



Surat State School

Prospectus

2017

*Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible,
Be Committed*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Surat State School!

I welcome you as a member of a team which has the overall development of children as its greatest priority. Our school is an integral part of the community and we regard education as a three way process involving teacher, parent and child. A constructive and positive partnership between parents and teachers is vital to the success of our children. We need to work together and to support each other to maximise our children's development and learning.

To ensure that our students benefit from the opportunities offered at our school, we ask all school community members to carefully consider the following:-

- Think of Surat State School as your school and take pride in your association with the school community.
- Familiarise yourself with the information contained in this prospectus.
- Maintain regular contact with the school through involvement in school activities and contact with teachers.
- Work in partnership with the school to foster the academic, social, emotional and physical development of all students. **Together we are a team.**

The Surat State School way is to commit to our learning, strive for excellence and succeed in all that we do.

I trust that you will have a long, happy and rewarding association with Surat State School. I look forward to working with you in developing a productive and supportive partnership to support our children.

Yours Truly,

Mr Justin Washington
Principal

STAFF - 2017

ADMINISTRATION

Principal	Mr Justin Washington
Head of Curriculum	Mrs Libby McLean
Administration Officer	Mrs Megan Coveney

TEACHING

Primary Classes

Prep	Miss Angie Rhodes
Year 1/2	Miss Abbey Hoskins
Year 2/3	Mrs Andrea Frith & Mrs Narina Close
Year 4	Miss Kelly Cavanough
Year 5 / 6	Miss Ashley Ludik
Year 7-10	

High School and Specialist Areas

	Mr Peter Macbeth
	Mrs Amber Gill
	Mr Mark Robinson
	Mrs Denise Pointon
	Mrs Narina Close
Special Education	Mrs Leanne Nolan
ST:LaN	Mrs Leanne Nolan
Guidance Officer	Mrs Annette Woodrow
Instrumental Music	Miss Samantha Barnes
School Chaplain	Mr Yanto Hall

SUPPORT STAFF

Teacher Aides	Miss Erica McPherson Mrs Anita Hobbs Mrs Debra Wehl Mrs Sally Broadhead Mrs Kylie Washington Mrs Tanya Thompson
Cleaners	Miss Rowann Varty Mrs Cheryl Burns
Facilities Officer	Mr Deryk Newman

ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

PRINCIPAL: Mr Justin Washington

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Mrs Megan Coveney

Queensland term dates - 2017

Term	Dates	Length
Term 1	Monday 23 January - Friday 31 March	10 weeks
Term 2	Tuesday 18 April - Friday 23 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 10 July - Friday 15 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 3 October - Friday 8 December	10 weeks

Staff Professional Development Days (SPDDs) 2017

- 19, 20 January
- 3, 4, 5 April
- 16 October

Year 10, 11 and 12 finishing dates for 2017

- Year 12 - 17 November
- Year 10 and 11 - 24 November

ACCIDENTS (See First Aid)

ANZAC DAY/REMEMBRANCE DAY

Each year students are encouraged to take part in the local ANZAC Day Ceremony on 25 April, as well as observing Remembrance Day on 11 November.

ASSIGNMENT POLICY Please ask for the separate assignment policy.

ASTHMA

Asthma has become more prevalent in society and this is certainly the case at Surat State School. Parents are requested to send Asthma medication to the School with a note to indicate whether the medication is used regularly or as required.

Medication will be kept in the School Office, and students will be required to come to the Office if they require medication. This will ensure that use is monitored, so that parents can be informed if their condition requires further attention.

ATTENDANCE

It is compulsory for school age children to attend school. If your child is absent, the school must be informed as soon as possible either by email, letter or phone. If you have prior knowledge of an impending absence, it is much appreciated if this information could be passed on to the school. Children are expected to remain at school all day. In the event of wet days where crossings and bridges may flood, we will attempt to contact parents and advise them of arrangements. Please ensure that the reason is a valid one and not a superficial one, such as "He was tired" or "I had to take him shopping".

