



WELCOME TO MORNINGSIDE STATE SCHOOL PREP 2026



School starts Tuesday 27
January 2026

Celebrating 100 years of education in 2026

SESSION OVERVIEW



Welcome and Introductions

Principal Welcome

Sheryl Kennedy

P&C Welcome

Holly Bond (President)

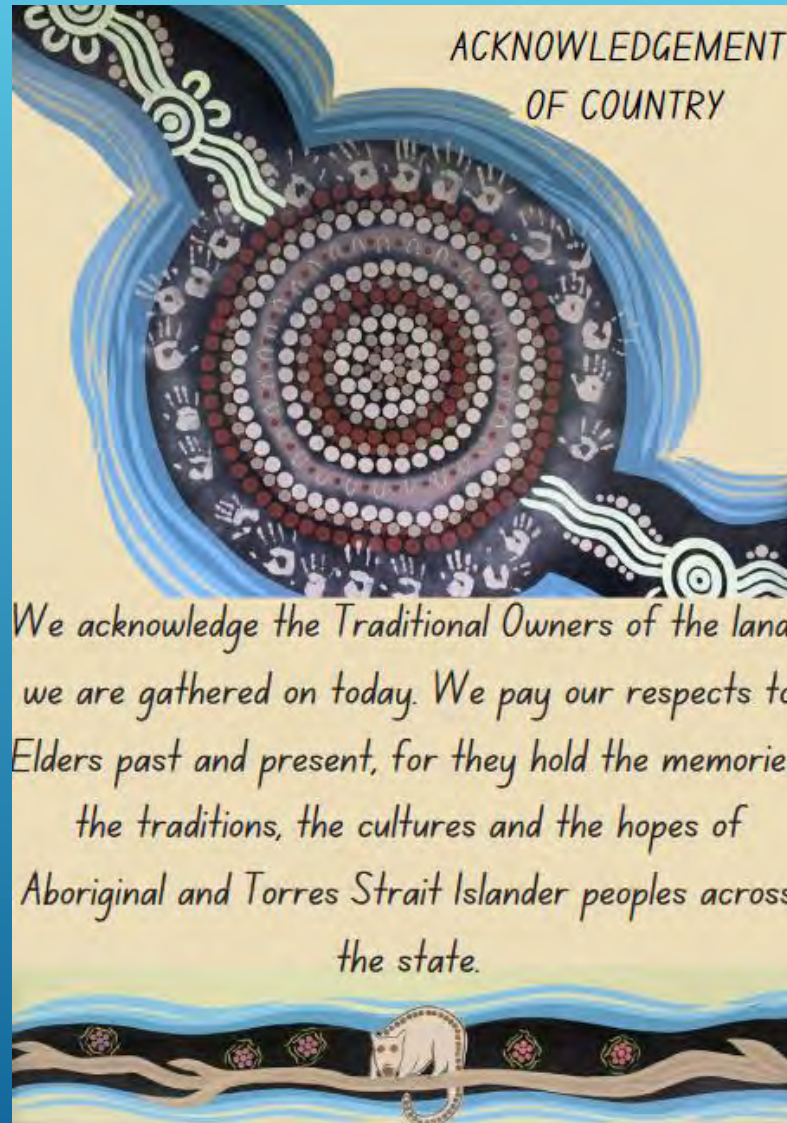
What to expect in Prep

Bernadette Moore

Close of Evening




ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands we are gathered on today. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures and the hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the state.

OUR CURRENT 2025 SCHOOL PRIORITIES






Morningside State School

Our 2025 Priorities

1. Continue to improve and extend **student achievement** in **English** and **Maths**.
2. Positive **engagement** in learning and whole school **well-being**.



"Success for all students within an inclusive and supportive school culture."



OUR SCHOOL TEAM



Our Staff:

- ▶ Principal, Deputy Principal, HOD-Curriculum (Mon-Thurs), Head of Special Education Services (HoSES), Business Manager.
- ▶ 20 Classroom teachers (full time and part time).
- ▶ 5 Inclusion Teachers: P-1 (Mon-Fri), 2&3 (Mon-Fri), 4&5 (Mon-Fri), 6 (Mon-Fri) Inclusion Wellbeing Teachers & Teacher Aides (Mon-Fri)
- ▶ Specialist Teachers: PE & Health, Japanese, Library, Dance & Visual Arts, Instrumental Music, Music & Drama, PBL Support.
- ▶ Guidance Officer (Tues, Wed & Fri), SLP (Tues & Wed), Sustainability Partner (Fri), Community Liaison Officer, 2 Admin Officers, IT Support (Tues), Technical Officer (Mon-Fri), Teacher Aides, Cleaners, Schools Officer, Chaplain (Wed & Thurs).

