Dear Parents & Students,

Welcome
Welcome to the 2017 school year. I appreciate you reading our school newsletter every second week. They are published and posted on our website on the even school weeks on Tuesday afternoon. There is a wealth of information from a variety of staff to assist you in continuing to be well informed. A special welcome to our 2017 preppies and our newly enrolled students across Y1-6. I trust the children have settled in well and are enjoying school, learning and the fellowship of their friendship.

Communication
Apart from the newsletter we have embraced a multi modal approach to our communication. These are the following: Newsletters, school sign, Qschools app, School & P&C Facebook (separate entities), some classes have their own email groups and some teachers twitter parents also. We encourage you to engage in several of the above to ensure you are informed about our vibrant school.

Dates for Incursions, Excursions & Associated Payments for Accounts
As a professional courtesy I will be flagging all our excursions & incursions for 2017 for all year level with the P&C on February 8. Parents could you kindly ensure you abide by the payment timelines as it is essential for organisation of staff and buses. Last year sadly a few children missed out as parents missed the cut off date.

P&C Meeting Wednesday 8th Feb
As mentioned previously the meeting will be held on the above date; Venue – admin block, time 7-9pm. P&C is a dynamic dedicated group of volunteers who value add to our children’s education. I strongly encourage you to attend the meeting and find out more about our school and how you can contribute and be well informed! The P&C have approved this year’s voluntary contribution of $50.00 per student, per annum or a maximum of $150.00 per family of three or more students. Your payment of this contribution is greatly appreciated with funds used towards curriculum support. All families who make full payment of the voluntary contribution by Semester 1, Term 2, Friday week 5 will automatically go in the draw to win a $500 Good Guys voucher. The winning family will be contacted by phone and announced in the following Bounty Bulletin week 6.

Effective Enrolments
Currently our effective enrolment is 1335 children. As a consequence of our growing enrolment, parents please note there is a rider on student placement and we reserve the right to move students prior to day 10 to even the classes. Our staffing is driven directly by the number of students enrolled. After day 8 which is Thursday 2nd of February 2017; depending on numbers this may generate change and reconfiguration of a few classes. Rest assured admin will do our best to maintain continuity of learning and minimise disruption to students.

Office Hours 2017
Our office is open from 8:15am—3:30pm each day. Please note several times last year parents for a variety of reasons were very late collecting children due to unpredictable circumstances. A couple of ways to manage this would be early notice to school and enrolment/registration in our afterhours school care. Our provider is Helping Hands and the coordinator is Ms Dawn Monument contact details are: bountyboulevard@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au or 0459 990 652. Parents please note, emergency registration cannot be made on the fly and needs to be organised prior to the event.

New Staff at Bounty
Kerri McGrath (DP Yrs 1&2), Lauren Collins (Support Teacher), Teagan Black (Prep), Renee Keong (Prep), Melanie Van De Vorstenbosch (Yr 1), Kay Padfield (Yr 1), Carly Griffiths (Yr 1), Briohny Cull (Yr 2), Ange Trotter (Yr 2), Ariel Olsen (Yr 3), Renae Travers (Yr 2), John Adams (Yr 5), Taylah Marsh (Yr 5), Gillian Armit (Yr 6), Kim Gridley (Yr 1), Kurt O’Brien (PE).

Volunteers & Parent & Community Engagement
On Fri 20th Jan 6pm—9pm our P&C conducted a lovely welcome to Bounty. They ran a movie Despicable Me along with a barbecue for children and parents. Thanks to all the P&C for coordinating this and also for Mrs McIntyre & Mrs McGrath’s support on the night.

Department of Education and Training 2017 Calendar - school term, public holidays, student free days etc
Paul McSwiney continued.....

Student Free Day Program
17th - 20th January staff were involved in Professional Development. Topics covered included:
- School Vision and Expectations
- PBL—Positive Behaviour for Learning
- Curriculum
- School Management
- Data Gathering
- Managing and Understanding Behaviour
- Explicit Instruction
- Utilising OneSchool
- Induction—New Staff
- Stepping Stones
- Student Support at Bounty
- Cohort Meetings

Waiting Area for Morning Drop-off
This is the respective covered play areas allocated for the year levels. Last year we had some parents milling around classrooms prior to opening, which makes it difficult for teacher’s getting ready for school. Let’s start on a very positive note and compile with this organisation –thank you.

