



# Toolooa State High School

## Tune In Toolooa

ISSUE 2

Term 1 — Week 4

19th of February 2026

### Respect

### Achievement

### Responsibility



## Acting Principal's Piece — Mark Thomas

With all year levels having been back a number of weeks, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the vast majority of students on their level of engagement, sense of enthusiasm and overall commitment to the school's core values of respect, achievement and responsibility. It is terrific having students back at school undertaking their education and from all reports, they are really trying to achieve their best in a respectful manner.



### Student Code of Conduct

Like all Queensland State Schools, Toolooa SHS has a Student Code of Conduct (SCOC). The SCOC outlines policies and procedures that each school uses to help create and maintain a safe and supportive school environment. It clearly outlines the school's core values of Respect, Achievement and Responsibility and the specific behaviours that are expected in all settings at Toolooa. The SCOC outlines the school Positive Reward system for reinforcing appropriate behaviour and also outlines the possible consequences that may be used to manage inappropriate behaviour. It also identifies the differentiated processes that may be used to support and manage both behaviour at Toolooa. In addition to the school's SCOC, Toolooa has significantly invested financially into the Wellbeing Team that provides support to all students. This support is also differentiated based on the needs of each student. The levels of support are outlined in the SCOC. The SCOC can be found on the school's website and in the student's success journal.



All students will have received their 2026 Student Success Journal. The Success Journal provides students with the sections of the SCOC that are of particular importance to students at Toolooa. The expected behaviours can be found in the behaviour matrix on p 6A of the Success Journal. All staff at Toolooa are involved in the explicit teaching of these behaviours. Conversely, the Success Journal also outlines the list of the possible consequences that could be applied, should students not be demonstrating the appropriate behaviours. The Success Journal also provides students with a wealth of information with regards to uniform, late arrivals, early departures and assessment.

It is important for all parents/carers to be aware of the SCOC and its contents and I encourage you to discuss these with your child. Information from the SCOC will be being discussed with students at whole school and year level parades, and in class. Different year levels will all have specific focus areas, which will be determined based on the specific needs of the cohort.

If you have any questions in relation to the SCOC, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### School Photos:

We have our annual school photographs being taken at school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of February. Information regarding them being purchased has been communicated through multiple forums. Students who are not ordering individual prints will still need to have their photo taken for upload to our internal school records and for provision of student ID cards.

### NAPLAN- Be There, Be Ready!

Do your best, don't stress—that's the message for our students in Years 7 and 9 who undertake the annual program. The [National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy External link](#) (NAPLAN) is held annually in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

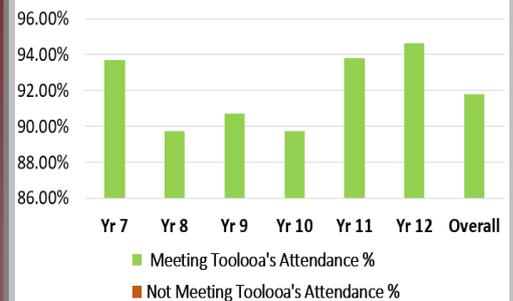
NAPLAN tests help schools, teachers and parents track academic strengths and areas that may need improvement. They assist schools and the government to recognise curriculum programs that are effective in improving student outcomes. They support funding decisions and identify areas where resources should be allocated or where money should be spent. NAPLAN also helps parents and families to understand how their child is progressing in the important foundational areas of literacy and numeracy. Students and parents may discuss results with their teacher to understand how they are performing and identify areas of focus for the future.

### NAPLAN is for Everyone!

It's important that as many students participate in NAPLAN as possible. More students participating in NAPLAN will provide more data, as well as a more accurate picture of how schools and students are progressing. Better data, both in terms of quality and quantity, leads to more effective decisions and greater support for all students. The online tests have many features to enhance the test experience for students with and without disability. We also provide adjustments and alternative test formats to allow students with disability to access the tests and show what they know and can do. Talk to us if you need more information.

## Student Attendance Percentage.

Student Attendance Percentage - 2026  
Term 1- Week 4



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## For the Fridge

- 24 & 25/02/2026 School Photos 2026
- 16/03/2026 P & C Meeting—Shelter - 6:00pm
- 25/03/2026 Catch Up School Photos
- 2/04/2026 Last day of Term 1
- 20/04/2026 Term 2 Commences
- 4/05/2026 P & C Meeting—Shelter - 6:00pm
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## Acting Principal Piece Continued...



