs and points-of-view. I have provided an opportunity for families to anonymous feedback to the school through an online survey. I encourage you to share your point -of-view.

Warm regards,

Gary Boobyer



School Uniform

Our school and community value our school uniform. We see this every day with every student in the school wearing a school shirt and school hat. As the cooler weather starts to arrive students will require jumpers and long pants to keep warm.

As shown below our school uniform jumper expectation is clear, our school jumper (available for purchase through the P&C) or a black jumper with no writing or hoodie.

To support students and families to meet this uniform expectation I am asking families to now purchase these jumpers. You can access the [uniform pricelist](#) on the school website.

If families have second hand uniforms at home that are no longer needed, please bring them to the office and donate these items for other families. Our P&C uniform shop, who sell these second hand discounted uniform items, is open every Thursday morning.

Uniform Swap

In the next few weeks, I will be talking to staff, students and families about a 'uniform swap' process. This swap process will be used to help everyone meet our uniform expectations. Students who are wearing a jumper that does not meet the uniform expectations will;

- have their parents/carers informed with a request to purchase a correct jumper
- swap their none school jumper for an appropriate black jumper for the day to wear and return.

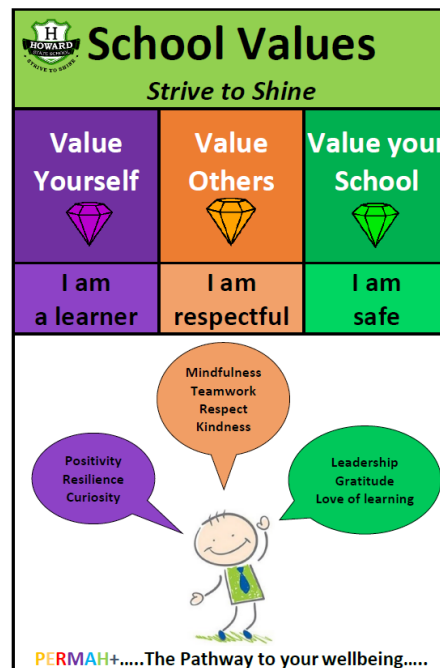
At the end of the day the jumper will be 'swapped' back for the jumper that the student wore to school.



A Safe, Supportive School Environment

Howard State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for all students, staff, parents and visitors.

Below is a poster that is displayed throughout the school that shows everyone our school values and PERMAH (wellbeing) focus.

