



St George State School

"Caring, Learning, Achieving Together"

2026 SCHOOL HANDBOOK



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SCHOOL DAY

8:45am	Students arrive at school
8:50am	Classroom instruction begins
11-11:20am	First break (Eating time)
11:20am	Break (Play)
11:45am	Classroom instruction begins
1:15-1:25pm	Second Break (Eating time)
1:25pm	Break (Play)
1:50pm	Classroom instruction begins
3:00pm	School Day ends

Parents/Carers will be required to provide documentary evidence of the child's date of birth. This must be in the form of an official **Birth Certificate**.

Prior to commencing school all students and parents must arrange an interview with a member of the Leadership Team.

STUDENT SUPPLIES AND REQUIREMENTS

All students require a carry bag to take belongings to and from school each day. A list of requirements for each student can be found at the end of this document.

QPARENTS

QParents is a user-friendly portal accessible via app or web browser, providing parents with secure online access to information about their child's state schooling.

You can access information about:

- Attendance details
- Report cards and assessment
- Invoices and payment history
- Upcoming events

To organise QParents for your family, contact the school on (07) 46 208 333.

TUCKSHOP – Peli's Yuul Munda

The tuckshop, Peli's Yuul Munda, provides a valuable service to our School, operating on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Orders must be placed before 9am through a brown paper bag system. **Please note only lunch packs can be ordered after 9am.** Orders are then delivered to the eating areas.

Lunch packs are also available from the office for \$8 on non-tuckshop days. They contain a piece of fruit, a sandwich, popper, and popcorn.

HOMEWORK (Learning at home)

Parents can choose to "opt-in" for their child to receive homework. In alignment with the Department of Education's continued focus on reading, St George State School also maintains reading as a key focus and as such offers homework that is reading focused.

Due to its "opt-in" nature, homework will not be included on student End of Semester reports.

Eating

ALL students have the opportunity to participate in *Munch and Crunch* during the first session of the day.

Arrival and Departure Times

Students should arrive at school after 8:30am and by 8:45am. Students are required to depart school grounds promptly at 3pm.

Excellence in Music Program

A Singing Group is offered to all students. Instrumental Music offered to students in Years 4-6.

Information Communication Technology

Interactive panels – Used in each teaching space.
Soundfield systems – Equipped and used in every room.

Personal Property

All articles of clothing and other belongings, including books, should be clearly marked with student's name. All items of value should not be brought to school.

ENROLMENT

Prep eligible students can be enrolled. If they turn 5 years before the last day of June 2026. Prep is considered a compulsory year – so every child must complete Prep before commencing Year 1.

All admissions can be made through the School Office during office hours (8:30am-3:30pm).

Educational Achievement

Professional learning for staff

Our staff believe we too are lifelong learners and regularly undergo professional learning from colleagues and various training organisations to upskill and ensure we are providing the best learning environment and opportunities for our students.

Australian Curriculum

The foundation for all our teaching and learning comes from the Australian Curriculum. The K-12 Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Framework specifies the curriculum, teaching and learning requirements for Queensland state schools.

Curriculum Planning, Assessment and Reporting

Teachers and support staff collaboratively plan units for each term. We refer to assessments with students as 'Show What You Know' tasks.

Reporting to Parents

Terms 1 and 3 – '3 Way Yarns' enable teachers, parents and students to plan to build on student strengths going forward.

Terms 2 and 4 – End of Semester reports. These are available through QParents.

Whole School Inclusive Practices

As a whole school we collaboratively identify barriers for learners and determine ways to address those barriers through tailored supports. A variety of support systems and people are in place to work with teachers and students.

Teaching of Reading and Writing

Explicit teaching and modelling of reading and writing happens in every classroom. Students participate in whole class, small group and individual learning activities.

Systematic Synthetic Phonics

ALL classes, every day participate in structured learning activities targeted at individual learning needs. Students refer to this as 'Word Study'. Word Study supports the development of both *word reading* and *writing skills*.

Positive Culture for Learning



Positive Culture for Learning (PCL)

Expectations that promote a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment at St George State School

KIND WORDS AND KIND ACTIONS – EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE AND EVERY DAY

I am Safe

When I am safe no one gets hurt. Being kind helps everyone feel safe.

- I am helping, not hurting – I keep my hands, feet and objects to myself
- I use Peli's 5
- I use equipment correctly

I am Respectful

When I am respectful I treat others with kindness. Being kind shows respect to everyone.

- I follow instructions first time, every time
- I allow the teacher to teach and other students to learn
- I help others and encourage them to do their best

I am Responsible

When I am responsible I do the right thing. Being kind is being responsible because it helps others.