Regular Attendance
Last year our student had 92 % attendance rate. Region’s target is 94%. We strongly encourage children to attend every day to provide continuity of learning. Should there be an issue in getting your child /children to school please make an appointment with administration.

Reporting a Student Absence (text message is preferable)
Only 2 methods available to notify us of a student’s absence – text absence line 0429 398 844 or school land line 3482 1333.

Emailing an absence will no longer be available from the start of term 1.
- Text or phone as soon as you know your child will be absent
- Text message must be kept to maximum of 100 characters
  (your message is exported directly onto your child’s OneSchool profile which only allows 100 characters)
- Ideally your text message should read - John Smith 2 Gold unwell 28 Nov or John Smith 2 Gold holiday 28 Nov returning 6 Dec
- Please do not send an image or emoticon, this creates as an unreadable message. Remember this is only a text messaging service you are unable to dial this number
- Notify the school when a change of phone number occurs

I look forward to building an even stronger educational partnership with you in 2017.

Regards
Paul McSwiney
Principal

Welcome to Bounty. I trust your first experiences of Bounty have been as positive as those of most of our new preppies. They look very grown up and proud to be in their school uniforms. Some students are still prone to toileting ‘accidents’. Please pack an extra pair of shorts/skorts/dress and underwear in a plastic bag.

This week the students will begin their specialist lessons. Remember on their PE days they wear their sports uniform - on all other days they wear their formal uniform. Please remind your child/ren to put their hat in their bag every day - no outdoor play without a hat.

A reminder that although it is very pleasing to see how well the students have settled into their classes, no student placements are secure until after Day 8. Students are very resilient to change as long as they are receiving positive messages from school and from home. Teagan Black from Prep Black will be on maternity leave from Semester 2. There may be other teachers along the way who will take leave throughout the year, either maternity leave, sickness or long service leave. Because the teachers plan their work together and meet every week to discuss the progress of their classes, any changes will be supported and transitions will be smooth.

Nut Aware
Bounty is, and has been a nut aware school for a number of years. The support we have received from the community around this awareness has been great. This year we have a number of students who have allergic reactions to different foods. In Prep we have students with severe allergic reactions to nuts and eggs which may lead to anaphylaxis, a potentially life threatening condition. We appreciate your consideration when packing lunches to exclude nut and egg products such as Nutella and egg sandwiches, nut bars, loose nuts, boiled eggs, etc. Students with allergies don’t need to touch the product to suffer a reaction, if they come into contact with a student who has handled a nut or egg product, they will also present with the same adverse reactions.

Thank you for your support of this important health issue.
Lynette McIntyre continued…..

Before and After School Procedures
Waiting in designated areas before school appears to be working well. Please ensure that your child is sitting next to you and not playing on equipment or running around. After school please wait away from the classrooms - NOT on the verandahs or right outside the classrooms. Students are usually packing up, receiving messages from their teacher, or having quiet time just before the end of the day. They become unsettled if they see you hovering around the windows and doors.
When collecting your child at the end of the day it is important that you enter the classroom and make some form of contact with your child’s teacher (maybe just eye contact) so the teacher is aware that the student has left the room with the correct person. If you nominate someone else to collect your child please make the teacher aware beforehand.

Vision Screening
This year the Queensland Government is offering all students in Prep the opportunity to undergo a free vision screening, called the ‘Primary School Nurse Readiness Program’. Consent forms will be sent home early next week and must be filled in and returned by Wednesday 17 February. It is timely to have this screening done in Prep and I encourage all families to participate in the program.

Last but not least, if you encounter any concerns or have any queries, please get onto them quickly to avoid them becoming insurmountable. Your child’s teacher would be the first person to approach, but feel free to see me also - a problem shared is a problem halved.
I look forward to working with you as we travel this important milestone in your child’s education, together.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for a wonderful smooth start to the 2017 year. As a new staff member I was extremely impressed to see how smooth the transition has been and recognise the important job parents and teachers have in making this happen.