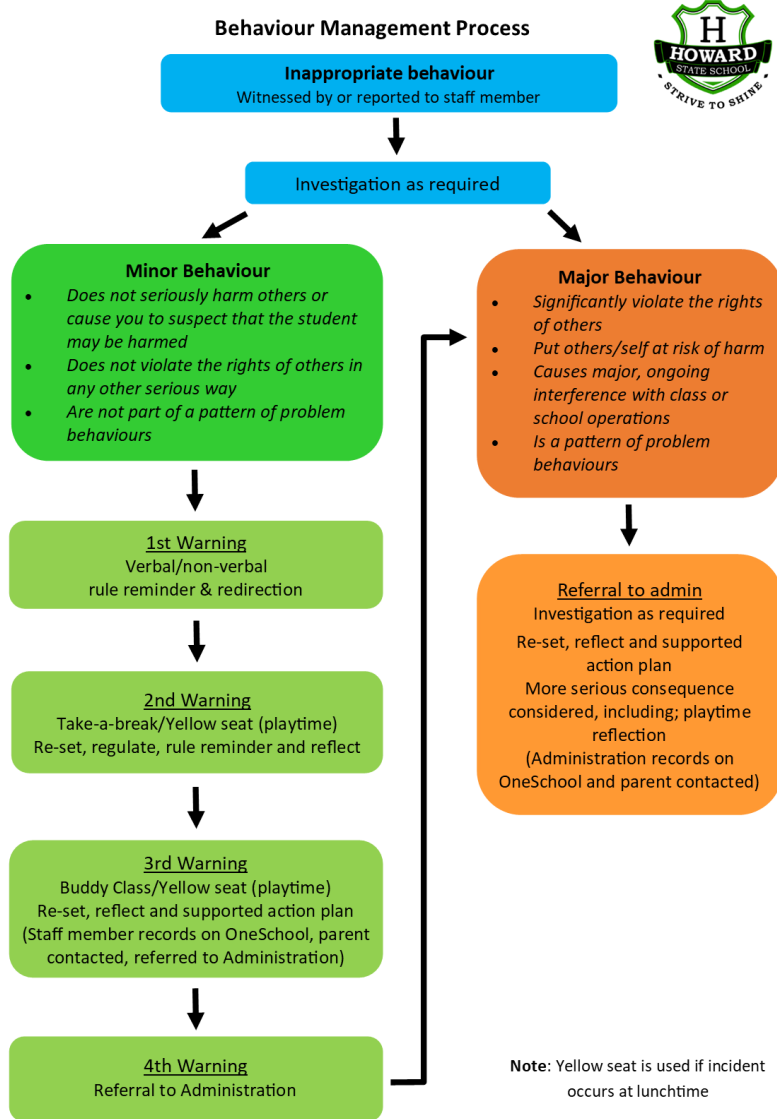


Each week we have a school value and Permah+ focus. All school staff focus on these values and assist students to develop these skills. At assembly, awards are given to students relating to the focus from the previous week. Below is a copy of our school values and Permah+ schedule for the term. Parents and carers can support their child by discussing these values at home.

Week	School Value	Personal Attribute	PERMAH+ Focus	Award Criteria
1	Value Your School	I am safe	Gratitude	For showing gratitude to your class mates by listening, being thoughtful and appreciating others.
2	Value Others	I am respectful	Respect	For showing respect to others, having a positive attitude and building healthy relationships.
3	Value Yourself	I am a learner	Positivity	For having a positive mindset and displaying positive emotions which made us all feel good!
4	Value Your School	I am safe	Love of Learning	For showing your passion for learning and thinking about what you are doing.
5	Value Others	I am respectful	Teamwork	For being a team player.
6	Value Yourself	I am a learner	Curiosity	For being curious and interested in learning, thinking and discovering more.
7	Value Others	I am respectful	Mindfulness	For being mindful of others and the task you are working on.
8	Value Your School	I am safe	Leadership	For showing that other people matter by giving of yourself to make a difference.
9	Value Others	I am respectful	Kindness	For being kind and considerate to others needs in and around the class.
10	Value Yourself	I am a learner	Resilience	For never giving up and always trying your best.

How does the school manage student behaviour?

Below is a flowchart that captures the key stages in how student behaviour is managed at Howard State School. This flowchart is visible in all learning areas across the school and is regularly discussed with students.



Attendance Matters

Regular attendance helps each child create friendships and builds a greater sense of belonging. Regular attendance is linked to achievement and requires a commitment from parents and carers and a helpful home routine.

Attendance expectations

Our attendance expectation is that all children will attend school each school day unless there is an acceptable reason, such as:

- illness
- competing in school sporting events.

Reporting absences

It is important to notify the school if your child is going to be absent from school. This ideally is done prior to, or on the morning of the absence. To do this, parents and carers are asked to contact the school using one of the contact methods below:

- Phone number 4193 2366
- Emailing admin@howardss.eq.edu.au
- In person at the office

Late arrivals and departures early departures

At Howard State School learning starts at 8.40am and finishes at 2.40pm.

Ideally students attend a full day of schooling. Should your child arrive at school after 8.40am or depart before 2.40pm, the steps listed below must be followed:

Late arrival

The student, and ideally the parent or carer, attends the office to 'signed in'.

Early departure

The student attends the office to 'signed out'. A parent or carer attends the office and collects the student.

Department of Education, Training and Employment

Every day counts

MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day 📱📱📱📱

OK reasons to stay home from school

sick natural disasters

It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep

It's where good habits begin

ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Each 1% increase in student attendance may relate to 2-3 NAPLAN scale score points *

*Based on historical data.

What parents can do

- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletter
- Be organised at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child's day
- Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school

For more information

Go to the [Every day counts](http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/) website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/>

Parent Voluntary Contribution

The Howard SS P&C endorsed a voluntary contribution of \$40 per student, or \$10 per term for students who enrol during the year. The voluntary contribution is used by the school to enhance the teaching and learning resources available to your child. The voluntary contribution can be made by; cash payment at the office, QKR, direct deposit or Centre Pay. Your support of your child's learning is greatly appreciated.



Community News

family and child connect
Connecting families to the right services at the right time

Call
13FAMILY
or
13 32 64

Could your spare room change a child's life?

There are over 13 million spare rooms in Australia. We just need 100 in the Fraser Coast region to urgently help vulnerable children.

Now is the time to become a foster carer.

Search 'cofc foster care'

CHURCHES of CHRIST

Scan for more information!



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Queensland Team

SaverPlusQLD@thesmithfamily.com.au

1300 610 355

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Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



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