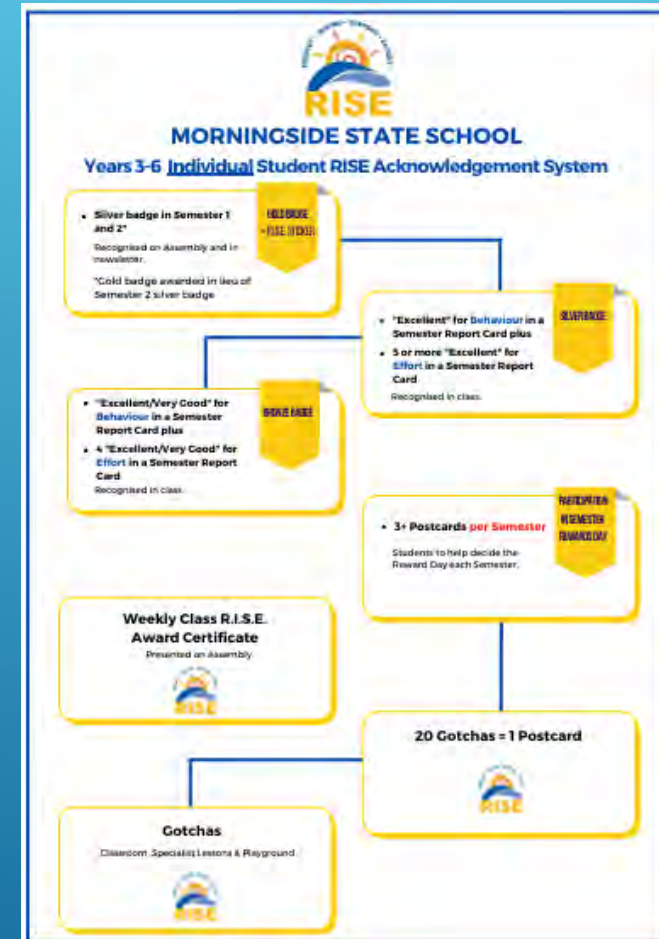


We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning School



R.I.S.E.
Expectations:

Respect
Inspire
Support
Effort



PROUD OF OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM



Sports House Shirts

- Rossiter – Red
- Pashen – Green
- McConnell - Yellow



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Active School Travel
Solid Pathways program (Yrs 4-6)
Deadly Choices program
Peg and Line Art Show (biennial)
Coding Club (Yrs 4-6)
Choirs
Junior & Senior Bands (Yrs 4-6)
Ukulele Club (Junior & Advanced)
J Club (P-2 & 3-6)
Home Learning Club
Book Week
Camping program (Yrs 4-6)
Cheer
Talent Show
Environment Club @ Lunch times
Chess Club @ Lunch time
Reader's Cup
Breakfast Club

Sport Gala days with other schools (Yrs 4-6)
Inter-house Cross Country
Inter-house Athletics Carnivals
Inter-house Swimming Carnivals
District & Regional Sport
Student Leadership program
Balmoral SHS Links (STEAM, Japanese, Maths competitions)
Eco Warriors: Tangalooma
Under Eight's Day
ICAS Competitions
Premier's Reading Challenge
Games Club @ Lunch time
Run Club (seasonal)



PARTNERING WITH THE P&C AND OUR COMMUNITY

- ✓ Family Fun Night
- ✓ Music on the Green
- ✓ Trivia Night
- ✓ Fete
- ✓ Eco Fair
- ✓ Movie Nights
- ✓ Student Discos
- ✓ Parent Disco
- ✓ Swim Club
- ✓ Book Club
- ✓ Peg n Line
- ✓ School Centenary in 2026
(Sunday 16 August 2026)



TO COMPLETE YOUR ENROLMENT



Complete Enrolment Forms:

- ▶ Birth Certificate to be sighted by office staff
- ▶ 2 forms of official documentation for proof of residence (rates notice/lease agreement & utilities bill)



Student Resource Scheme:

- ▶ Total payment
- ▶ 3 instalments
- ▶ Centrepay or payment plans
- ▶ (In 2025, cost was \$245)



TO COMPLETE YOUR ENROLMENT



- ✓ **Kindy Transition Statement:**
 - Sign permission form at your Kindy.