The class rolls are marked twice daily and should a child be absent for three days or more without a valid reason, the Principal is obliged by law to contact proper authorities.

BEHAVIOUR - See DETENTIONS, RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN FOR STUDENTS

BICYCLES

Provision is made at school for the proper safekeeping of bicycles. Two sets of bicycle racks are located at the School. For safety and legal reasons, helmets must be worn. Students are encouraged to keep their helmets with their school bag in the port racks for safekeeping. Bicycles are not to be ridden in the School grounds. During the day, the bicycle racks are out of bounds.

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic offers regular children's book club to the students. Selections are graded into lower, middle and upper school. It should be noted that there is no obligation to purchase any of the available materials. Money and orders should be returned to the School Office.

CAMPS

Surat students will engage in a range of camping opportunities on dates to be determined. Prep to Year Two will have a camp out for one night at the school. Other class camps may be arranged by individual class teachers.

CELEBRATION NIGHT

At the end of each year, the school conducts a night at which many elements of the school life are celebrated, with the successes of students in these areas highlighted.

These include academic and sporting awards where the performances of students is of a sufficiently high standard to warrant recognition.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR INFORMATION

If you change your address, telephone number or any other details during the year, please let the Administration Officer know so that school records can be kept up to date.

COMPUTERS/iPads

The school has a generous allocation of computers and iPads housed in classrooms and a Computer Lab. Small class sizes ensure that students have generous access to ICT's for learning.

The use of learning technology in classrooms is a current priority within the school. The school also utilizes interactive whiteboards and iPads.

BOOK & EQUIPMENT LISTS

Book and equipment lists are attached. Please ensure all necessary items are clearly named and available for day one of the school year. It is very important that students have all equipment to commence the year.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Chaplaincy program is an optional service introduced into Surat State School to provide students, staff and parents with additional support. Chaplaincy services also provide an additional adult role model in schools. Whilst personally modelling and owning their own faith positions or belief, Chaplains avoid any implications that any one religion, denomination or other set of beliefs is advantageous or superior to any other denomination, religion or belief.

Our Chaplaincy program is compatible with policies and practices that apply to delivery of any service in a multi-faith and multicultural State School community. A Chaplaincy program is inclusive of and shows respect for all religious and non-religious beliefs and other stances represented in the school community. All activities and events provided within a Chaplaincy program are non-discriminatory and equitably available to students of all beliefs who choose to participate.

Surat State School Chaplaincy runs under the guidance of the Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC), with representatives from parents and staff, local Churches, and Scripture Union (the major employing authority for School Chaplains in Queensland). The Local Chaplaincy Committee is charged with representing the diversity of religious faith and non-religious beliefs in the school community. Members of the LCC understand the cultural and religious customs and needs of individuals and groups within the school and the range of services and support currently available and/or required. Chaplaincy at Surat State School is funded through a combination of a Federal Government grant and through donations from local churches, community organisations and individuals.

CURRICULUM

The Teaching and Learning program is designed to provide quality education which meets the needs, interests and abilities of students by emphasising the development of appropriate and relevant knowledge, skills and attitudes.

The main focus of our school remains the development of skills in reading and numeracy. As the cornerstone for all learning, these areas are priorities throughout the school, and not just in the lower school.

Lessons in the Secondary school, and specialist lessons in the Primary school are generally organized around blocks of 35 minute lessons, to maximize student engagement with their content.

Curriculum Adjustments

As students are profiled and their learning needs are identified, teachers may need to adjust the standard curriculum to accommodate the needs of the students. This is done in consultation with the Administration Team, and parents are encouraged to be an active part of this process.

Subjects

Students engage with the standard Key Learning Areas of English, Maths, Humanities and Social Sciences, Science, The Arts, L.O.T.E., Health and Physical Education, Recreation Studies and Technology (Robotics, Kitchen Garden, Industrial Technology and Design, Digital Technologies), with ICTs embedded in all subject areas.