There are often many questions from parents about how classes are created and believe me there is an enormous amount of work that goes into ensuring we have made the best possible choices in class groupings. We cannot always accommodate parent requests for particular teachers or classes as there are so many factors that contribute to getting class lists together.
Last year teachers worked hard to look at all the possible reasons for children to be placed in classes, these reasons included student behaviour, personalities, academic level along with a balance of boys and girls. We aim to have a balance of all of these things across every class. We appreciate your understanding of this and how difficult it is to move children from one class to the other after these lists are created. It is in our best interest to create the best possible combinations of children in each class to ensure optimal teaching and learning time in 2017.

Attendance
One of the biggest factors in children’s academic and social success at school is attendance. Children with good attendance tend to do better at school and have stronger friendship groups than those children who often take days off. We strive to have every child at school every day – even arriving late to school each day impacts on your child’s ability to be settled in for the days learning. Please assist us to give your children the best chance at success by ensuring your children are at school every day and on time.

Communication
Strong communication between home and school will also increase your child’s chances of success at school. We encourage parents to speak with their child’s teacher to alert them of any issues at school or at home. Your child’s teacher should be the first port of call if you have any questions or concerns. In saying that, we ask that you speak to the teacher to arrange a suitable time to have these conversations as it is not always possible to talk with you at drop off and pick up time.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents, staff and children of Bounty Boulevard for the welcome I have received. I have had an amazing first two weeks and can’t wait to see how the year pans out.

It gives me great pleasure to be working with the Year 3 and 4 cohort this year. As mentioned at the Welcome to Bounty day, knowing the children and parents from last year and working with them again this year will be advantageous. I would like to welcome the new teachers not only to our school but to our cohort. We have a dynamic team and I have been impressed with their dedication and enthusiasm with their teaching as the work towards ‘getting the most’ out of your children.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families to BBSS. It was a pleasure to meet some of you before school started. I hope that you have been made to feel welcome so far.

Year 3 sees the implementation of Anywhere, Anytime across the cohort. I will be seeking the input from some keen parents who would be interested in working with me to monitor the success of the 1:1 iPad program in its infancy this year. Parents who would like to work with me are invited to contact me at their earliest convenience. iPads across the school are a wonderful tool for learning and the program along with the B Connected program within our school certainly enables these great opportunities for our students.
Liam Hackwood continued.....

This year our Year 4 students will be going to Currimundi for their first school camp. More information and plenty of notice will be provided to students and parents in preparation for school camp. This will be an exciting opportunity for our students and I can not wait to share in this opportunity with the children. Some of my fondest memories as a student were all on school camp and I can still remember my first school camp which was at Mt Tamborine in 1990!

I would like to encourage all of our students to ensure that they arrive to school on time. Did you know that if you are 10 minutes late for school each day this adds up to nearly 2 weeks of school per year that your child misses out on? Please ensure that you have a routine in the mornings with your children to enable them to arrive at school on time.

At Bounty, we are a Positive Behaviour for Learning school. Yesterday I had my first assembly with the students and was delighted to hand out certificates for showing the four respects of Self, Others, Learning and Property & Environment. I would like to see as many parents and carers at assembly as possible. The Year 3&4 assembly is in the Middle Years Undercover Area at 2:15pm every Monday afternoon.

2017 will be a great year of Learning, Love and Laughter and I cannot wait to continue working with the staff, students and parents of this wonderful school.

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (YEAR 4 - YEAR 6)  MARK WRIGLEY**

2017 has started off extremely well, students have settled into their classes well and a successful base for the year has been set from our teachers. I would like to welcome Miss Marsh, Mrs Armit and Mr Millers to Bounty Boulevard SS in 2017. I also welcome Mr Millers and Ms Male to the year 5 and 6 team.

**Badging Ceremony**

This Friday we are holding the badging ceremony for our 2017 school leaders. The ceremony will take place in the Prep Undercover Area at 9:15am. All families are welcome to attend and share in this special occasion with our year 6 students.

**Year 6 School Camp**

The year 6 groups are heading to Tallebudgera Camp February 20-24. All notes and payment information has been sent home with students last week. Payments are due in week 4. If you have any queries or questions feel free to contact Clare Lever or myself.