- ✓ **Interview:**
 - Book a time on the SOBS link that will be emailed.
 - Indicate if your child has a diagnosis or any special needs. We can plan to support your child and help with their transition to school.
 - Complete the questionnaire and bring it for your interview.
 - Interviews will start in July.

- ✓ **Prep Orientation Day:** (for 2026 enrolled students only)
 - Wednesday 5 November 2025 11.30am - 1.30pm.
 - SOBS booking link to be emailed.

- ✓ **Meet the Teacher Day:**
 - A time to drop in and meet your teacher
 - Monday 8 December 2025



- ✓ **Other Transition Support**
 - On request



Starting school: What can families do together?

Families play a big role in supporting their child's transition to school. Follow this map for some great ways to spend time together over the holidays as you prepare for school.

Get started now by making time to chat with your child's kindy teacher as well as your new school principal.



Transition statement consent form

Parent/carer: Release your child's transition statement

Child's name:

Parent/carer's name:

This form enables you to give consent for your child's transition statement to be shared by the kindergarten teacher with their new Prep teacher and/or other relevant staff at their new school.



There are many resources available to help families and children enjoy a positive start to school.



Download resources to support a great start to school at www.qld.gov.au/transitiontoschool

What else can I do?

- Remain positive about starting school, knowing that children settle in their own time.
- Share your child's kindy transition statement with your new school.
- Rest and relax together to support your child's wellbeing.

Find out more

- Visit www.qld.gov.au/transitiontoschool for more information and to download the online resources.
- Email transitions@qed.qld.gov.au



Supporting positive transitions

Information for parents and families

Starting school is an important time in the lives of children and families. A great start can help your child develop a lifelong love of learning.

What can families do together?

Many children wonder what starting school will be like. It is a big change for your child and family.

A positive start to school can help your child develop a lifelong love of learning.

You know your child best and play a big role in helping them transition to school.

Here are some practical ideas for supporting your child at this important time.

Talk about school

Talking with your child about their first few days at school is an easy way to support them.

Talk about:

- their first day
- how to make friends
- your happy memories of school.

Build independence

At school, your child will look after their belongings and follow daily routines. Independence supports your child to join in at school.

You can support your child's independence by:

- setting up morning and evening routines
- helping them choose a lunch box they can open and close
- practising putting on their socks and shoes.

Your school community

Starting school is a chance for you to make new friends with other families and support each other.

You can meet other families by:

- going to school P&C nights
- helping in the bookshop or uniform shop
- spending time in your child's classroom
- attending events at the school.

Read with your child

Reading with your child is special. You are bonding together and supporting their growth.

Sharing books with your child:

- builds their reading and language skills
- encourages a lifelong love of reading
- grows their understanding of the world.

Celebrate starting school

Starting school is a time to celebrate. Your child will feel important and their confidence will grow.

Celebrate starting school by:

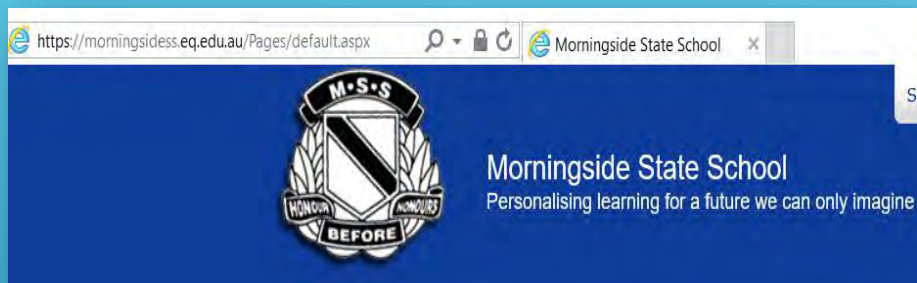
- counting down to the first day of school
- taking photos of your child's first day
- have a family party.