### NAPLAN Readiness

When your child comes home from school, they might mention NAPLAN. They might talk about NAPLAN activities they have done in class, including practice tests.



Students don't need to practise for NAPLAN. But we do want your child to be familiar with:

- ◆ the online test environment
- ◆ the device they'll use during the test
- ◆ the different kinds of questions, how they use their time and how they check their work.

When your child talks about practice tests, they're talking about resources like the NAPLAN [public demonstration site](#). This site helps students to become familiar with the different kinds of questions they will see in a real NAPLAN test.

We do these activities to help your child feel safe, confident and capable. They will know what to expect and what they have to do. Students do not need to stress about NAPLAN. It's just one part of their school program, and we simply encourage students to do the best they can.

**Have a go at the test yourself and contact us if you need to know more.**

See what NAPLAN will be like for your child by visiting the [public demonstration site](#). Find out more by visiting the department's [NAPLAN page](#) for parents and carers.

ACARA's student [privacy notice](#) on the collection of student information for NAPLAN is also available.

- ◆ If you have any other questions about NAPLAN, please contact Deputy Principal- Nicki Collocott on 4971 4333
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### E-Scooter Rules and Fines

There has been an increase in the number of serious crashes involving e-scooters, e-skateboards and similar devices. Many of these crashes are occurring in and around schools involving students.

To ensure you and your child know the rules to stay safe while using these devices, you can visit [Streetsmarts Qld](#) for a quick and easy to understand listing of the rules.

Key rules to be aware of include:

#### AGE:

- ◆ Primary school aged children, under 12 years, **cannot** ride e-scooters or e-skateboards at all.
- ◆ Children aged 12 to 15 years can only ride with adult supervision.
- ◆ Only those over the age of 16 years can ride e-scooters or e-skateboards.

Supervising adults should ride on a separate device, at a safe following distance from the child riding. The adult should always have close direct oversight of the child riding so that direction, guidance and any intervention can be given when needed.

Children under 12 can use push scooters and similar devices, but for more information you can visit the Department of Transport and Main Roads' [website](#).

#### ROAD USE:

- ◆ E-scooters and e-skateboards can only be used on the road in **very** limited circumstances.
- ◆ If your child uses an e-scooter or e-skateboard to get to and from school, it's good to remind them to ride on footpaths to obey road rules including speed limits.

#### SPEED LIMIT ON FOOTPATHS:

The speed limit for footpaths and shared paths is 12 km/h.

#### SAFETY:

- ◆ Helmets must be used with the straps fastened securely, and bells fitted for any devices with handlebars.
- ◆ Only one person should ride on a device at a time – no doubling.
- ◆ Riders must ride to the conditions and avoid any unsafe manoeuvres.

Significant fines may apply if riders are caught breaking the rules, including an on-the-spot fine of \$1209 for using a mobile phone and a maximum court-imposed penalty of \$6452 for careless riding.

For more helpful videos and other safety tips please visit [Streetsmarts Qld](#).

### Valentine's Day 2026

Our Senior Leaders truly outdid themselves this year, transforming Valentine's Day into a vibrant celebration of joy, connection and school spirit.

Although Valentine's Day fell on a Saturday, our leaders ensured the celebrations began early, bringing the festivities to life on Friday. In the week leading up to the event, they organised a hugely successful Valentine's stall, selling roses, cookies, teddy bears and personalised serenades and announcements for those special people in our students' lives. The enthusiasm across the school was unmistakable.

On the day, our Senior Leaders embraced the theme wholeheartedly, dressing as "Cupid Couriers" as they delivered gifts and surprised students with live serenades featuring singing, saxophone and guitar performances. Their confidence and creativity made for some unforgettable moments. Adding to the excitement, our very own Mr Thomas joined in the spirit of the occasion with special Valentine's announcements broadcast over the school loudspeaker, much to the delight of students and staff alike.

Most impressively, the team raised close to \$900 for the school. A fantastic achievement that reflects both their dedication and the strong support of our school community.

A huge congratulations to our Senior Leaders for their initiative, organisation and the positive energy they brought to the day. They truly made Valentine's Day 2026 one to remember.