Students also have access to the following extra curricular activities.

- Arts Council performances
- Instrumental Music Program
- NAIDOC Week
- School Camps
- Intra and Inter School Sports
- Excursions
- ANZAC Day Celebrations
- Remembrance Day Celebrations

Students also have exposure to technology based subjects - Industrial Technology & Design, Robotics and Kitchen Garden in the secondary school.

DETENTIONS

From time to time, students may exhibit behaviour which contravenes the expectations of the school. Detention provides an opportunity for teachers to give students consequences in their lunch time to reflect on their behaviour. Visits to Detention generates phone calls to parents so that they are informed of the activities of their child.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS

Drills are targeted for completion once per term.

All staff members and children need to be aware of the evacuation procedures in case of a real emergency, and fire drills are taken seriously. The signal for a fire drill/alarm is the electronic evacuation sound produced on the school bell system.

Parents who may be in the school at the time of an alarm or a fire should proceed by the shortest practical route to the middle of the oval. **They must not try to contact their children.** The fire drill procedures in operation ensure that teachers check all children once the assembly point is reached. Parents removing children during these times could cause the teachers unnecessary concern, or they may even take risky action to try to locate a child a parent has removed from the class.

FACILITIES

Surat State School is a well established older style school with many second story rooms of a chamfer board structure. The Prep building is a free standing building removed from the main school area. The Department of Education, Training and Employment maintains the physical structures, while the school is responsible for the grounds. Grants for pop-up sprinklers and consistent dedicated efforts of ground staff have ensured the grounds are always well presented,

with conscientious students leaving the grounds generally litter free, and also allowing garden beds to present their best at all times.

The provision of free standing shade structures, gardens and the School Paver Project have further enhanced the opportunities for student eating and leisure.

The construction of a basketball size covered multipurpose sports facility early in 2008, has provided a valuable sporting resource to the school and the community, with subsequent grounds / storage shed and refurbishment of the auditorium and library projects further enhancing the facilities.

FAMILY INFORMATION

This information is kept at the School Office and records student names, addresses and contact numbers, as well as emergency contact names and their phone numbers. Should you change your address or phone number, please advise the Office staff as soon as possible.

Please keep all contacts up to date

FIRST AID

Treatment is administered to minor injuries sustained while at school. For more serious injuries staff will call the Ambulance and make students as comfortable as possible until the Ambulance arrives.

Should your child become ill or be involved in an accident at School, you will be contacted immediately. If you are not available and medical attention is needed, the school will act on your behalf and notify the QAS. A member of staff from Surat State School will accompany your child to the hospital and wait there until contact has been made with you.

Injuries sustained at home, or sores or boils, should be treated and covered before sending the child to school.

In the event of sickness at school, parents will be contacted to take the child home to minimise the risk of transmitting the sickness. Parents should not send to school any children who are obviously too ill to be at school.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING

Our school will continue to have access to services from a Guidance Officer, Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist and the School based Youth Health Nurse from Roma.

The school has procedures in place to identify students who teachers feel would benefit from referral to specialists, and communication with parents is a key component of that process. If however you as a parent feel that your child would benefit from referral, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss your concerns.

Outside agencies (Queensland Health) also have personnel available, if your child needs to be referred.

HEAD LICE

From time to time, there are unavoidable infestations of head lice in all schools. Should we be aware of such an infestation in this school, all parents will be advised and it is your responsibility to check your child's head and obtain treatment if necessary. It is important at these times that

all children are checked. If lice are found, please ensure all live lice and eggs are removed and careful follow-up checks are made.

HOMEWORK

Teachers will set homework activities. Learning does not only take place at school and in the lower school children working with their parents, reading or completing small tasks, is a very rewarding experience for them. It also lets them see that their parents, as well as the teacher, see learning as important!

