



Helidon State School

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Monday 10th March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Ex Tropical Cyclone Alfred is producing significant rain across our community, over the coming days.

You will have received an SMS message this morning notifying you that Helidon State School will be **closed today, 10 March 2025**. Thankyou for not sending your child to school or for collecting them when asked to. I appreciate your understanding regarding this decision and I acknowledge the inconvenience that this decision has caused.

As part of our disaster management protocol, we follow the advice of emergency services. We always act in the interests of the safety of students, staff and the wider community. This decision is based on an assessment of the current conditions and risks associated with movement in and around our community.

We will provide updates and information to our families via our school website, Facebook page, email and text message regarding arrangements for tomorrow 11 March 2025. Please do not send your child to school until you are advised of reopening arrangements by official SMS and/or E-Flash.

Student absences

Absences due to emergencies and natural disasters and when a school is closed, will not be recorded on a student's report card.

School re-opening

I will continue to liaise with the Department of Education and emergency services and I will keep you informed of any developments, including when we expect our school to re-open. Up-to-date information on school closures is available from closures.qld.edu.au. Early childhood service closures are available on the [service and temporary closure information website](#).

Monitoring the situation

Please continue to listen to our local ABC Radio service and monitor emergency services' social media accounts for updates and advice. 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) and remember, if it's flooded, forget it.

Health and wellbeing

It is incredibly important that you take time to look after yourselves and your families. I encourage you to access the information available for parents and students to [support health and wellbeing](#) during these difficult circumstances.

I also encourage families to be aware of potential risks to children with health needs such as respiratory issues, that may be adversely affected by the current conditions. If you have any concerns, please contact your GP for advice.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I trust that the impact of this event on our school will be minimal.

Regards,

Mark Robertson

We pay our respects to the traditional owners of the land on which our school is situated.

Principal