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RE: Weather Event

Dear parents and carers

As you would be aware, severe weather is expected to affect many parts our community over the coming days. This weather system is forecast to bring significant heavy rainfall, flooding and strong winds.

Inline with our disaster management protocol, we follow the advice of emergency services and always act in the interests of the safety of students, staff and the wider community.

It is important that we be alert to current conditions and ready to act quickly if the need arises.

What you need to do

Ensure you have provided the school with up-to-date contact details, including your mobile phone number and email address.

Please note:

- if the school is required to close during normal school hours, parents and carers will be notified and asked to collect their children where it is safe to do so
- students who are unable to be collected immediately will be cared for by school staff in a safe location. Parents and carers will be advised of the details and are encouraged to stay in contact with the school.
- where a weather event poses a danger to your child travelling to school, please notify the school of your child's absence as soon as possible
- student absences due to extreme weather or natural disasters will not be counted on school report cards.

If the situation worsens

I will continue to liaise with the Department of Education and emergency services and I will keep you informed of any developments, including if our school to needs to close.

Up-to-date information on Queensland state school closures is available on the closures.qld.edu.au website. I encourage you to check this site each day to confirm the status of our school. If you have children who attend an Early Childhood Education Centre, please contact the centre directly to check if it will be open or closed.



Continue to listen to our local ABC Radio service and the Queensland Fire Department social media accounts, for updates and advice as this situation progresses. Information about current weather conditions can be found on the Bureau of Meteorology website at www.bom.gov.au. If you need immediate help, call Triple Zero (000) and remember, if it's flooded, forget it.

We will continue to provide information to families via class dojo, text message and our Facebook page in the event the severe weather will impact our school operations.

Resources

There are many excellent resources on the Queensland Government [Get Ready Queensland](#) website that serve as a checklist for our homes, travel arrangements and our personal safety.

I encourage you to access the information available for parents and students to [support health and wellbeing](#) during difficult circumstances.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I trust that the impact of this weather event on our school will be minimal.

Regards

Leanne McMahon

Principal

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