As a general rule at Surat, homework will be a consolidation of work already covered in class either as a daily/weekly homework sheet or completion of project work. All children from Prep - 10 may be required to do homework on any given night of the week. We strongly emphasise the importance of children learning high-frequency and spelling words and basic number facts. These can be reinforced at home.

The homework policy of individual teachers will be explained as a part of parent teacher meetings held at the beginning of each school year. This is the best time for parents to ask any specific homework questions they may have.

Primary classes to engage with set homework, for the following recommended period per night -

Years Prep - 3	10 - 15 minutes
Years 4 - 5	20 - 30 minutes
Years 6 - 7	30 - 40 minutes

Secondary classes will be required to be more independent in ensuring that tasks required for class activities are prepared on time. This may involve formal homework or student initiated preparations. It is reasonable to expect Secondary student to spend 40 - 50 minutes per night.

We encourage parents to become actively involved in their child's homework providing positive encouragement as well as ensuring they have a quiet and comfortable place in which to work. This is a very important way you can assist your child's education.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Should your child contact any of the following diseases such as chicken pox, mumps, measles etc. parents must check with the school for the exclusion period from school.

CHICKEN POX: Sufferers should be excluded for 7 days after the beginning of illness or until the last lesion has healed.

MEASLES: Sufferers should be excluded for at least 7 days from the appearance of rash, or until medical certificate of recovery is produced.

MUMPS: Sufferers should be excluded for at least 14 days after the onset of symptoms.

RUBELLA (German Measles): Sufferers should be excluded for at least 7 days from the appearance of rash, or until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.

STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS: (Including Scarlet Fever) Sufferers should be excluded until appropriate medical treatment and a medical certificate of recovery is produced.

CONJUNCTIVITIS: Children must be kept at home until infection is cleared.

SCHOOL SORES: They generally start out as a bite like mark on the skin, and as the child scratches them, they do two things - A. the infection spreads around the

area of the sore, and B. they get the infection on their hands, increasing the possibility of it spreading to other students.

If you notice your child has suspicious marks on their skin, please examine them closely and if there is a high probability that it is a school sore, please keep them home and seek medical advice.

INTERVIEWS

See Parent/Teacher Interviews

JEWELLERY

Jewellery is not regarded as suitable attire and therefore should not be worn. The exception is that children who have pierced ears may wear a choice of studs or sleepers (preferably studs). Dangling earrings, chains, rings, necklaces, bangles etc. can cause injury during school activities and are not to be worn. Watches are permitted, but should be identifiable in case of loss.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

Written parental approval is required for students to leave the School grounds during School time or lunch break - (only for secondary students). This is a privilege extended to secondary students after permission is received from parents, but students have responsibilities to accurately record their movement in and out of the school grounds, as we have a strong duty of care for the students and need to be aware of their movements during school hours. Should students not fulfil their responsibilities consistently, they will relinquish their right to leave the grounds. Students will not be permitted to leave the school ground during the short afternoon tea break. These requirements apply on either a casual or regular basis. No child is permitted to leave the grounds without permission.

A lunchtime leave book is situated at the office. **Students are required to sign out when leaving the grounds and then sign in when returning from lunch with their signature showing on the form.** Students need to have signed back in by 11.30am. **If students disregard the signing in/out procedure, this lunchtime privilege will be lost.** Student Protection and Duty of care considerations require that any Student lunches brought up to the school need to be delivered to the office before 10.45am, with the student to collect it from the office. Thank you for your compliance with this issue.

LIBRARY

The school has a well resourced library available to staff and students for research and recreation. Primary students are afforded one lesson per week to browse resources and select those they wish to borrow.

Students borrow for a period of one week. There is no borrowing over the holiday periods.

Students from Prep to Year 3 need to have a library bag to borrow so that the books are kept in as good condition as possible.

LOST PROPERTY

In spite of all endeavours to ensure that students are responsible for their belongings, valuable belongings are not claimed. The lost property box is located under the primary building. To assist in locating owners, **please ensure that all belongings are labelled.**

If items are not claimed after a term, they are then donated to charity.

