



Striving for success



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Principal News

Welcome to the New School Year!

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year. As always there are plenty of things going on as we settle into routine for the year. This year we will have 3 focus areas:

- Excellence in Learning: Reading – improving the teaching and learning in reading.
- Improved Student Attendance- increasing time at school and rewarding those who commit at very high levels.
- Every person's contribution to a Positive Learning Environment. Everyone's actions and choices focussing on making the days great!

I would like to thank the students, parents and staff for a wonderfully smooth start to the year. We are ready and rearing for a great year.

Student Safety and School Routines

Given that it is a new year, I thought I'd remind people about a few safety issues that come up from time to time, and get us all back into routine.

Before 8:40 am

All students who are at school prior to 8:45 are required to meet in the tuckshop area. Staff members who see people in the wrong areas will ask them to move to the correct area. The reason for this is that it ensures people in our school are supervised, and safe.

Parking

Parents are also reminded that parking in ways other than we have signed, endangers the lives of students. At the start of the school year, we have a great opportunity to remind our students and parents on safe road behaviour – encouraging everybody to do the right thing.

3 Common Problems we can solve by working together:

- No Parking in the Stop, Drop and Go (on Hibiscus Avenue or Kin Kora Drive). This is a 2 min only, remain in vehicle area.
- Ensuring your child crosses roads ONLY at crossings, or the underpass.
- Avoiding incorrect parking- please do not park in the following areas:
 - Admin/Visitor/ Disabled Access Spaces
 - in the turnaround area near admin
 - in the areas that are painted for No Parking.
 - Staff car park (behind the Kindy on Sun Valley Road).

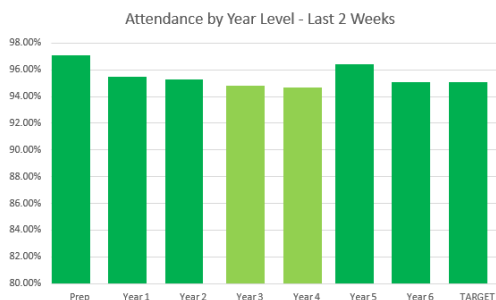
School Gates and Sun Valley Road

The gates are closed immediately before and after school to ensure foot traffic has time to get in or away safely. Gates will not be opened by crossing supervisors. Students who are picked up on Sun Valley Road are to use the underpass, not to cross at road level.

Attendance Counts!

Remember that EVERY DAY IS A LEARNING DAY AT KKSS! It is important that your child/ren are here every day (illness and emergencies aside). If we can be of any assistance in supporting you with attendance, routines or even school refusal – please contact the office.

This graph shows our attendance for the last 2 weeks. Our school average (for the year so far) is 95.6%, so some grades are smashing it! Well Done Everyone!



School Uniforms

Kin Kora State School P&C supports the wearing of a school uniform. For reasons of safety, students must wear their school uniform every day. This was discussed at our final P&C meeting for 2018, where our policy was again supported. Parents are reminded that we have a uniform policy in place.

- **Hats:** Black bucket hats (purchased from Kin Kora State School Office)
- **Shirt:** Bottle green, black and white polo. Year 6 Students only- Senior Shirt
- **Shorts, Skirts, Skorts:** Black (No football shorts- plain black only)
- **Shoes:** Black school shoes or joggers- (black preferred)
- **Socks:** White
- **Jackets:** Black Kin Kora State School jackets, or plain black tracksuit jumper (no hoodies or Jumpers/ Jackets with prints).
- **Dress:** Bottle green, black and white check
- **Hair:** Hair ties and clips are to be of the Kin Kora State School colours – green, white, black

Kin Kora uniforms are available from the school uniform shop every Tuesday from 8:30 am to 10:30 am or can be pre-ordered on line via Flexi schools.

Students not wearing correct uniform without a note from parents, or prior arrangement with the Deputy Principal will be asked to remove the item(whenever appropriate), or to come to the office while parents are contacted to bring a correct replacement item.

