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# **Mackay North State School**



## **Before & After School Policy**

## RATIONALE

Concerns have been raised regarding student wellbeing and behaviour before and after school. There is significant risk to the health and safety of students who are in the school grounds without direct supervision.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Student safety, damage to property and/or loss of equipment are prime concerns in this matter.
- The bell to commence the school day is at 8:30am and learning begins 8:45am. With such a busy and productive start to the day, an orderly start to the day is appreciated, as is student attendance by 8:30am.
- Before school is preparation time for students.
- Students should use this time to organise books, catch up on work to be completed, read to a buddy/friend, play a board game and/or sharpen pencils etc.
- The school has set the expectation that before school time is not for play rather preparation for class and learning.
- Students should leave for home or go directly to a supervised waiting area in the afternoon as soon as they are dismissed from class.
- The school has set the expectation that after school time is not for play.

## PROCEDURES

1. Gates are unlocked and opened at 8:15am for student arrival.
2. Students should arrive at school between 8:15am and 8:30am and go directly to their designated supervised area – P-2: Undercover Area & 3-6: Basketball court
3. Students are expected to sit quietly in these areas until the 8:30am bell which indicates classrooms are open.
4. Should they need to leave their designated area for any reason, they must gain permission from the staff member on duty.
5. When the bell goes at 8:30am, students are encouraged to go to the toilet before going into their classroom to prepare for the day.
6. Once having accessed the classroom they are expected to remain in the room and take direction from their teacher or other staff members as appropriate.

*(Exceptions to the above would be for students in, Instrumental Music, Supervised Coaching clinics/sessions, some School excursions.)*

It also remains a clear expectation that once students have been dismissed for the day that they make their way home immediately via an established and agreed mode and/or route or wait in a supervised area to be picked up.

7. Students who need to be dropped at school before 8:00am or who are unable to be picked up until after 3:15pm should have alternative arrangements in place. This could include being booked into Before and After School Care on site, with Camp Australia.