MEDICATION

Departmental regulations relating to the administration of medication to pupils by school staff are very strict.

The Departmental/School Policy relating to the administration of medication to pupils in School time is as follows -

- Staff may give oral medication, prescribed by a Doctor, provided it is given in strict accordance with instructions by the child's doctor and is requested by parents in writing. Non-prescribed oral medicines e.g. panadol, sudafed, disprin etc. **cannot** be given by staff. Only parents can administer these types of analgesics to their child. Drugs and medication of any kind are not permitted in the school unless the parent notifies the Principal in writing.
- Where a staff member is to administer prescribed medication, the instructions provided should be written by a pharmacist at the doctor's direction. The medication container needs to indicate the specific times at which medication is to be administered, as well as the quantity. **MEDICINE MUST BE FORWARDED TO SCHOOL IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER.**
- All unused medicine will be returned to parents.
- Teachers cannot administer injections, unless it is an epi-pen injection to address anaphylactic shock. A number of school staff are trained in administering this medication. Should other injections be necessary, parents will need to make personal arrangements, and the school notified of these arrangements in writing.

MOBILE PHONES

The school has been provided with a very efficient telephone system, which allows rapid communication to any member of the school community. Mobile phones are therefore not a necessary item of school equipment and should not be brought to school. In the event that a need arises for the students to bring a phone to school, it must be handed in to the teachers immediately, and not turned on in the school grounds.

NEWSLETTER

Our Newsletter "**Southern Cross**", is sent home each Friday. It is distributed to the eldest child in the family unless otherwise notified. Parents are asked to check with their children regarding these, and to please read them carefully and reply promptly when replies are necessary.

Community groups are welcome to use the facility of the school newsletter to advertise their functions and activities (if space permits).

The School also offers an 'e-mail' service for those parents who are interested. Please contact the School Office for more details.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

All teachers at Surat State School present an overview of the term/semester work and explain aspects of what is taught in their particular classes. Not only does this exercise provide an opportunity for teachers to discuss their procedures and expectations, but it also provides an opportunity for parents to ask questions and get to know their child's teacher/s on a personal basis. Formal reporting is offered to Parents at the end of each semester.

If you require a meeting to discuss your children or any issues with a teacher or the Principal, one of the following methods must be used to arrange a meeting:

1. Contact the office via phone or face to face to arrange a meeting time.
2. Use your child's communication book if available.
3. Send an email.

To avoid disappointment, do not just turn up and expect a meeting to occur.

All parents and visitors to our school must sign in at the office. Administration staff will phone teachers to check availability for a meeting. Parents or visitors must not go directly to classrooms or staffrooms to seek out teachers without signing in at the office this includes visitors to the Secondary block.

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

This association is made up of parents, school staff and citizens of this community who have a vital interest and concern for the educational and physical welfare of the children in this school. Membership is open to anyone interested in the ongoing progress of the School. Membership is renewable annually before the Annual General Meeting, and an application form must be completed.

The Surat State School Parents and Citizens Association meet at the school on the third Tuesday of each month (or as near as possible to this date) at 3.15pm.

PARKING

To ensure the safety of students at peak traffic times, parents are to use only parking areas outside the school grounds. Please ensure that all care and attention is taken while driving around the school precincts.

Parents are not to park in the Staff Park or school grounds.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Students will present themselves appropriately at school at all times. This involves appropriate uniform, no inappropriate jewellery, no makeup or nail polish.

PREP

From 2017, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Prep Year, prior to commencing Year 1.

Since Prep started in 2007, there have been noticeable improvements to learning outcomes for children who participate in Prep. The vast majority of Queensland parents already choose to enrol their child in Prep when they reach the eligible age.

Making Prep compulsory ensures all children develop the knowledge and skills provided by the Prep Year that form the foundation for future learning.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Surat State School embraces a multitude of cultural, religious and non-religious beliefs and encourages students to grow and develop as a whole person, in particular, in beliefs, values and attitudes. Surat State School respects the background and beliefs of all students by not promoting, or being perceived as promoting, any particular set of beliefs in preference to another. Parents are provided with the option to withdraw their child's participation in the program, if they so wish.