**Assemblies**

Assemblies this year will be held on Friday afternoons at 2:15pm, held at the Middle Years Undercover area. Teachers will contact families of students receiving Learning, Love and Laughter Certificates so that you can be in attendance. We would love to see you at our weekly assembly.

**LIC—LEARNING INNOVATION CENTRE  WENDY MCGRUTHER**

Welcome to the Bounty Library!

I would like to extend an extra special welcome to our new families who have join the Bounty community this year. I look forward to meeting and welcoming you into our great library space at Bounty. The library is a real hub of activity in the mornings, afternoons and lunchtimes for the students and school community.

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will learn in school. Like all skills, improvement comes with practice, and the Bounty Boulevard State School Library provides a wide variety of books for students to borrow for reading practice, information, and enjoyment.

**LIC Opening Hours**

Monday – Friday Mornings 8:20 – 8:50am
Monday – Friday Afternoons 2:45 – 3:15pm
Students will also have opportunities to visit the library independently during their lunch hour.

**Where do I start?**

Year 1 - 6 students - Please ask your classroom teacher what level home reader you should be starting on for the new year. If you have finished the levelled home readers, you are free to borrow from our Early Chapter books and Fiction Books.

Preps. All our Prep Students will be visiting the Library weekly with their classroom teacher, borrowing will be done with their class teacher.

**Borrowing and returning Books**

Students may borrow up to two books at a time, so long as none is overdue.
Students are responsible to handle library books with care, since they are for everyone to share. Please keep books away from pets, food, and all liquids. All books need to be carried in a library bag. No bag, No borrowing
Any book damage should be reported to the library as soon as possible so we can attempt repairs.
A book may be renewed (checked out again) if the student is not finished reading it. An overdue (late) book means a student cannot borrow another book (until the overdue book is renewed or returned).
Wendy McGruther continued......

**Fines and Fees**
If a book is lost or damaged beyond my ability to repair it, your child will be fined the cost of the book. Payment toward a replacement will be requested from the parents. These policies are not intended to keep children from borrowing and enjoying books. They help to ensure that students have access to our books by discouraging students from stockpiling or losing books at home.

**Scholastic Book Club**
All students should have received Issue #1 of the Scholastic Book Club Catalogue. Orders for issue #1 will close on Wednesday 15th February. We you did not receive a catalogue; you can visit [http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/](http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/) and view the e-catalogue.

For more information or if you have any questions or concerns, please call me on 3482 1333 or email wmcgr17@eq.edu.au.

**Happy Reading!**
Digital Resource Teacher – Mrs Wendy McGruther
Digital Resource Teacher Aides – Mrs Susie Kelliher and Miss Lynda Gregory

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**FROM THE SPORTS DESK**

**MATT BAKER, COREY MILLERS & KURT O'BRIEN**

**Physical Education Attire:**
Please ensure that your child comes well-prepared for their Physical Education lessons. We require that students attend lessons wearing a clearly labeled wide-brimmed hat along with having a clearly labeled water bottle. Where possible, students should also wear the school’s sports uniform and comfortable footwear appropriate for running.

**Get Started Vouchers:**
If you are looking at having your child participate in a club sport this coming season, the Queensland Government have an initiative called ‘Get Started Vouchers’, which have been developed to financially assist families in getting their child into club sport. If you would like further information regarding ‘Get Started Vouchers’, please visit: [http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthe-game/getstarted/](http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthe-game/getstarted/)

**Amart Sports Community Kickbacks Program:**
Our school is a member of the ‘Amart Sports Community Kickbacks Program’. If you would like more information regarding how your family can participate, please visit: [https://bountyboulevardss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/Amart-All.aspx](https://bountyboulevardss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/Amart-All.aspx)

**District Sports and School Calendar:**
In 2017, students born in 2007, 2006 and 2005, will have the opportunity to attend Pine Rivers district trials in various sports. Please access our school’s calendar for the dates of these trials. Closer to each sport’s trial date, a member of the Physical Education staff will add a reminder to our school’s website. If you would like your child to attend a district trial, they are to collect the relevant paperwork from either Mr. Baker, Mr. Millers or Mr. O’Brien. The Physical Education office is located in the administration building. Please be aware that if we have more than 3 students interested in attending a district trial, we will conduct a trial at school to select our final 3 students.