Your child's wellbeing

Your child's excitement about starting school may be mixed with sadness about leaving home and kindy, and worry about what school will be like.

- You can support your child's wellbeing by:
- talking about how they are feeling and why this might be
 - teaching them how and who to ask for help
 - making time to rest before school starts and over the first few weeks.







Morningside State School P&C

“Doing it for the kids”





MORNINGSIDE STATE SCHOOL

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION



Who are we?

We are a dedicated group of parents and community members committed to enhancing our school.

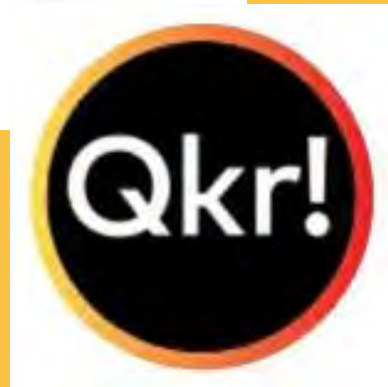
Our motto is “Doing it for The Kids,” and we collaborate closely with the school to support student development and school improvement.

Tuck Shop

- Open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
- Providing healthy and affordable meals to students.
- Orders can be placed via Qkr! by 7:00 AM the day prior, or over the counter between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM.

We rely heavily on volunteers to keep this service running and always welcome new faces to the roster.

Free to download through
your App Store





OSHC

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

- Providing quality care for our children before and after school.
 - BSC - 06:30 - 08:35
 - ASC – 15:00 – 18:00
- Vacation Care Program available
 - 06:30 – 18:00

The program offers a fun-filled environment with various activities.

We have an open-door policy and encourage family involvement to support children's development.



Flyers Swim Club

- A fun, family-based swim club for children of all ages and abilities
- Tuesday evenings, 6pm- 8.30pm during Terms 1 and 4
- No racing experience is required.
- Canteen open each week - feed the family!

A fantastic introduction to the world of racing for children as they have fun and make friends along the way.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

- Service for parents
- Cheap second hand uniforms
- Stock donated
- Run by volunteers - open Wednesday mornings



Fundraising

Our fundraising efforts support a range of school initiatives, from purchasing educational resources to enhancing school facilities.

We organise events such as:

- Kids Disco
- Democracy Sausage Sizzle
- Mothers/Fathers Day Breakfasts
- Parent Only Events e.g. Trivia, Disco
- Peg & Line
- Colour Run
- Day on the Green

How can you get involved?



JUST
ONE
THING

- **Volunteer at Tuckshop:** Assist with tuckshop operations
- **Attend Meetings:** Participate in P&C meetings to stay informed and contribute ideas.
- **Join the Flyers Swim Club Committee:** Support our team with our swim club nights
- **Support our Fundraising events:** Help organise or participate in fundraising activities.
- **Grant Writing:** Help us secure funding
- **Social Media:** Create posts to let our community know what we are doing

You don't have to do it all. We ask that you commit to just one thing to support our school community.

P&C Meetings



Our General Meetings are held:

Third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Resource Centre or you can attend online

These meetings provide an opportunity to network with the principal, teachers, and other parents to discuss issues and share ideas.

All are welcome!



Contact Us

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Flyers Swim Club:

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A word from our Prep teachers



A day in the life of Prep

A day in Prep is made up of a variety of learning sessions, transition times, lunch and play breaks as well as specialist lessons throughout the week. We follow the Australian National Curriculum.

- ▶ English, Maths, Science, HASS as well as Technologies and the Arts.
- ▶ Specialist Lessons – Library, Music/Drama, Health, Japanese & PE - Swimming – Term 4
- ▶ Sports Day, Fun Run, Swimming Carnival, Under 8s, book week



Helpful Hints:

- ▶ Writing their name – learning to write and recognise their own name and practicing the correct pencil grip is a great help.
- ▶ Naming all clothing, containers, lunch boxes, water bottles clearly.
- ▶ Practise unpacking/packing their kindy/childcare bag now ready for school.
- ▶ Having a good size school bag. We recommend the Morningside School bag as it accommodates all folders, jumpers, hats & lunchboxes.
- ▶ Shoes – Velcro
- ▶ Change of clothing – for small accidents.
- ▶ Snipping food packets if your child is unable to open packets independently.





Thank you for
coming



We look forward to
seeing you in 2026