Religious Instruction is not a program or syllabus provided by the Department of Education, and Training (DET), however Religious Instruction Classes for Years 1 - 6 students are conducted by approved personnel each week. Exemption from these classes can be granted by the Principal only, following written requests from parents.

Students who do not participate in religious instruction are provided with **other instruction** in a separate location during the period arranged for religious instruction as per (s.31 Education (General Provisions) Regulations 2006). The **other instruction** will relate to part of a subject area that has already been covered in the student's class and will include, but is not limited to, research and/or assignments, revision of class work such as creative writing or literacy and/or numeracy activities which could include online programs currently accessed by the students (i.e. Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Literacy Planet), and wider reading such as independent reading appropriate for the student.

Religious Instruction is not part of our School's Chaplaincy program and occurs only in accordance with legislation and departmental policy.

REPORT CARDS AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Written report cards are issued in the last week of Semester 1 and Semester 2.

All parents are invited to attend Parent/Teacher interviews at the conclusion of Term 1, Term 3 and when Report Cards are issued. We encourage parents to participate, especially when formal interviews are arranged.

Teachers maintain Individual Profiles for all students throughout the year. We welcome parents to discuss their child's progress at any time.

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN FOR STUDENTS

Through discussions with community, students, staff and parents, the school developed a plan to promote responsible behaviour in the school. Parents are required to discuss this plan with their children and sign an agreement form to indicate their approval of the processes identified. The basis of the plan is that when students choose their behaviour, they choose their consequences.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT:

- ◆ to a learning environment free from disruptive behaviour
- ◆ to work and play in a clean and safe environment
- ◆ to be treated with respect
- ◆ to develop their abilities in a supportive environment
- ◆ to meet their own needs in socially appropriate ways

EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- ◆ their own actions and what they say and the effect this has on other people
- ◆ treating everyone with courtesy, consideration and respect
- ◆ co-operating with and accepting others
- ◆ developing acceptable standards of personal hygiene and dress within the school community (e.g. being clean, tidy, wearing uniform)
- ◆ caring about our school grounds, equipment and public image

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

A school assembly for all children is conducted each Monday morning (or the first morning of the school week) at 8.50am.

As this is the only time each week when all students and teachers are together as one unit, it is a very important occasion. Assembly includes greetings, anthem, Student of the Week announcements, notices, coming events, introduction of school visitors, reminders, award presentation, reports by students and an address by the Principal.

Not only is Assembly important for communication purposes, but they also foster school pride and a sense of belonging. As with any school activity, parents are invited to visit and observe our Assembly each week.

SCHOOL BUS

The school currently has a bus run which transports children to school -

EAST SURAT Owned and operated by Betty Mickelborough

For those children travelling on bus routes, a code of behaviour exists. The bus arrives at School at approximately 8.30am each day and departs at 3.10pm. Prior to departure, a roll is marked to ensure that all eligible students board the bus. If there are concerns to any aspect of the bus route, please contact the Principal or Secretary of the relevant Conveyance Committee.

SCHOOL DAY

The school rule for arrival at school is that students are to arrive at school after 8.30 am due to duty of care and supervision considerations. There will be occasions when students will be required at school earlier, such as band practice, or other organized and supervised events, but generally, students who arrive at school before 8.30am will sit quietly until 8.30am, after which they will be released.

The school day finishes at 3.00pm and children not waiting for the bus or not involved in specific activities should leave promptly. Supervision of bus children by staff concludes with the bus departure at 3.10pm.