**District Swimming Carnival:**
The 10-12 years Pine Rivers Swimming Carnival will take place on Wednesday, 15 February, 2017. If your child has not yet received a nomination form, please have them collect one from the Physical Education staff. These nominations will be due back by Wednesday, 8 February 2017.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Yours in sport**

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**Redcliffe Leagues Hockey Club**
Have you thought about playing hockey? We have a fabulous program, Hook in2 Hockey, which runs for 4 weeks in March and introduces children from the age of 4 to our great sport. Your sign on will include a FREE Stick, Stick Bag, Ball, Shin Pads, Mouth Guard and Australian Hockey Jersey - everything you need to join in the fun straight away! Apart from this program, we also have Boys and Girls teams starting from U7’s. We would love to hear from your family.

Contact: Lynne Somerville 0417 758 107 for more information.

**Redcliffe Junior Girls Chairperson**
Lynne Somerville
0417 758 107
Welcome Back everyone and a BIG WELCOME to our new families.

I hope you all enjoy Bounty and your new location. If I haven’t heard from you please drop me an email to sgard121@eq.edu.au and I can forward all relevant information to you.

Did you know new transfer students may be entitled to tutoring if they need learning support? I have forms available for you if this is the case. I am here 3 days a week this year, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and can be found in the Supernova. Feel free to email me at sgard121@eq.edu.au or call the school on 34821333.

I run defence club at first and second break where we play games (usually UNO, the kids gang up on me!), do art and craft, we chat, we laugh and develop friendships. We make things for our ANZAC and Remembrance days assemblies, but most importantly we have fun!

Garrison Family Day
A welcome day is planned for the 19th Feb from 10am -1pm at the Gallipoli Barracks Community Centre, Rattey St, Gallipoli Barrack, Enoggera. Contact DCO Brisbane on 3354 0500. There will be carnival rides, sausage sizzle and fee entertainment for all the family to enjoy. There is usually a wealth of information available for the adults and a lot of fun for the whole family.

I hope you all enjoy 2017 at Bounty Boulevard. I look forward to working with your children this year.

**Administration**

**Donation of Second Hand Uniforms**
Parents, should you have uniforms which your children have grown out of, please consider donating them to the school office for spares. Shorts - all sizes are especially appreciated.

**Prep 2018 - Register from March 2017**
If you have a child born between July 1, 2012 and June 30 2013, live in catchment, you are eligible to enrol at Bounty Boulevard State School to start Prep 2018.
Please contact the school office from 1st March or email enrolments@bountyboulevardss.eq.edu.au.

**St Benedict’s Catholic Community**
**North Lakes/Mango Hill/Griffin**

**First Holy Communion**
We will be preparing children from Year 4 and above for their First Holy Communion soon. If you would like your child/children to make their First Holy Communion this year please contact us on:
Email: admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au Phone: 34901768.

**Finance Update**

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Payments – please put the child’s first AND last name & class or EQ ID. Please do not use your name or the invoice number. When transferring payments there is a box that says reference/description – this is where to enter the details we need to see. We are receiving several payments with insufficient details (i.e. character limit is taken up by the reason for payment e.g. Student Resource)

**First & Last Name & Class Name (e.g. Joe Bloggs 3E) or EQ ID.**

EQ ID appears on invoices if your preferred method of contact is email as ticked on your enrolment form. If you do not receive emails please check with the office to provide the number for your children. We do prefer one payment is made per child for multiple items. We will receipt based on the total amount and the payment advice form.

Please ensure the payment options form is returned when payment is made, not in advance. Payments are due in full by 11:30am on the due date specified on the correspondence sent home and on the website. Late payments will not be accepted. We strongly encourage instalments to be made however the full payment must be received as outlined above. Thank you for assisting with making payments a smoother process in the office. We appreciate all parents paying promptly and encourage using online banking.

**BPpoint or Direct Deposit is our preferred payment method; please follow the instructions for payment on your form.**

- Banking details: Bounty Boulevard State School - BSB: 064-185 Account: 10095351
Our first 2017 meeting will be on Wednesday 8th February @ 7pm. We would greatly appreciate your participation! P&C Meetings are generally held every 2nd Wednesday of the month during the term at 7pm in the School Staff Room. All are very welcome; it’s a great way to help our school and your involvement helps to ensure events are a success.