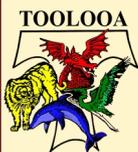
## Rules for riders

- Always wear a helmet with straps fastened
- Age limits apply (16+, or 12-15 years with adult supervision)
- No doubling – not even an adult with a child
- Leave your phone alone
- 12km/h max on footpaths, 25km/h max elsewhere
- Don't drink and ride
- Park safely

Scan the QR code for all rules on e-scooters, e-skateboards and other similar devices.

StreetsmartsQld Queensland Government





## Good News Stories

Earlier this month, our Year 12 senior leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference to develop their leadership skills and vision for Toolooa SHS.



**GRIP LEADERSHIP 2026**



Toolooa State High School  
Year 12 Senior Leaders

## Interactors 'take over' at Gladstone Parkrun

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, some of our Toolooa Interactor's dedicated their time to volunteer at the Gladstone Parkrun at Lions Park. Parkrun is a free event that brings together the community where you can walk, jog or run. But you can also volunteer or spectate and cheer everyone on. Parkrun starts 7am every Saturday morning and takes around an hour however social discussions and coffee by participants means you can have an enjoyable morning out.

The Interactor's filled all volunteer roles on the day, which included tail walkers, timing, photography, token distribution and barcode scanning. With 11 fantastic Toolooa Interactor's getting involved in this event it meant local Gladstone 'runners' could enjoy their morning Parkrun.

The morning of the Parkrun saw an amazing 156 people complete the parkrun event. Look out for the next Interact Club takeover and come and enjoy Saturday morning with us!





KEEP UPDATED!  
SUBSCRIBE TO OUR SCHOOL'S

# Newsletter

SENT FORTNIGHTLY

🔍 <https://toolooashs.eq.edu.au/>

### Quick links

- 📧 [Subscribe to our Newsletter](#)
- 📄 [Student Code of Conduct](#)
- 📄 [School Review Executive Summary](#)
- 📧 [Outlook](#)

### Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the past 3 years Port Curtis Region High schools have paid an affiliation fee for students to be able to access Port Curtis representative sporting trials and teams at no cost. The intention of this was to assist in making sport accessible for all students. The affiliation fees in 2025 totalled to over \$80,000. This cost has been taken on by Port Curtis Region School since 2023- 2025. Schools will continue to pay this affiliation fee in 2026, however due to the increasing ongoing costs association with supporting Port Curtis representative sports, a student levy has been implemented.

Prior to 2023, students who made a Port Curtis Sport team were required to pay a fee of between \$65- \$120 depending on the location of the Capricornia District trials to cover costs. Port Curtis Sport committed to keeping representative school sport accessible for all students.

A Decision has been made that due to the increase in cost associated with Port Curtis representative sporting programs a levy of \$10 be added for students **selected** in a Port Curtis team. Students who are selected in a Port Curtis team will receive the information regarding the levy in the paperwork. This levy will be able to be paid via the QKR app.

Regards,  
**Port Curtis Sport.**

## PORT CURTIS SPORT



### NEW PORT CURTIS STUDENT LEVY 13-19YRS

Beginning in 2026, students selected for a Port Curtis Sport Representative team will be required to pay a \$10 levy. This measure has been introduced in response to the increasing costs associated with supporting representative sport programs. Details regarding the levy will be sent out by schools regarding further explanation.

CAPRICORNIA SCHOOL SPORT CAPRICORNIA SCHOOL SPORT

## CAPRICORNIA SCHOOL SPORT

### Capricornia School Sport is on Facebook

For all Capricornia School Sport information, please follow the following link to the Facebook page for upcoming trials and Events.

<https://www.facebook.com/share//GoXLUfgD5/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

GET EVERYTHING YOU NEED IN ONE STOP!

**Toolooa State High School Uniform shop is only open every Tuesday between the hours of 8am and 11am.**

**It is located at F block**

TOOLOOA STATE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

SCHOOL UNIFORMS WANTED



### School Uniform Donations Wanted

As we come to the end of the school year (with seniors now finished), we kindly request that families bring in any uniforms that they no longer need. Any donated uniforms will be provided free-of-charge to families who may otherwise go without. Please note that we are not selling/profitting from these donations.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

## SUPPORTING SENSORY NEEDS: INTRODUCING NON-DEVICE NOISE-CANCELLING HEADPHONES

From the start of Term 3, Toolooa State High School will transition to the use of non-device-connected noise-cancelling earphones or headphones as an approved sensory support for students with documented needs. These low-tech devices reduce background noise without playing music or audio and align with Education Queensland policy. They are intended to support students in managing sensory overload, promoting a calm and focused learning environment. They will replace the use of Headphones that connect to devices.