- I am in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing
- I am a learner – I have a go
- I accept consequences for my behaviour

Belonging and Engagement

POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Sunrise Playgroup

Held at school each Thursday of the school terms from 9:00am – 10:00am.

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- Tuckshop
- Open Classrooms
- Attendance at Parade
- Special community events
- P&C Association
- '3 Way Yarns' (Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences)

Parent/Carer entry to the school grounds is via the office. All visitors must sign in at the office.

Volunteers

All volunteers must undertake a 'Volunteer Induction' annually and require a Blue Card.

Newsletters

Produced fortnightly and emailed to families. Hard copy available on request.

Parents and Citizens' Association

All parents of children attending the school, as well as interested members of the community and staff, are invited to become members of the Parent and Citizens' Associations. Meetings are held at the school at 5:00pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The P&C contributes to the availability of resources and facilities for all students of the school community.

Swimming/Water Safety

Offered to all students in Term 4.

Buses

School Bus Services: Boolba, Nindigully, Buckinbah, Noondoo, Moonie and Burgorah. Please contact the Bus Operators for more information.

Social media

We would encourage all parents to follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stgeorgess

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Accidents at School

Despite care and supervision, **accidents** do happen at school. First Aid is the only form of treatment permitted at school. If necessary, the Ambulance will be called, and the child will be taken to the hospital for further treatment. Every effort will be made to contact you in these circumstances.

Administration of Medication

Should your child be prescribed medication by your medical practitioner the following procedure must be followed for it to be given at school.

1. A *Consent to Administer Medication* form must be completed and signed by the parent/carers.
2. The student's medication is provided to the office with pharmacist's instructions on the container, including name, dosage and times.
3. In the case of **asthma or anaphylaxis**, a **current action plan** must also be provided.

Infectious Disease

If students are unwell, please keep them at home. Guidelines are available towards the end of this document to outline recommended periods of exclusion for infectious diseases.

COMPLAINTS

In the first instance, complaints should be directed to the Principal either in writing via email to principal@stgeorgess.eq.edu.au, or by visiting the school office to make an appointment with the Principal.

For further information on the complaints process, you can view the [Complaints Management Process](#) on our website.

ATTENDANCE

The Department of Education sets an attendance target of 90% for every student. In the case of a missed day of learning or late arrival, parents are required to advise the office. This can be done by using the QParents portal, emailing admin@stgeorgess.eq.edu.au or calling the office. If no notification is received, an SMS will be sent informing parents of and seeking an explanation for the absence. Parents can reply to the SMS to provide a reason for their child missing a day of learning. A complete student record is kept on attendance and punctuality. Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child attends school on every school day unless the parent has a reasonable excuse.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you change your address, telephone number, doctor, emergency contact number etc., please inform the office of this at your earliest opportunity. Please note that, in case of emergencies, it is vital that the school has the correct details.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The St George State School is a “uniform” school, with an official dress code (uniform policy), which is endorsed by the P&C. Summer and Winter uniform options are available for purchase at the school’s Tuckshop. Uniform prices are available on the school’s website.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Classes are available for Years 1-6 students by approved personnel throughout the year.

Department of Education

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



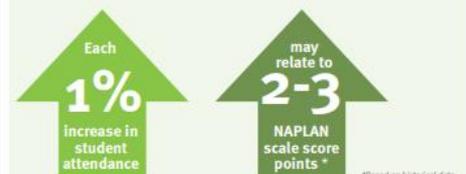
Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep



It's where good habits begin

ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



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](https://education.qld.gov.au/initiatives-and-strategies/initiatives/every-day-counts) website: <https://education.qld.gov.au/initiatives-and-strategies/initiatives/every-day-counts>

Time Out

Keeping your child and other kids healthy!

- Information for a number of infectious conditions that may require¹ exclusion of children from school, education and care services.
- Additional public health *recommendations* that apply to children and adults.
- To assist medical practitioners, schools, preschools and childcare facilities to meet the public health *requirements¹ and recommendations.*

*Refers to contagious conditions as per the Public Health Regulation 2018.

1. Observing the exclusion period meets the intent of the Public Health Act 2005 for a person to be non-infectious. See schedule 4 of the Public Health Regulation 2018 for a complete list of contagious conditions and their exclusion criteria.

2. Doctors should notify the local Public Health Unit as soon as possible if children or staff are diagnosed with these conditions. Refer to page 2 for Public Health Unit contact details.

