

Welcome!

Welcome to Alligator Creek State School

Ours is a co-educational rural school that is large enough to offer a range of programs, services and activities. It has a great reputation. We are proud of our well-behaved

students, our strong, supportive parent community, our dedicated staff and our grounds.

Our student enrolment is usually around 330, with our school catering for Prep Year through to Year 6. The school is

located 15km north of Sarina and 26km south of Mackay.

We have strong links with the community. We strongly

believe that learning takes place more effectively when home and school are in harmony. Therefore we invite your active support and participation in our efforts, as we will endeavour to support the beliefs and ideals of our school families.

HISTORY

The school was opened on 14 September 1896. Thirteen children were enrolled on the first day. The first teacher at the school was Mr J H Landells.

ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Admission to PREP: The child must turn 5 by 30 June in the year they enrol in PREP. A copy of the birth certificate and immunisation records is required.

For delayed entry or early entry (turning 5 by 31 July in the year of enrolment) to Prep Year, parents are to contact the Principal of their preferred primary school.

Admission to Year One: The child must turn 5 by 30 June in the year immediately preceding enrolment (If child has not attended Prep, proof of age is required).

TIMETABLE

8.45am	Session 1	2 hrs
10.45am	Break 1	45 mins
11.30am	Session 2	1 hr 30 min
1.00pm	Break 2	30 mins
1.30pm	Session 3	1 hr 20mins
2.50 pm	School finishes	



SCHOOL FACILITIES

2 Tennis Courts
Practice Cricket Pitch
Large Oval
Undercover Areas
Well-Resourced Library
Tuckshop
Air-conditioned Classrooms
Administration Building
Covered Pathways
Hall with Kitchen and Science and Technology Centre



SunSmart School as recognised by the Cancer Council

Outside School Hours Care provided before and after school by PCYC

SCHOOL EVENTS

Eisteddfod participation
Awards presentations
Year 6 graduation evening
School Athletics Carnival
Learn-to-Swim lessons Prep-Year 3
School Fair
Queensland Day celebrations
ANZAC Day parade and participation in Half Tide and Sarina services
Biannual School Concert evening
Under 8's morning during Under 8's week—Prep, Year 1 & 2



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SCHOOL INFORMATION BROCHURE

Motto:
Our Best Always



LEARNING



Curriculum

Our school follows the Australian Curriculum for English, Mathematics and Science, as well as other Key Learning Areas. We have school-based plans focussing on developing and monitoring literacy and numeracy skills.

Language Other Than English

All students in Year 5 and 6 have two LOTE lessons each week, with a specialist teacher. This is compulsory for all students, unless on an Individual Education Program. Our LOTE is Japanese.

Music

There is a weekly class music lesson with the specialist teacher for all students.

Instrumental Music Program

A Brass and Woodwind Instrumental Music Program is offered to Years 4, 5 and 6 students. Students form our school's Instrumental Band which plays in local competitions and school events.

Physical Education and Sport

Students participate in a weekly class Physical Education lesson, which aims to develop fine and gross motor skills which then leads to sport-specific skills. Students have the opportunity to trial in various district sports trials in an effort to gain representative honours. Students will also be involved in an athletics program that culminates in a school Interhouse Athletics Carnival.

Performance Arts

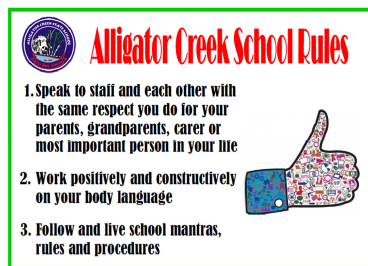
Students have the opportunity to develop specialised skills in various area of the arts, including events such as the Sarina Show, Eisteddfod sections and the school Concert.

Support Services

The Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy works with teachers and students, developing and implementing programs to support learning needs. A Guidance Officer visits to work with referred children having learning/emotional/social difficulties (parent written permission required). A Special Needs Teacher visits to work with children identified as having a disability. The School Chaplain is available on a voluntary basis to all students, staff and parents, irrespective of religious beliefs. The Chaplain is involved in school activities and endeavours to provide pastoral care. (parent written permission form needs to be completed). The school has access to a Speech Language Pathologist, to work with referred students directly and develop programs for teachers/aides.

Excursions, Camps and Performances

Educational camps and excursions are regarded as part of the curriculum. Year 5 and 6 students are offered attendance for camp. Other grade levels may attend an excursion day. Students are invited to attend performances and activities at the school, some for free while others are at a cost.



PARENTS' AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

The P & C Association meets once per month. Times of meetings are advertised on the Alligator Creek State School P&C Facebook site, on the school's website and in e-mails to parents from administration. All parents are encouraged to register for membership. Parents who wish to attend meetings or do voluntary work at the school should become registered members. Our active P&C helps decide on certain educational and financial issues including general fundraising, operating the tuckshop and improvements to school grounds.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Every Day Counts. Children are required to attend school regularly and should not be absent on any day without a valid reason. Please explain absences to the teacher in person, or by phoning our reception. Parents will be

contacted about unexplained or repeated absences.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

School report cards are issued at the end of each semester (Terms 2 and 4) with an interim report being provided at the end of Term 1 and Term 3. Parents are invited to attend parent-teacher interviews to discuss their child's progress. Students in Years 3 and 5 sit for National literacy and numeracy tests mid-May, with test reports distributed later in the year.

STUDENT MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR

Our school has rules and mantras. These are relayed to our school community through weekly parade, regular e-mails, the school website and Facebook sites.



COMMUNICATION

We have a strong commitment to open and effective communication channels. For more urgent matters, face-to-face contact or a phone call from parents is preferred. For matters of less urgency, parents can email teachers and/or administration.

The Principal can be contacted via mobile phone at any time and the Deputy Principal can be contacted by mobile on school days between 8am and 4pm.

E-Newsletter – a newsletter is available on our school website each fortnight.

Written Communication – Letters mailed home or hand-delivered by your children. These usually carry specific family information.

Phone Communication – It would be appreciated if telephone calls to the school were made between 8.00am and 4.00pm. Messages to teachers may be given to the Administrative Officer who will pass them on to the person concerned. Teachers are not interrupted during teaching periods, unless the matter is considered urgent. The school has a telephone answering machine and messages should only be left before 8:00am and after 4:00pm as the machine is checked in the mornings only.

Classroom teachers and administration personnel will telephone parents regarding student achievement and/or behaviour.

Verbal Communication – We encourage discussion of any concerns you may have, by appointment. This may be with the classroom teacher, administration personnel or other staff involved in catering for your child eg: Support Teacher, Special Needs teacher, Guidance Officer.

E-mail – Classroom teachers send an email home to parents a minimum of each fortnight. The content of this email focuses on the class program, updates regarding homework, Student of the Week and any reminders. Teachers may be contacted through their EQ email address. The Deputy Principal sends an email home to parents each week, focusing on school operations, dates of activities and community involvement. The Principal sends a weekly email to parents, which focuses on school development and direction, curriculum and student management.



VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

If on school grounds helping with classroom or school activities, please sign in at the school office for safety reasons. Tuckshop helpers must sign the Volunteer book.

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

The school has relationships with various community businesses and organisations. School facilities can be used after school and on weekends for sporting or other activities. Various clubs use our grounds. Organisations wishing to use the grounds should contact the school administration for permission.