Permission to use noise-cancelling headphones will be granted through the school's inclusion processes, based on documented sensory needs. This adjustment is approved in consultation with the student, family, HOSES, and outside agencies.

For more information or to discuss eligibility, please contact Tracey Davis (HoSES - Toolooa House) or your child's Year Level Diverse Learning Case Manager.



### MOBILITY/TRANSPORT DEVICE ENCLOSURE

- Locked daily at 9:00 AM
- Unlocked daily at 3:00 PM
- Use your own lock on all personal equipment
- Storage is at your own risk (as per School Property Policy)

Do Not Lean or Attach  
Bikes, Scooters, or  
Other Devices to the  
Outside of This Enclosure.

Store All Mobility Devices  
Inside the Cage Only.

## Unexplained Absences

We have a long list of unexplained absences for students at the moment. Please call, text, use Q-Parents, or write a note to explain all absences from school.

### PHONES AWAY FOR THE DAY

A reminder about the statewide 'phones away' policy. All phones and headphones go away at 8.45am as the school day starts. At the same time, smart watches are switched to flight mode. We ask parents/carers to support this rule by refraining from calling their child throughout the school day.



## REPORT

## Student Absences



To streamline the process at Toolooa SHS, I encourage all parents/carers to contact the school on the below e-mail, SMS or phone numbers to explain your child's absence:

E-mail: [studentabsentee@toolooashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:studentabsentee@toolooashs.eq.edu.au)

SMS: 0426 305 132

Message Bank: 49 714 360

Absentee Phone: 49 714 304

CONTACT US

## SCHOOL PICK-UP

As our school population increases (and our stop-drop-go remains the same size), pick-up traffic is becoming a greater issue for our school. This has been compounded by the ongoing construction at the front of the school.

We thank you for your patience, and request that you consider alternative pick-up arrangements, including arriving a little later, or meeting your child in a set location nearby the school.

A reminder to always abide by driving and parking laws to ensure everyone gets home safely.

## Are your details up-to-date?

*We've had some parent emails bouncing back lately. If your details aren't up-to-date, please grab a Change of Details Form from the office.*

## CONSENT MANAGEMENT ON QPARENTS

Many parents will have noticed that we've been transitioning to using the QParents App to collect consent, rather than sending physical notes home.

Please keep an eye out for consent notifications. This includes excursions, IT access and more.

New families have been sent a code to get started. Please call the office if you're having any issues.

Of course, we can still issue hard copies notes when required, but QParents is our preferred method.

## PORT CURTIS SCHOOL SPORT



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<https://www.facebook.com/portcurtissport?mibextid=LQQJ4d>



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## BIKE & SCOOTER SAFETY

Keep your bike/scooter always locked to ensure it is safe!!!



PROTECT YOUR BIKE & SCOOTER



## Phones /Headphones Away For The Day!

Mobile Phone /Headphone Smart Device Reminder.

All devices, phones, headphones need to be out of sight from the first bell until the end of the day. Headphones must not be used during the school day.

Smart watches are to be switched to flight mode with all notifications silenced through out the day.

Please remind your child of these expectations. As per our Student Code of Conduct, sighting of these devices by staff will result in your child being requested to hand these to the office for the remainder of the school day.



## Stymie News



"I share the space, so I share the responsibility."

stymie. #saysomething

Week 3



Week 4

## Phones Away for the Day

A reminder to our students that "Phones Away for the Day" includes phones, smart watches, headphones (including AirPods and similar), etc.

When the 8.45am "Phones Away" song plays each morning, all of these devices must be away until 3pm.

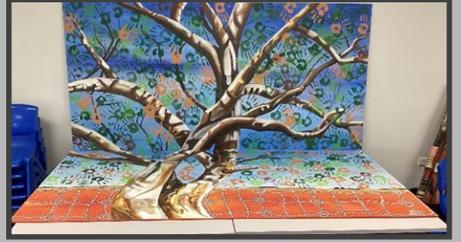


# INDIGENOUS NEWS



Welcome to 2026.

We have been very busy so far this Term, moving into the new Wellbeing space, and getting used to having LOTS of room for everyone. We share the new wellbeing hub with our Guidance Officers and Social Workers. We will be adding some more artwork to the walls and cannot wait to hang our Reconciliation artwork from 2025.