Condition	Person with the infection	Those in contact with the infected person (The definition of 'contact' will vary between diseases)
*Chickenpox (varicella)	EXCLUDE until all blisters have dried, and at least 5 days after the onset of symptoms. ¹	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY EXCLUDE non-immune pregnant women and any child with immune deficiency or receiving chemotherapy. Advise to seek urgent medical assessment. <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i> Also see Shingles information below.
Cold sores (herpes simplex)	NOT EXCLUDED if the person can maintain hygiene practices to minimise the risk of transmission. Young children unable to comply with good hygiene practices should be excluded while sores are weeping. Sores should be covered with a dressing where possible.	NOT EXCLUDED
Conjunctivitis	EXCLUDE until discharge from eyes has ceased unless a doctor has diagnosed non-infectious conjunctivitis.	NOT EXCLUDED
*COVID-19	EXCLUDE until symptoms have resolved, normally 5–7 days.	NOT EXCLUDED
Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	NOT EXCLUDED pregnant women should consult with their doctor.	NOT EXCLUDED pregnant women should consult with their doctor.
Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting including: • amoebiasis • campylobacter • cryptosporidium giardia • rotavirus • salmonella • *gastroenteritis but excluding: • *norovirus • shigellosis • toxin-producing forms of E.coli (STEC)	Exclusion periods may vary depending on the cause. EXCLUDE a single case until the person, has no symptoms ¹ (includes vomiting if applicable), is feeling well and they have not had any loose bowel motions for at least 24 hours or if the person has confirmed norovirus exclude for at least 48 hours. ¹ EXCLUDE all persons who prepare or serve food until they have not had any diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours. NOTE: If there are 2 or more cases with diarrhoea and/or vomiting in the same location, which may indicate a potential outbreak OR a single case in a food handler, notify your Public Health Unit. Diarrhoea: 3 or more loose stools or bowel movements in a 24 hour period that are different from normal and/or escapes a child's nappy. <i>See information below if norovirus is confirmed or considered likely as the cause of diarrhoea and vomiting.</i>	NOT EXCLUDED
<i>See advice for these specific conditions below</i>		
*Enterovirus 71 (EV71 neurological disease)	EXCLUDE until written medical clearance is received confirming the virus is no longer present in the person's bowel motions. ¹	NOT EXCLUDED
Fungal infections of the skin and nails (ringworm/tinea)	EXCLUDE until the day after antifungal treatment has commenced. (No exclusion for thrush).	NOT EXCLUDED
Glandular fever (mononucleosis, Epstein-Barr virus)	NOT EXCLUDED	NOT EXCLUDED
*German measles (rubella)²	EXCLUDE for 4 days after the onset of rash ¹ or until fully recovered, whichever is longer. Pregnant women should consult with their doctor.	NOT EXCLUDED pregnant women should consult with their doctor.
*Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	EXCLUDE until the doctor confirms the person is not infectious and has completed 4 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment. ¹ <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>
Hand, foot and mouth disease	EXCLUDE until all blisters have dried.	NOT EXCLUDED
Head lice	Exclusion is not necessary if effective treatment is commenced before next attendance day (i.e. the child does not need to be sent home immediately if head lice are detected).	NOT EXCLUDED
*Hepatitis A²	EXCLUDE until at least 7 days after the onset of jaundice; ¹ OR for 2 weeks after onset of first symptoms, including dark urine if there is no jaundice. If a person is asymptomatic <i>contact your Public Health Unit for Specialist advice.</i>	NOT EXCLUDED <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice about vaccination or treatment for children and staff in the same room or group, children transferring to another centre and new enrolments.</i>

