



Helidon State School

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Sunday 9th March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As you would be aware, the effects of Ex Tropical Cyclone Alfred is affecting many communities across Queensland

Thankfully, I am writing to inform you that Helidon State School has now been confirmed safe to open, tomorrow Monday March 10th 2025.

In line with 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.

It is important that we be alert to current conditions and ready to act quickly if the need arises. We will provide updates and information to families via **SMS message, E-Flash, the school website, and Facebook page** if this situation changes.

Safety assessments

All necessary safety and risk assessments have been conducted and I can confirm it is safe for students and staff to attend our school.

Student absences

Please be mindful that some of our local roads may continue to be affected for a few days. If this weather event poses a danger to your child travelling to school, please notify the school of your child's absence as soon as possible. Absences due to emergencies and natural disasters will not be recorded on a student's report card.

Transport services

Please check with your local transport service provider to confirm if their services will be operational on Monday March 10th.

Ongoing school operations

I will continue to liaise with the Department of Education and emergency services and I will keep you informed of any developments. 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.

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

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Melinda Jeffrey at the Helidon Early Learning Centre has been notified that we are reopening tomorrow. Please contact the Centre directly on 4697 7760 or Helidon@ccctchildcare.com.au if you have any questions about their OSHC.

NAPLAN Testing for years 3 & 5 students

The NAPLAN testing window will be from March 12th – 24th as previously communicated with these families. Any changes will be communicated directly with year 3 and 5 parents/carers.

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

Regards,



Mark Robertson

Principal