Day 8 – Student Enrolment Collection

At the start of the school year, there is a central data collection of student enrolment done on the 8th day of the school year. This data is used to determine school staff and resource allocations for the year, therefore it is important that students (where possible) have already commenced school by this date. Parents are asked to ensure the following:

- That students have returned and attended school before this day. (This will be most students)
- If you are having a late return, sometimes due to emergent issues or extended holiday- please contact our office so we can record this.

- If you know of people starting at school in 2019, it is important that they are enrolled ASAP.

Jorgen Neilson
Principal

Life Education Program

The Life Education Van and educator, Ellen Patane, are visiting Kin Kora State School very shortly: Tuesday 12 March until Friday 29 March (Weeks 7, 8 and 9). Each year level will participate in the learning program. The program is **different for each year level** and as such, no two Life Education visits are the same.

The Cost is **\$6 for each student** and includes a Life Education Health Workbook which will be used in the classroom for follow up lessons.

Payment for your child/ren is **due by Friday 8 March at 3:30pm.**

Any parents wishing to visit the mobile classroom can attend a special **PARENTS & VISITORS PROGRAM on Tuesday 12th March at 2:00PM. Please RSVP to the office.**

Medical Issues

If your child has an Epipen, Asthma, or any other medical condition Action Plan, please ensure school has an updated version for this year. Any medical forms are to be filled in and handed in to the office prior to starting school.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Reward Session

At the end of each term we reward and acknowledge our students who have demonstrated the following BAZZA expectations:




Positive Behaviour – students who always know and do what is required in being a Respectful, Responsible and Safe Learner.

Attendance – having a high rate of attending school. Not be away any more than 3 full days per term.

Homework – completing set homework.

Positive Behaviour

Week 2	Week 3
Be Safe	Be Responsible
-Be a proud Kin Kora Kid and show people you can be safe by being in the correct areas.	Kin Kora Kids: - Wear the correct shirt and shorts/skirt or dress. No denim, leggings, football shorts or coloured shoes/laces etc. - Wear the uniform with pride.

Week 2	Week 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wear their uniform with pride. Always wear their hat when outside the classroom. - Don't wear jewellery other than a watch, studs or sleepers (earrings) or medical alerts. - Wear closed-in shoes with the laces tied up. - Keep their hair tidy and wear long hair tied up.
Be A Learner	Be Safe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I am organised - I can concentrate - I can focus - I will stay on task 	<p>Kin Kora Kids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk in two straight lines and stand together. - We walk on the left hand side of the path. - We use the left side of the stairs. - We move around the school quietly. - We follow the directions of all staff. - We walk safely on the pathways.

SCHOOL CALENDAR			
Tue 26 Feb	Parent Induction 9am	Fri 15 Mar	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence PC RL 10yo PJ Marsh Cup

Photos



QParents

Parents, a friendly reminder to register for QParents if you haven't already! Visit the website with your unique invitation code and identification ready, so you can discover a more convenient and easier way to interact with us.

<https://qparents.qld.edu.au/>

Lots of parents are paying for school events on QParents and are loving how convenient and easy it is! Try it now!

Follow us on facebook

Make sure you follow us on facebook at @KinKoraSS. Go to the page and click on following and then click on the see first button to ensure you don't miss any of our exciting information. We post photos of recent activities like sports day and Grandparents Day as well as information regarding upcoming events and competitions.

School Calendar

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Tue 5 Feb	Full school parade	Thu 7 Mar	PC Rugby League
Thu 14 Feb	PC AFL PC Basketball	Tue 12 Mar - Fri 29 Mar	Life Education Lessons start
Mon 18 Feb	Interschool Soccer commences	Tue 12 Mar	Life Education Parents & Visitors Program 2pm
Thu 21 Feb	PC Hockey PC Netball Parent Induction 2.15pm	Thu 14 Mar	PC Touch