A range of music is played to let students know when it is time to come into school in the morning, after morning tea and after the lunch break

Alert Signal	8.45am
Morning Session	8.50.am - 10.45am
Lunch	10.45am - 11.30am
Middle Session	11.35am - 1.20pm
Afternoon Tea	1.20pm - 1.45pm

SPORTS HOUSES

The Students of Surat are placed into a sporting house when they are enrolled. House names are **Ogilvie** and **Crothers**. The names reflect the esteem with which we hold our pioneers. The **Crothers** name came from Sarah Jane Crothers a governess for a widower Henry William Thrupp at H-Lagoon. She later married Henry Thrupp and their daughter Frances married Robert Dehnert. James **Ogilvie** was Head Teacher at Surat from 1881 to 1889 after which he became tutor to the Robert Dehnert family who lived at Broadmarsh. The House colours are Royal Blue for Crothers and Gold for Ogilvie.

Annual competitions between the houses are conducted in Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country.

SCHOOL SPORT

Sport plays an important role in the life of the School with inter-school sporting opportunities available in the major sports of Netball, Rugby League, Swimming and Track and Field. Junior Cricket is conducted through the Roma Junior Cricket Association. Students have the opportunity to compete at Roma and District, South West Region or State level.

Students may also be given the opportunity to develop skills in bowls, tennis, basketball, archery, golf, volleyball, water polo, gymnastics, dance, swimming and life-saving.

Interschool Rugby League and Netball are the main winter sports and often require parents to assist with coaching and managing teams. **These sports are played on a Saturday morning and involve travelling to Roma and other centres.** Parents need to remember that there are inherent risks in students participating in any contact sport. These have been identified, with appropriate controls put in place. If parents are concerned, please contact the School Office for more details.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Surat State School is a uniform school endorsed by school community through the Parents and Citizens' Association.

The full Uniform policy is available on the school website - suratss.ed.edu.au

The wearing of a School uniform is expected for the following reasons -

- it gives students a sense of equality
- it encourages identification with the school and reflects school pride

We look forward to your co-operation on this very important issue.

Uniform description - Primary sport.

School blue and gold polo shirt
Royal Blue shorts/skirts/skorts
Royal Blue or white sports socks
Blue bucket hat (available at school)
Winter - Royal Blue Tracksuit
Safe and effective joggers, sports shoes or appropriate leather shoes.

No part of the uniform is to display brand names as this may jeopardise the sense of equality.

Secondary Formal Uniform - Monday and special events only

Girls - Checked Blue blouse and navy skirt, or navy long pants, with white socks and black shoes

Boys - Blue shirt and navy pants, with navy socks and black shoes.

Ties are available for more formal occasions.

Uniform description - Secondary sport

School blue and gold polo shirt

Navy shorts/skirts/skorts

Navy or white sports socks

Blue bucket hat (available at school)

Winter - Navy Tracksuit

Safe and effective joggers, sports shoes or appropriate leather shoes.



As part of our School's Sunsafe Program (refer to Sunsafe Policy) a broad brim hat is the only acceptable hat. **CAPS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED** and students will not take part in any outdoor activity without a suitable hat. **HATS ADVERTISING ALCOHOL OR INAPPROPRIATE WORDING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED**. As this may effect participation and therefore results, in Physical Education activities, it is strongly recommended suitable protection from the sun be brought to school at all times. Sunscreen is available at school for afternoon activities in the sun.

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

The Principal, Support Teacher, Special Needs Teacher and Guidance Officer work together to develop Action Plans / Alternate Programs and individual education programs for students with special needs as well as monitoring inclusive practices for all target groups.

We welcome and encourage support from parents of students involved.

STUDENT COUNCIL

All students in the Middle School have an opportunity to become involved in the Student Council as a means of developing a positive student contribution to the School.

SURAT SCHOOL BAND

Students have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument such as a trombone, saxophone, trumpet, flute, tuba, clarinet or recorder through the Instrumental Music Program - depending on numbers of students engaged. Students are eligible from Year Four.

An Instrumental Music Instructor comes to Surat School one day each week to conduct lessons with the students involved.

