



BRISBANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

"BELIEVE, PERSEVERE, SUCCEED"

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PARENT INFORMATION for STAGE TWO 2018 - 2/3P, 3M, 3H, 4D, 4K

School Rules

Be Ready to Learn

Be Proud

Be Respectful

Be Safe

All children K – 6, are involved in specific lessons surrounding the skills required to demonstrate each rule. The skill focus differs between stages.

The focus for Stage Two

Be Respectful

- ⇒ Give Everyone a Fair Go
- ⇒ Be Kind, Pleasant & Friendly
- ⇒ Use good manners at all times

Be Safe

- ⇒ Right place, Right time, Right behaviour
- ⇒ Keep Your Hands & Feet to Yourself

Be Ready To Learn

- ⇒ Listening and on task
- ⇒ Ask for help when needed
- ⇒ Prepared with all necessary materials
- ⇒ Following instructions quickly and quietly

Be Proud

- ⇒ Wear our Uniform with Pride
- ⇒ Be the Best You Can
- ⇒ Take Care of our Environment



School Values

Respect

Integrity

Democracy

Responsibility

Excellence

Cooperation

Fairness

Care

Participation



You Can Do It! (YCDI)

This program covers the 5 keys to success of Getting Along, Organisation, Persistence, Confidence and Resilience.

Expectations and consequences for behaviour

A range of positive strategies exist in each classroom to maintain a warm, safe and stimulating environment. Records keep track of incidents that occur and the consequences given. Students, who require assistance with altering their behaviour, attend the planning room with Miss Iles at lunchtime to discuss suitable strategies. Parents will receive a phone call informing them of the incident. Students' names are also entered into "The Incident Folder". Two entries in this book will negate attendance to the end of term reward afternoons and students will not be able to represent the school during the term of inappropriate behaviour. Children will begin each term with a clean slate; this will allow the student to achieve success.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPORT

Representing Brisbane Public School in organised or competitive sport at venues outside the school grounds is a privilege and is dependent on acceptable classroom and playground behaviour. Accordingly, the code of conduct must be adhered to by students, parents and spectators.

Absences

Please send a note to the class teacher the day your child returns to school following an absence. Alternatively you can use the Skoolbag App. If your child is going to be away, on a holiday for example, please inform the class teacher. (You can apply for an extended leave certificate if over 5 days.)

Appointments

We welcome parents who wish to discuss any issues or concerns with the teacher. Significant, and at times, minor changes at home can cause reactions at school. Please be aware teachers are very busy of a morning setting up lessons, meetings, duties etc. If you could write a short note or phone the office requesting a meeting and suitable times that you are available. The class teacher or office will contact you to confirm a time.

Communication

Our school has a **Skoolbag iPhone and Android App** to help us communicate more effectively with our school community. To install our **Skoolbag App**, just search for our school name "Brisbane Public School" in either the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. With this app you can:

- View recent Alerts
- Send a sick note and change your child's contact details.
- View latest School News
- Download the Newsletter directly from the App
- Turn on Alerts, specific to your child's year.



We also have a school Facebook page which is updated regularly and a school website.

STUDENT MOBILE PHONE POLICY

As a communication device, mobile phones, when used appropriately, can offer students and their parents many advantages in terms of ease of communication and a sense of personal safety when children are travelling to and from school. However, mobile phones have the capacity to have a negative impact on the learning environment and the safety and well-being of students. The widespread ownership of mobile phones among young people requires that the staff, students and parents from Brisbane Public School take steps to ensure mobile phones are used in a responsible and safe manner.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that:

1. mobile phone use does not disrupt the teaching and learning environment for any student or teacher;
2. potential risks to student safety and well-being posed by inappropriate use can be identified and addressed;
3. students, staff and parents have a clear understanding of school guidelines and personal responsibilities related to the appropriate use of mobile phones.

Guidelines for Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones:

For Students

Students are only permitted to bring a mobile phone to school once the *Appropriate Use of Mobile Phones at School Agreement* (please see classroom teacher if you need a copy of the agreement) has been co-signed by the parent and student;

- All students are to be made aware of the unacceptable uses of mobile phones to ensure they have a clear understanding of what is and is not appropriate.
- Mobile phones are to be handed to the class teacher at 8:55am and retrieved at 2:50pm.
- Phones will be kept in a secure location during the school day.
- Students should protect their phone numbers by only giving the number to friends and family to ensure they are receiving communication from people known to them.
- Students must not lend a phone to another student at any time. The student who owns the phone will be held responsible for its use.
- Students should mark their mobile phones clearly with their names.

Routines

Punctuality is encouraged. Vital learning time begins as soon as the children enter the room. Late arrivals must be signed in at the office. Early departures must be signed out at the office before the child will be allowed to leave the classroom. **This is a legal requirement.** Sleeping in and bad traffic are not considered reasonable reasons for lateness. An unexplained absence is recorded if either of these reasons are given.

Allergies and Medical Issues

If your child has any food allergies or serious medical issues please provide the school with a Health Care Plan (must be endorsed by a medical practitioner).

Food

By providing your child with nutritious food at school you are supporting them in their learning. Sweet treats, in particular lollies, make it very hard for your child to be settled and to stay focused. To avoid food waste, please send food that your child likes to eat.

Due to a number of students having severe allergies, we ask that you do not send nut (including tree nuts) or egg foods (products) to school.

Crunch and Sip Break

Daily at 10am. Please provide fresh fruit or vegetable sticks, and water.



Lunch Orders

Please make sure all lunch orders are at the canteen before school.

Online orders may also be placed using <http://www.flexischools.com.au/>

Drinks: The children are encouraged to bring a (labelled) water bottle to school each day.



Uniform

Green school wide-brimmed hats are to be worn in the playground at all times. Please ensure they are named and washed regularly. Shoes should be black and sturdy. Hair ribbons and bands should be in school colours.

Jewellery

Only sleepers and a watch may be worn. Necklaces, rings and bracelets are **NOT** to be worn or brought to school.

Toys

Please do not send any electrical toys or expensive items. Items such as balls and toy cars may be brought in for playground use but must be named.


Head Lice

Unfortunately, head lice are enormous problems. Please check your child's head regularly. Often the lice are difficult to find. If your child is scratching this should ring alarm bells!

Homework

Sent home Monday, and to be returned Friday please. Homework handed in on the wrong day may not be marked until the following week. We understand it is not always possible to bring in homework on the set day but it is still valued! Hands on practical activities such as cooking, monitoring growth (height, weight), writing shopping lists, handling money, comparing masses and volumes using formal units of measurement (l, ml, kg, g) and discussing things such as shapes or patterns seen in the environment are wonderful learning opportunities.

It's very important your child reads each night (20 minutes sustained reading).

Banking Tuesday  **Scripture / Ethics** Wednesday

Sport Term 1- Fundamental Movement Skills focus



Sports day Term 1- Friday

Class Reading

Teachers provide appropriate differentiation of class activities to suit individual reading needs. If you are concerned with your child's progress please make an appointment with the class teacher.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Students can register online and enter the books that they read from the list. More information will be sent home by Mr Lemmon

NSW University Competitions

These competitions are an independent, skills-based assessment in spelling, mathematics, science, technology and writing. Students may pay and enter for all or some of the above. Watch for a separate note later this term.

We are delighted to be teaching your children this year and look forward to an amazing 2018.

Many thanks

Charmaine Huisman, Deanne Simpson, Mitzi Self, Stephanie Pagan, Natalie Cummings, Kylie Iles
(Relieving Assistant Principal)