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Forsayth State School

School Prospectus



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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

At Forsayth State School we are proud of the friendly and supportive learning environment we offer our students. School staff endeavour to offer the very best education to each child, because like you, we want to see every child develop into skilled and successful adults. We value working together in a team with our families; making the most of each others knowledge and skills and showing our students that the adults around them want to support and help them in a caring and respectful way. Our school belongs as much to our community as it does to Education Queensland and parents, extended family and caregivers are encouraged to participate in all of our school events.

Our school is situated in a rural and remote setting 40 km from Georgetown. We are well resourced with ICT equipment including: computer desktops, laptops, an interactive whiteboard and other technology that enables our students to learn through a variety of different mediums. We also have an extensive library of literacy and numeracy resources, to engage and motivate your child. In addition we have a wide variety of sporting equipment to support our Active After School Care program.

Our multi-age approach to learning ensures that each student's needs are addressed and catered to as we differentiate the Australian National Curriculum to ensure that requirements of individual students are met.

Forsayth State School - a school that genuinely cares about its students and their families!

Kind regards,
The Principal



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FORSAYTH STATE SCHOOL

Welcome to Forsyth State School. We are a small, rural school situated approximately 480km inland from Cairns, in a community of about 80 people, from town and surrounding properties, within the Etheridge Shire. At present, we have a total enrolment of six students.

The School was established during the Gold Rush days of 1895 and prides a rich past. Many of the present students are the second or third generation of people, who still live and visit the school, on occasions, telling of their days at the school when the school had over fifty students.

Forsyth State School is a multi-age Prep to Year 6 school with all students learning in the one classroom. Students are well supported by a passionate and dedicated team of staff, including a Teaching Principal, Itinerant Teacher, full-time Teachers' aide and an Administration Officer.

The school enjoys the provision of activities through the Active After School Communities program, engaging the students in two afternoons of sporting activities each week.

Forsyth is situated in a safe and caring community that provides a wonderful support network for the school and its students.



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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of this school to foster educational achievement and to promote the development of confident, determined active citizens who are able to make positive contributions to their community. We aim to achieve these goals by enabling active participation in learning, through supportive, stimulating learning environments, which are responsive to the needs of each individual and the society they will enter.

SCHOOL POLICY

Our aim is to **enhance individualised learning**, ensuring that each child is provided with the opportunities to reach their full potential.

Our Policy Is:

- To effectively engage with the Australian Curriculum and to support each student by facilitating their development of knowledge, skills and understanding in every Key Learning Area.
- To develop in every student, through explicit teaching, quality excursions, collaborative learning experiences, sport, school projects and by example, such character traits as honesty, initiative, co-operation, team spirit, self-discipline, sportsmanship and consideration for others.
- To develop, stimulate and enhance each student's curiosity and imagination, encouraging them to strive to achieve their goals and aspirations.
- To contextualise student learning so that every student is engaged in their own learning journey.



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ENROLMENTS

Prep is an early education program, only offered in primary schools. It is a full-time program and children are expected to attend from Monday to Friday during normal school hours, generally from 9am to 3pm. Children must be five years old by 30th June in the year they start Prep. Children may be enrolled at any time from December to the first week of Term One of the school year.

Students enrolling in Years 1 to 6 should present, on enrolment, a transfer certificate from their previous school and if possible, have available a copy of the student/s' most recent School Report. In addition, existing textbooks, exercise books and/or work samples from previous schools are welcome as they can prove helpful in quickly identifying the needs of the student/s.

MEDICATION/HEALTH RECORDS

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that Teachers and Administrative Staff **DO NOT administer medication** to any student without advice from a parent/caregiver. Parents/Caregivers need to fill in a **Medication Form**, available from the school office, before any medication can be administered. Medication **MUST** be in the container with the doctor's prescription label so that the officer administering the medication knows the correct quantities to be administered to the student. Students should not bring medication to school without contacting a Teacher first. Also, it is vital that student Health Records are kept up-to-date so if there are any changes that need to be made please let the school know as soon as possible.

ABSENTEE

For ALL periods of absence, a note, signed by a parent/caregiver, or a phone call, outlining the reasons for absence, is required. This notification can be made before an absence, if known in advance, or on the day of the student's return to school.



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SCHOOL RULES

As members of Forsyth State School's community, our aim is to provide a safe environment for all students, staff and community members. We have the following school rules:

I am a learner

When:

- I make good choices for my learning
- follow directions straight away
- do my work
- am proud of my work and achievements

I am respectful

When:

- I use kind words and a kind voice
- I am a good listener
- I care for and help others
- I respect everybody's belongings
- I allow my friends to learn
- Include and help everybody in games and groups
- I show appropriate body language

I am safe

When:

- I keep hands, feet and objects to myself
- I am aware of people's personal space
- use equipment properly

I am responsible

When:

- I have self-control
- I make good choices
- I accept the outcome of my behaviour
- I follow rules and routines

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Forsyth P&C meet monthly at the school at 3:00pm. All parents/caregivers are welcome to come along and be part of this association.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We would like to encourage parents to assist in the school. We welcome parent help and appreciate their involvement. Areas where assistance is beneficial varies depending on the Teacher and the needs of the whole student cohort. If you feel that you have a skill or time to offer, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

NEWSLETTER

The Forsyth State School Newsletter is sent home once a month. If parents/caregivers need to be notified about important information, an informative note will be sent home. The newsletter contains news on current, past and future activities related to the school, P&C and Community.

SCHOOL ROUTINE

The school day commences at 9:00am and finishes at 3:00pm. No child should be at school before 8:30am as **supervision cannot be guaranteed**.

Lunch breaks

Morning tea:	11:00am – 11:45am
Lunch	1:20pm – 1:50pm

REPORTING

Student academic report cards are sent home at the end of each semester. The school will organise the availability of Parent-Teacher interviews to ensure that all parents/caregivers are provided with an opportunity to discuss their child's learning progress. If a parent/caregiver would like to discuss their child's schooling with the principal or a teacher an appointment can be made through the office.