Instruments are supplied through the School for a small charge. Students who participate in the program are expected to take part in all planned activities of the instrumental music program including camps and band performances. This involves some additional costs.

We encourage as many students as possible to join in and become a member of the Surat School Band.

SWIMMING

Students engage in a range of aqua activities in swimming lessons in Terms One and Four. Activities include learn to swim and water safety. Students are required to wear swim shirts for these lessons as part of the government's sun safe strategy. If students do not have swim shirts, they are required to wear tee shirts.

TUCKSHOP

The School P & C conducts a tuckshop day on Wednesdays. **On this day, no food is to be ordered from the café. Parents are strongly encouraged to ensure that student's lunchboxes contain a range of healthy food every day, to help them develop positive lifelong attitudes to eating.**

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

From 2000 students were not given access to school facilities out of school hours. Supervision is the major issue here. The inability to ensure the safety of students and the security of the school, means buildings will not be opened outside school hours. The school grounds are out of bounds to students, out of school hours and on the weekends.

In keeping with Property Management Policy a written application would be required when parents and community members wish to use any of the school's facilities.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (V.E.T)

Students in Year Ten are given the opportunity to engage in Apprenticeships and Traineeships while still attending school. This gives them the opportunity to attend their chosen workplace at least once per week rather than attending school, though school is still the primary education provider. They are also given opportunities to engage with their tertiary studies associated with their employment in school hours.

WORK EXPERIENCE

When students reach their last year at Surat State School, provision is made for them to engage in Work Experience exercises normally of one week's duration. Work Experience has proved to be an extremely valuable introduction to the field of work. One of our Secondary teachers coordinates all aspects of Work Experience, with parents being fully informed of all details. Other work experience opportunities may be organised to meet the needs of individual students

Booklist 2017

Books	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Secondary 7-10
QLD Targeting Handwriting	1 - Prep	1 – Year 1	1 – Year 2	1 – Year 3	1 – Year 4	1 – Year 5	1 – Year 6	
Beginner's Dictionary	1	1	1					
Australian Oxford Dictionary				1	1	1	1	1
Scrap Books	8	5	5					
A5 Exercise Books	4 x Yr 1 ruled	4 x Year 1 & 4 x Year 2	4 x Year 2 & 4 Year 3	4	4	4	4	
A4 Exercise Books 96 page- Lined		4 x Year 1 & 4 x Year 2	4 x Year 2 & 4 Year 3	12	12	12	12	10
A4 Maths Grid Books (10mm)		2	2	2	3	3	3	1
A4 Project Books	1							
A4 Botany Book 48-Page	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Plastic Document Wallets	2 – assorted colours	2 – assorted colours	2 – assorted colours	2 – assorted colours	2 – assorted colours	2 – assorted colours	2 – assorted colours	10 – assorted colours
Display Folders	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	
A4 Reams of Paper - white	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Homework Bag – zippered (available at School Office \$15)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Homework Diary						1	1	1
A4 Visual Diary – spiral bound						1	1	1
A4 Tear-off Jotter Pad								1

Equipment List 2017

Items	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Secondary 7-10	
HB Pencils (Columbia or Staedler)	1 box	24	24	12	12	12	12	12	
Erasers	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	
Ruler – 30cm	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Glue Sticks	8	8	8	6	6	6	6	2	
Pencil Sharpener	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Calculator		1	1	1	1	1	1	1 x Scientific	
Pencil Case (not oversized)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Scissors	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Coloured Pencils (packet of 12 assorted colours)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Felt Pens (packet of 12 assorted colours)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Highlighter Pens	1x pink 1x green 1x blue 1x yellow								
Ballpoint Pens				2x red	2x red	2x red	2x red	10x red 10x blue/black	
Whiteboard Markers (pkt)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

Library Bag	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Headphone set (with microphone)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
USB Memory Stick				1	1	1	1	1
Compass & Protractor Set <i>Celco 180</i>				1	1	1	1	1
Clipboard Folder		1	1	1		1		1
Boxes of tissues (large)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2