Condition	Person with the infection	Those in contact with the infected person ²
Hepatitis B and C	NOT EXCLUDED cover open wounds with waterproof dressing.	NOT EXCLUDED
Hepatitis E	EXCLUDE until at least 2 weeks after the onset of jaundice.	NOT EXCLUDED
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV/AIDS)	NOT EXCLUDED cover open wounds with waterproof dressing.	NOT EXCLUDED
Influenza and influenza-like illness	EXCLUDE until symptoms have resolved, normally 5–7 days.	NOT EXCLUDED
*Measles ²	EXCLUDE until the doctor confirms the person is not infectious but not earlier than 4 days after the onset of the rash. ¹ <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY NOT EXCLUDED vaccinated or immune contacts. EXCLUDE immuno-compromised contacts (including those receiving chemotherapy) until 14 days after the appearance of the rash in the last case. EXCLUDE non-or incompletely vaccinated contacts, without evidence of immunity. <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>
Meningitis (bacterial)	EXCLUDE until well and has received appropriate antibiotics.	NOT EXCLUDED
Meningitis (viral)	EXCLUDE until well.	NOT EXCLUDED
*Meningococcal infection ²	EXCLUDE until the treating doctor confirms the child is not infectious and at least 24 hours of appropriate antibiotics have been completed. ¹ <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>	NOT EXCLUDED <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice about antibiotics and/or vaccination for close contacts.</i>
Molluscum contagiosum	NOT EXCLUDED	NOT EXCLUDED
Mumps	EXCLUDE for 5 days after onset of swelling. Pregnant women should consult with their doctor.	NOT EXCLUDED pregnant women should consult with their doctor.
*Norovirus	EXCLUDE until no symptoms and no loose bowel motions for 48 hours. ¹	NOT EXCLUDED
Roseola, sixth disease	NOT EXCLUDED	NOT EXCLUDED
Scabies	EXCLUDE until the day after treatment has commenced.	NOT EXCLUDED
School sores (impetigo)	EXCLUDE until 24 hours of appropriate antibiotics have been completed. Cover sores on exposed areas with a waterproof dressing until sores are dry, and encourage handwashing.	NOT EXCLUDED
Shiga toxin-producing E.coli (STEC)	EXCLUDE until diarrhoea has stopped and 2 samples have tested negative. <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>
Slapped cheek syndrome, fifth disease (parvovirus B19, erythema infectiosum)	NOT EXCLUDED pregnant women should consult with their doctor. Note: Children are contagious until 24 hours after the fever resolves. Rashes generally occur after the infectious period has passed.	NOT EXCLUDED pregnant women should consult with their doctor.
Shigellosis	EXCLUDE until there has been no diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours. <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>
Shingles (herpes zoster)	EXCLUDE all children until blisters have dried and crusted. EXCLUDE adults if blisters are unable to be covered. NOT EXCLUDED in adults if blisters can be covered with a waterproof dressing until they have dried.	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice, including advice for pregnant women and any person who is immuno-compromised (including receiving chemotherapy).</i>
Streptococcal sore throat (including scarlet fever)	EXCLUDE until 24 hours of appropriate antibiotics have been completed.	NOT EXCLUDED
*Tuberculosis (TB) ²	EXCLUDE until written medical clearance is received from the relevant Tuberculosis Control Unit.	NOT EXCLUDED
*Typhoid ² and paratyphoid fever ²	EXCLUDE until appropriate antibiotics have been completed. ¹ Stool sample clearance will be required, <i>contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>
*Whooping cough (pertussis) ²	EXCLUDE until 5 days after starting appropriate antibiotics or for 21 days from onset of cough AND confirmed that they are not infectious. ¹ <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.</i>	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY for contacts of an infected person. <i>Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice regarding exclusion of non-or incompletely vaccinated contacts.</i>
Worms	EXCLUDE until diarrhoea has stopped for 24 hours and treatment has occurred.	NOT EXCLUDED

This is an assistive tool, it is not intended to replace clinical assessment, management or judgment.

If you have any medical concerns, contact your healthcare provider or 13 HEALTH (13432584)

For further advice on the information within this poster, contact your nearest Public Health Unit via 13Health or at www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/contact-us/contact/public-health-units

Further information on recommendations:

- Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) guidelines <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdnasongs.htm>
- National Health and Medical Research Council publication: infectious diseases in early childhood and education and care services, 5th edition www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/ch55
- Queensland Department of health Communicable Disease Control Guidance <http://disease-control.health.qld.gov.au>



Use this QR Code to access a digital copy of this poster or visit www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/schools/prevention



Starter Materials List

	PREP	YEARS 1 & 2	YEARS 3 & 4	YEARS 5 & 6
PENCIL CASE	-	1	1	1
SLIM PICK WALLET (PLASTIC)	-	2	2	2
MANILLA FOLDERS	-	4	4	4
RULED A4 EXERCISE BOOK FOR APPROPRIATE YEAR LEVEL	4 (Year 1)	10	6	-
A4 EXERCISE BOOK – PLAIN BLUE LINED	-	-	4	10
SCRAP BOOK (25X33CM APPROX)	4	2	4	2
GRID BOOK 10MM	-	1	1	1
A4 DISPLAY FOLDER	-	1	1	1
A4 PAPER	1	1	1	1
TISSUE BOX	1	1	1	1

All other supplies such as lead pencils, sharpeners, glue, erasers, colouring pencils, rulers and scissors will be provided by the school.