We held our annual meet & greet last week; it was lovely to meet our new families. Our families were able to visit the new space and see what all the hype is about. We had a copy of the AIATSIS map of Indigenous Australia laminated so that everyone can add their pin to show which Mob they belong to. We will continue to have this up in the wellbeing hub, so that those students that could not make it, can add their pin to the map.

Our 2026 Indigenous Pathways program will kick off this Term. Please keep your eye out for permission notes coming home in due course. This is an opportunity for our Year 10 students to visit different workplaces and industries around the Gladstone Region to see what vocations and pathways are on offer after school. If your student would like more information, please see Tracy during lunchtimes at the wellbeing hub.

Our Balas and Tiddas program is still on offer this Term. Forms have gone home and we are waiting for them to come back.

We have an exciting project for our students in this space, and we will also have some guest speakers coming in to yarn to the students. Keep an eye out for progress updates on the project over the coming months.

Our students had some fun at the Toolooa Swimming Carnival yesterday. Here are some fun shots of the day.



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## Senior Schooling News

With Darren Boase



*Senior  
Schooling*



**Pathway to an apprenticeship for girls  
at Ergon Network and Energex**

**Energex/Ergon -Girl Power  
Program Registration**



### Register Now for Girl Power Program

**MYTH:** Trades are only for blokes.

**FACT:** Women are SMASHING it at @Ergon Energy Network and @Energex, where they make up 40% of the current apprenticeship intake.

And here's the chance for our female aspiring tradies to see if these fantastic careers might be right for them. Through the Girl Power Program, Ergon and Energex are offering online info sessions to chat with some of their hundreds of current female apprentices and qualified tradespeople.

It's a great way for girls in years 10-12 to find out firsthand what it's like to do an electrical apprenticeship as part of the Ergon/Energex team, and learn about the application process and assessments. Online session will be held on:

- Tuesday, March 3; 10am-11am
- Wednesday, March 4; 1pm-2pm
- Thursday, March 5; 6.30pm-7.30pm

Some students will also have the chance to get hands-on during upcoming Immersion Days at local depots. Register for the Girl Power Program here <https://tinyurl.com/msy3fzxi> or speak to your Careers Advisor/VET Coordinator for more info.

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## Senior Schooling News

With Darren Boase



# Senior Schooling



## ERGON ENERGY WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



Energy Queensland (Ergon Energy Network and Energex) offers trade based work experience placements for high school students currently in Years 10, 11 or 12.

To be eligible you must:

- Currently be completing Years 10-12 (min age 14), or
- Currently be studying a relevant course at TAFE
- Obtain a General Construction Induction Card (White Card) from a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) - unit of competency is CPCCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry
- Complete our Work Experience Application Form (required when accepting a placement offer).

If you meet the above eligibility criteria and would like to apply for June/July school holidays (Block 3 & 4).

See the Senior Schooling Department - closes 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

Please note there are limited positions available. Your online application will be assessed by Energy Queensland, and the outcome notified via email.

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**Good Guidance**  
with Tim Lowe, Jenny Morris,  
Silke Hetherington & Joshua Cosgrove.  
*FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE*



### STYMIE

Back In 2017, Toolooa State High School decided to trial an innovative and amazing online tool to assist in supporting our school community via the introduction of Rachel Downie <https://www.racheldownie.com/> who created STYMIE [www.stymie.com.au](http://www.stymie.com.au)



Over the years, Rachel has provided amazing insight, support and information to our school in the lead up and implementation of STYMIE as well as in an ongoing way. She has presented to our Toolooa students, staff and parent community in the past. STYMIE and Rachel's knowledge has become a significant component of managing and responding to concerns in relation to not only bullying but other issues of concern for our students and school community. You can only imagine our excitement when Rachel was nominated back in 2020 QLD Australian of the Year award and our absolute delight when she was announced as the incredibly well deserved winner of this honour! Rachel's **tenacity and passion** to help communities be informed and educated cannot be measured or quantified in a way that does her justice, **she is inspirational!**

STYMIE allows the school to receive anonymous email notifications from bystanders. These Stymie Notifications are about students who may be experiencing harm or report all manner of concerns. Bystanders including students, parents and carers and community members can make notifications to about people who they believe are being bullied. This notification can be about physical, cyber, relational, or emotional bullying. Bystanders may also upload files, which contain evidence such as text messages, screenshots of FB pages or instant messages. Our school is then able to disseminate these Stymie Notifications (emails) to their appropriate staff, in order for them to manage the situation, according to the school's policies and procedures. Stymie Notifications may be sent using a mobile phone, iPad, tablet or computer.