The Welcome To Bounty Movie Night was another great event. Thanks to all who came along and those helping on the night.

Construction of the Bubblers on our oval is well under way. This project was funded by the P&C and a Community Grant.

We are urgently seeking helpers, stallholders and sponsors. Please contact us now.
Annual General Meeting — This has now been scheduled for Wednesday 15th March, 2017. All executive positions are open for election at this time. The general meeting for March will also be held on this date.

PRIORITY FUNDING: If there is a school project you would like the P&C to support financially, we invite you to submit an application for funding. Forms can be obtained by contacting us at pandc@bountyboulevardss.eq.edu.au

Like our Facebook page—Facebook.com/BountyBoulevardSSPandC

President — Stuart Arthur Mo.0458 066 299	Treasurer - Daisy Yau
Vice Presidents – Elaine Hourston & David Stone		Secretary - Julie Weatherston

NEWS FROM THE CAFÉ - BOUNTY BITE
Welcome back for 2017!
To start off term 1 at the café we have organised a
SUSHI DAY WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
Orders must be in before Monday 6th February 8.30am is the cut off. Order via flexischools or over the counter at the café. Ordering via flexischools will be open soon.

Ordering Monday to Friday 1st break
CUTOFF for FLEXISCHOOLS WILL BE 8.30AM
(10.00AM for 2nd break orders)

Starting this Monday 30th January. Please make sure you get your orders in before 8.30am. You have the option of pre ordering at any time, and can set up recurring orders. We have also introduced a second break cut off time of 10.00am starting Monday 30th. So if you miss 8.30am cutoff for 1st break you are more than welcome to order your children something for 2nd break before 10.00am. Remember hot food is not available at 2nd break. Alternatively there is a late cut off tab in flexischools which you may choose to use for 1st break. Which gives you limited options.
Students need to present at the late slip counter if they are late.

Next Newsletter
14 Feb 2017

PAYMENTS
Please ensure you check the website regularly for updates on upcoming activities. Support & Resources -

HELPING HANDS
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Any enquiries, please phone 0459 990 652
or email - bountyboulevard@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

STUDENT ABSENTEES
Text absence - 0429 398 844
or Ph 3482 1333 Option 1
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Before school supervised areas:
Prep-Year 2
6:00-6:20 Students wait in the Middle Years Undercover Area which is fully supervised.
6:20-6:50 Students wait in the Hall which is fully supervised.
Year 3-Year 6
6:00-6:20 Students wait in the Middle Years Undercover Area which is fully supervised.
Students are classified late if arriving after roll call.

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Wednesday 08 Feb 2017
P&C Meeting - 7:00pm
Staff Room
All Welcome
pandc@bountyboulevardss.eq.edu.au

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Lost Property
Please help us by checking for any of your child’s items outside the office. Name all items of clothing with a laundry marker.
The QSchools app is a convenient way to share up-to-the-minute information with the school community.

The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites. When a school publishes content to their website, the app is automatically updated with the latest news, events and newsletters.

Emergency announcements and push notifications, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published by the department.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools will benefit from all the features of the app.

**Parent and Community Engagement Framework alignment**

The QSchools app is a useful tool for schools implementing the Parent and Community Engagement Framework to facilitate:

- better communication with the school community
- community collaboration
- encourage participation in the school community.

**Benefits for parents, carers and families:**

- access the latest school news, newsletters and calendar events
- receive emergency announcements and push notifications
- follow multiple schools
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb.

Compatible with the following devices:

- Android
- Apple
- Windows
Download or update the QSchools app
Compatible with the following devices:
- Android
- Apple
- Windows 8

To receive automatic updates, you will need to ensure that QSchools push notifications are enabled in your phone settings.

Search for your school
The QSchools app allows you to search by:
- School name search
- Map search
- Schools near your current location

‘Favourite’ your school to receive updates
By favouriting your school, you will:
- Have access to school information, newsletters, reports and more
- Automatically receive important updates and push notifications from your school