



Welcome to Ironside State School

Absence from School

Telephone the **Absentee Line** on **3258 3160** or send an email to studentabsence@ironside.eq.edu.au if your child is absent. If a student needs to take a planned absence of more than 10 consecutive school days, then parents need to complete an *Application for Exemption Form* and submit it to the School Administration Office.

Active Travel to School

Every Wednesday is the Ironside State School Active School Travel Day. Each child receives a “passport” and gets a stamp once a week on Wednesday when they actively travel to school by walking, cycling, scootering, carpooling or using public transport. The more stamps they accumulate, the more rewards children earn.

Assembly

Parents and Carers are welcome to attend School Assembly, held on Friday at 9:15am in the Hall.

Booklists

Booklists for each year level are available online. Books and stationery requirements can be purchased at St Lucia News (open 7 days per week), 217 Hawken Drive, St Lucia, (ph: 3870 9244) or email stlucianews@bigpond.com.

Before and After School Care

An outside of school hours program (Ironsides OSHC) operates before and after school providing high quality childcare. Places are very limited. Please see the Ironside OSHC website at <http://icasag.com/> or telephone 07 3870 9849.

Contacts

Your child’s Class Teacher is the first point of contact. Class Teachers can be contacted via email or by telephoning the Administration Office on **3258 3111**. Contact details of the school Leadership Team are below:

Principal	Mr Damian Johnson	djohn137@eq.edu.au
Deputy Principal Prep – Year 2	Mr Scott Murdoch	smurd31@eq.edu.au
Deputy Principal Years 3 - 4	Ms Larissa Vecchio	lvecc1@eq.edu.au
Deputy Principal Years 5 - 6	Ms Jennifer Birstow	jbair51@eq.edu.au

Formal reporting

Formal communication with parents about their child’s progress occurs each term.

- Term 1 and Term 3 – end of term parent-teacher interviews
- Term 2 and Term 4 – end of semester student Report Cards issued

Parents wishing to talk about their child’s progress are asked to make an appointment with their Class Teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Lunches

The first 10 minutes of each break time are designated eating times. Students can choose to bring their own food from home or order their meal from the school tuckshop (information below). Please note: there are no heating or cooling facilities available in classrooms for meals brought from home. Students’ lunch-boxes and water bottles should be clearly labelled with their name and class.

Newsletter

Ironsides publishes a school newsletter every week during the school term. The newsletter is uploaded on to our school website www.ironsidess.eq.edu.au. If you would like to receive the Newsletter via email please email Elizabeth Graff-Valizadeh on egraff4@eq.edu.au.

Overseas and Australian Family Network and EAL/D Parent Group

To ensure parents as well as students are included in the school community, the school regularly convenes the Overseas and Australian Family Network to offer first language support to parents. Meetings are advertised in the



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school newsletter. The EAL/D Parent Group meets every Friday from 9am to 10.30am in the EAL/D room for an informal social morning tea and information session. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Parents' & Citizens' Association (P&C)

The Parents' & Citizens' Association is a group of parents and interested community members who work in partnership with school staff to build a stronger school community – for the benefit of all students. The P&C hold general meetings in the Staffroom at 6:30pm on the last Tuesday of every month during school terms.

Parking - Drop Off and Pick Up

Parking around Ironsides State School is very limited. “Stop Drop Go” zones are located at Hawken Drive and Central Avenue. “Stop Drop Go” zones operate between 7:00 – 9:00am and 2:00 – 4:00pm. Drivers must observe the two minute time frame and only stop in the zone for as long as it takes to get the children into or out of the car. Drivers must not leave their vehicle in these designated areas during the enforcement times.

Requirement to Notify Change of Address:

Parents must notify the school of any change of address within 14 days of any change. Any failure to notify the school of a change in address of the student's principal place of residence will be considered in determining eligibility for ongoing enrolment. Siblings of current students are not eligible for automatic enrolment if the sibling's principal place of residence is not within the school's catchment area.

School Hours

School Commences	9:00am (first bell at 8.55am)
First Break	10:50am – 11:30am
Second Break	1:00pm – 1:30pm (Years 3-6); 1:30pm – 2:00pm(Prep – Year 2)
School Finishes	3:00pm

Students who arrive at school before 8:55am, and are not booked into Before School Care, are required to remain seated in a designated waiting area until the first bell rings:

- Prep – Year 2: under G Block and near D Block
- Year 3 & 4: under J Block
- Year 5 & 6: Library basement

Formal supervision in these waiting areas begins at 8:30am. The school Library also opens from 8:30 – 8:55am. Students who arrive at school after 9:15am need to collect a late pass from the Administration Office. Students must be collected from school by 3.15pm or booked into after-school care.

Tuckshop

The tuckshop, “Fresh Bites”, is open 8.30am – 2.00pm, Monday to Friday. Orders can be placed online via the free Qkr! App. The app is available free to download at the App Store or Google Play just search for Qkr! There is also a website version for those without a smart phone. Any questions please contact the Tuckshop Convenor at tfish129@eg.edu.au. Please consider volunteering at the tuckshop, volunteers are always needed.

Uniforms

The school's Uniform Shop is located beside the Tuckshop and open on Wednesdays from 2.00 – 3.30pm and Fridays 8.30 – 9.30am. Items can also be purchased online via the Qkr! App and will be delivered to classrooms each Wednesday and Friday. Uniform items, especially hats and jackets, should be labelled with the student's full name. Embroidery labelling of names is available for an additional cost.

Website

The school website is www.ironsidess.eg.edu.au. All parent newsletters, current events and classroom information is available on the school website.