

Helidon State School

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Tuesday 4th March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As you would be aware, Tropical Cyclone Alfred is forecast to cross the South East Queensland coast later this week. At this stage it appears that landfall may be between Brisbane to Noosa late Thursday evening or early Friday morning. This will be the first time a cyclone has crossed the coast in this area for decades, so we are taking a number of precautions to ensure students and staff remain safe.

Helidon State School will remain open tomorrow, Wednesday 5 March.

Further information on the status of our school for Thursday 6 March will be provided after midday tomorrow, Wednesday 5 March.

Up-to-date information on Queensland state school closures is available on the *closures.qld.edu.au* website. Early childhood service closures are available on the service and temporary closure information website.

For weather warnings and preparations Families are encouraged to visit *getready.qld.gov.au* for practical advice to help prepare for severe weather, including specific information about preparing for cyclones, storms and floods.

In the event of flooding, remember the saying, if it's flooded, forget it.

Please monitor our local ABC Radio service and emergency services' 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).

I will keep you informed as we go through this event together and please don't hesitate to contact our school.

Stay safe

Regards,

Mark Robertson
Principal

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