

Our School in the Community



FORMING PARTNERSHIPS

Forming strong partnerships with our school community and local community is a priority. This is evidenced through:

An Emphasis on a Team Approach

- Building strong year level teams through year level meetings, year level moderations and shared practice.
- Explicitly planning for links between classes and sectors of the school as part of the curriculum plan.
- Regular opportunities for cohort and whole school to share and reflect.

Strong Parent Partnerships

- Parent Information evening sessions run at the beginning of the year to give parents information about the year ahead and classroom routines and expectations.
- Displays in the classrooms, Administration Block and the Resource Centre feature student-created products and highlight the innovative practices within our classrooms.
- Regular parent communication through our school newsletters, facebook page, web page, QSchools app, communication books, interviews, emails and phone calls.
- Inviting parents to attend celebrations, culminating activities or Expos planned as part of unit planning.
- Parent volunteers working in classrooms, tuckshop and breakfast club
- Parent workshops and information sessions provided throughout the year.
- Parent involvement with home reading, homework tasks and school projects.
- Involving parents in school projects – Book Club, Premier's Reading challenge, Book Fair, ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day, Biggest Morning Tea

Community Links

- Regularly invite community members with specific expertise to participate as part of our integrated Units- Local member, Adopt-a-Cop, Fireman, RSL members
- Utilise local facilities for excursions and to enhance learning- High School Orientation Days, Rockhampton Library, Dreamtime Centre, Heritage Village Museum, Hasting Deering, Mt Morgan Mine, Mt Hay Museum
- Resources and information sessions from community partnerships- Centacare, Smith Family, Umbrella Network, Kids Matter, ESmart, Red Cross, Anglicare, Bravehearts
- Regularly invite community sporting associations to conduct skills development- NRL Backyard League, Cricket, Oz tag, Ten Pin Bowling, Soccer, and Basketball



Parent and Community Engagement

Port Curtis Road State School parents are generally supportive and keen to be involved in their children's learning. We encourage parent partnerships, as together we believe we can make a difference for each and every child. Parents are welcome to support with particular tasks in the classroom. Our parents are also actively involved in a range of committees including our P&C Association.

In addition:

- An open door policy exists where parents can attend the classroom and view learning experiences

Parents are also regularly and consistently provided with information around learning targets, successes, changes and focus areas within the school through:

- Specific correspondence home for parents
- Newsletter
- Facebook
- Target setting
- Information pushes through verbal conversations
- Report cards and
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- QSchools App

Parent information is relayed through:

- School newsletters —Port Curtis Road Courier (fortnightly) *G:\Coredata\Common\Newsletters*
- School website www.portcurtss.eq.edu.au
- QSchools App
- QParents Tool – OneSchool
- Facebook
- Parents and Citizens Association: the P&C facilitates community partnerships and engages in fundraising activities to support Port Curtis Road State School so that it can better achieve its mission statement.
- Porty's Power of Positive Thinking - a parent information newsletter.
- Postcard