STYMIE is just one of many tools, strategies and supports that we incorporate to make up our schools' strong commitment to providing a safe and secure environment for our young people. We believe the introduction of STYMIE has, and continues to, contribute to helping us monitor, manage and support our students in a more efficient and effective way.

As existing or new to Toolooa Parents and Carers, we encourage you to become familiar with STYMIE and how it works so you can know how to help your student utilise it if its needed. It is a great way for students to feel powerful about seeking help for themselves or others in a simple way when they previously may not have been confident about how to share information with our staff. More specific information for parents can be found at <https://about.stymie.com.au/for-parents/>





## MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL



If your child is required to take medication whilst at school or on school activities such as camps, you need to contact the school office to discuss the correct process for your child's requirements.

All medication on site needs to be managed through the below process. The following steps are required depending on, if your medication needs to be given to your child daily or only on occasion as needed:

TYPE OF MEDICATION	WHAT NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL
'AS NEEDED' MEDICATION Examples may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Panadol</li><li>- Nutritional supplements</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Medical Practitioner to sign Form</li><li>2. The medication with a pharmacist label attached that includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Student's name</li><li>- Doctor's name</li><li>- Dosage to be administered</li></ul></li><li>3. Complete CONSENT TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION</li></ol>
ROUTINE MEDICATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Daily Ritalin</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The medication in its <b>original container</b> with a pharmacist label attached that includes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Student's name</li><li>- Doctor's name</li><li>- Dosage to be administered</li><li>- Expiry Date</li></ul></li><li>2. Complete CONSENT TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION</li></ol>

**IF YOUR STUDENT CARRIES AN ASTHMA PUFFER THERE IS ALSO A CONSENT TO SELF-ADMINISTER FORM AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE**

**PLEASE NOTE 1** - The school cannot administer any medication to a student unless the above process has been followed.

2.- Medication that needs to be sent away with a child on camps or excursions is required to be handed to the office with all necessary forms completed a minimum of 5 days prior to the event.



# STUDENT HEALTH PLANS

Any student who requires a health plan for a medical condition must contact the school office as soon as they are made aware of its requirement. The school will guide you through the process of how health plans are managed at our school.

Likewise, should there be any changes to an existing health plan that the school holds, the parent/caregiver must update the school as soon as known.

Further information around student health support can be found here :

<https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/attachment/managing-students-health-support-needs-at-school-procedure.pdf>



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## School Dental Clinic

If you would like your student to see the school dental clinic, please arrange an appointment by contacting the number below:

Changing Smiles for the Better

Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service  
Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service

### Have you seen the School Dental Clinic?

Protect your smile

visit the school dental clinic

Did you know you can access FREE dental care through your school?

Have your parent or guardian complete the consent form to book an appointment.

Want to know more?  
phone: (07) 4920 6372  
Monday to Friday during business hours.

Contact Us

Phone Number  
(07) 4920 6372

## BIKE & SCOOTER SAFETY

LOCK UP YOUR BIKE OR SCOOTER

Does your child ride a bike or scooter to school? As the bike racks are often left unattended, it is very important that your child locks his/her bike up throughout the day. Please talk to your child about how they secure their bike or scooter to ensure its safety.



IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

LOCK THEM UP

## WEAR A HELMET

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We would like to remind everyone that the road rules require you, to wear an approved (Australian Standard 2063 or AS/NZS 2063) bicycle helmet. This helmet must be worn on your head, and properly fitted and fastened before use.

WEAR A HELMET

Bike Safe

# P & C MEETING DATES

P & C Meetings are week 3 & 8 of every Term on a Monday @ 6pm in the Shelter Classroom which is entered via the door in the carpark turnaround. Please see the below dates for future meetings.



DATE	16/03/2026	31/08/2026
	4/05/2026	19/10/2026
	8/06/2026	23/11/2026
	27/07/2026	



TIME  
6:00 PM



TOOLOOA HOUSE

BREAKFAST

CLUB

ON THE DECK

MONDAY MORNINGS

## IMPORTANT!

### Digital Consent Management is Here!

Are you currently registered with QParents for each of your children attending Toolooa? We are transitioning to online consent management which means if you need to provide consent for your student to participate in an activity or excursion you will need to be set up with QParents.

QParents enables you to engage with the school and view various information such as:

- ✓ Consent to participate in activities and excursions
- ✓ Provide information on absences
- ✓ See your student's report cards, timetable and student photo
- ✓ View invoices, make payments and see payment history

In the coming weeks, the school will forward all families who are not already on QParents with a registration link. Once you have completed the registration process you will be able to provide consent for your student to participate in excursions and camps with the click of a button.

CALCULATORS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

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Please be advised that Scientific Calculators and Graphics Calculators have now arrived at the school.

Scientific Calculators are \$25.25 each.

Graphics Calculators are \$222.20 each. (These calculators are only required by some maths students in Yrs. 11 and 12.)

Students can purchase these from the office but only during their recess breaks.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS WANTED



### School Uniform Donations Wanted

The school would like to ask families to consider donating to the school any used uniforms that they are not handing on or selling.

These uniforms are then used for emergent situations as required.

(They are NOT sold).

If you wish to donate your uniforms (in good condition) please leave them at our front office.

Thankyou, any help is greatly appreciated.

## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box in the office is overflowing!

If your child has lost something at school (jumper, lunchbox, hat, water bottle, etc), please send them to see the office ladies.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Penalties

1-13  
Exceeding the speed limit:  
More than **\$160\***

14-20  
Exceeding the speed limit:  
More than **\$240\***

20-30  
Exceeding the speed limit:  
More than **\$400\***

30  
Exceeding the speed limit:  
More than **\$640\***

Not wearing a helmet:  
More than **\$160\***

Doubling:  
More than **\$160\***

Using a mobile phone:  
More than **\$1200\***

Drinking liquor while riding:  
More than **\$480\***

Riding on a prohibited road:  
More than **\$190\***

\*Fines can increase from 1 July each year so check [qld.gov.au/transport/safety/fines/personal-mobility-device-ride-rules-and-fines](http://qld.gov.au/transport/safety/fines/personal-mobility-device-ride-rules-and-fines) for current amounts.



Scan the QR code for further details, including videos covering these key rules: [streetsmarts.initiatives.qld.gov.au/pmd/get-the-facts](http://streetsmarts.initiatives.qld.gov.au/pmd/get-the-facts)

## Rules for riders



Rules for personal mobility devices in Queensland including:

- E-scooters
- E-unicycles
- E-skateboards

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[www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au)  
[www.ttm.qld.gov.au](http://www.ttm.qld.gov.au)



## E-Scooter Rules and Fines

There has been an increase in the number of serious crashes involving e-scooters, e-skateboards and similar devices. Many of these crashes are occurring in and around schools involving students.

To ensure you and your child know the rules to stay safe while using these devices, you can visit [Streetsmarts Qld](http://StreetsmartsQLD) for a quick and easy to understand listing of the rules.

Key rules to be aware of include:

### AGE:

- ⇒ Primary school aged children, under 12 years, **cannot** ride e-scooters or e-skateboards at all.
- ⇒ Children aged 12 to 15 years can only ride with adult supervision.
- ⇒ Only those over the age of 16 years can ride e-scooters or e-skateboards.

Supervising adults should ride on a separate device, at a safe following distance from the child riding. The adult should always have close direct oversight of the child riding so that direction, guidance and any intervention can be given when needed.

Children under 12 can use push scooters and similar devices, but for more information you can visit the Department of Transport and Main Roads' [website](http://website).

### ROAD USE:

- ⇒ E-scooters and e-skateboards can only be used on the road in **very** limited circumstances.
- ⇒ If your child uses an e-scooter or e-skateboard to get to and from school, it's good to remind them to ride on footpaths to obey road rules including speed limits.

### SPEED LIMIT ON FOOTPATHS:

The speed limit for footpaths and shared paths is 12 km/h.

### SAFETY:

- ⇒ Helmets must be used with the straps fastened securely, and bells fitted for any devices with handlebars.
- ⇒ Only one person should ride on a device at a time – no doubling.
- ⇒ Riders must ride to the conditions and avoid any unsafe manoeuvres.

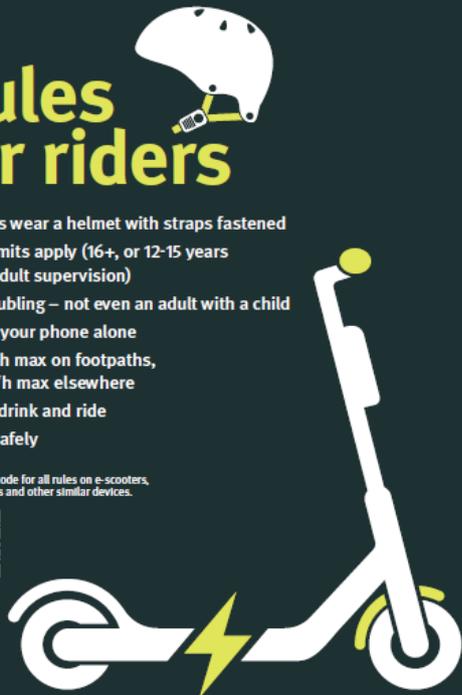
Significant fines may apply if riders are caught breaking the rules, including an on-the-spot fine of \$1209 for using a mobile phone and a maximum court-imposed penalty of \$6452 for careless riding.

For more helpful videos and other safety tips please visit [Streetsmarts Qld](http://StreetsmartsQLD).

## Rules for riders

- Always wear a helmet with straps fastened
- Age limits apply (16+, or 12-15 years with adult supervision)
- No doubling – not even an adult with a child
- Leave your phone alone
- 12km/h max on footpaths, 25km/h max elsewhere
- Don't drink and ride
- Park safely

Scan the QR code for all rules on e-scooters, e-skateboards and other similar devices.



## Key rules to follow

**12** Reduced speed on footpaths  
Speed limit of 12km/h on footpaths and shared paths, unless otherwise signed.

**25** Maximum speed limit  
Speed limit of 25km/h on bike paths and roads.

Age **16+** PMD riders must be 16 years old or older  
12-15's may ride, but must be supervised by an adult.

**Know where you can ride**

- Paths: footpaths, shared paths, separated paths and bike paths.
- Local streets (speed limit of 50km/h or less, no dividing line).
- On-road bike lanes (speed limit of 50km/h or less, or where the bike lane is physically separated from the road).

**Always wear a helmet**

- Approved bicycle or motorcycle helmets are ok.
- Helmet straps must be fastened.
- Additional protective gear like elbow and knee pads and high visibility clothing is also recommended.

**Leave your phone alone when riding**

- Hand-held phone use, or resting it on any part of your body is illegal while riding.
- Using a phone in a cradle mounted to handlebars is ok if you are not distracted.

**No doubling**  
Passengers are not allowed, regardless of age or size. This includes children doubling with parents.

**General road rules apply for PMD riders**

- Obey traffic lights and signs.
- Follow general road rules regarding giving way and making turns.
- Indicate when changing direction, either by hand signals or indicators.

**Parking**

- Park your PMD in designated parking areas. Otherwise, park on the kerbside.
- Don't block the path and keep clear of kerb ramps, building access and exits, tactile ground surface indicators and pedestrian push buttons.
- Poor parking creates problems for other path users, particularly people with a disability.

**Don't drink and ride**

**Warn pedestrians as you approach**  
Devices with handlebars must have a bell.

**Use lights and reflectors after dark**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

GET EVERYTHING YOU NEED IN ONE STOP!

**Toolooa State High School**  
Uniform shop is only open  
every **Tuesday** between the  
hours of **8am and 11am**.

**It is located at F block**

TOOLOOA STATE HIGH  
SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



## TUCKSHOP NEWS

We have eftpos machine in the tuckshop, with a no cash out policy.

Please use some etiquette and be considerate when using the EFTPOS facilities, & if you do utilise this privilege, please wait for your transaction to be approved before walking off or do not start eating or drinking your order until the transaction has been approved.

### Please Note

We can no longer accept payments over the phone or written on the uniform sheet as the bank has removed the manual function on our eftpos machines.  
Thankyou, Kim Tuckshop Convenor

## REPORT

## Student Absences



To streamline the process at Toolooa SHS, I encourage all parents/carers to contact the school on the below e-mail, SMS or phone numbers to explain your child's absence:

E-mail: [studentabsentee@toolooashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:studentabsentee@toolooashs.eq.edu.au)  
SMS: 0426 305 132  
Message Bank: 49 714 360  
Absentee Phone: 49 714 304

**CONTACT US**

## Toolooa State High School Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:00am - 3:30 pm  
General Enquiries Ph. 07 4971 4333  
Student Absentee Notification Ph. 07 4971 4360

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