

GOLDEN BEACH STATE SCHOOL

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PROSPECTUS

2023

DIRECTORY

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Office Hours:	8.00am – 3.30pm
School Hours:	9.00am - 3.00pm
➤ First Break	11.00am – 11.40am
➤ Second Break	1.15pm – 1.45pm

SCHOOL YEAR 2023

Semester 1:	Term 1	Monday 23 January – Friday 31 March
	Term 2	Tuesday 17 April – Friday 23 June
Semester 2:	Term 3	Monday 10 July – Friday 15 September
	Term 4	Tuesday 3 October – Friday 8 December

Public Holidays:

Australia Day Holiday	Wednesday 26 January
ANZAC Day	Tuesday 25 April
Labour Day	Monday 1 May
Caloundra Show Holiday	Friday 26 May
Queen's Birthday	Monday 2 October

Student Free Day	Friday 1 September
School Commences 2024	Monday 22 January
School Ends 2024	Friday 13 December

APPOINTMENTS

Parents are requested to make an appointment with the class teacher whenever they would like to discuss any aspect of their child's development. Appointments enable appropriate time to be given to the discussion and avoid disappointment. Please phone the school office on (07) 5437 4333 or contact the class teacher directly.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING TO PARENTS

In keeping with school's policy on continuous assessment of your child's progress, we use three methods of assessment: -

1. **Diagnostic assessment** - Words their way, Probe – comprehension, NCR (Maths) etc.
2. **Formative assessment** - takes place during the actual learning experience. This helps teachers to modify class programs so they are successful.
3. **Summative assessment** - at the end of each unit of work teachers assess what has been learned (e.g. National Curriculum, C2C Units English, Maths, Science, History etc.). These are continually occurring.

All three types are moulded together to create an effective assessment program. Many instruments and techniques are used in assessment: - observation, student interviews, logs, charts, diaries, checklists, samples of children's work, standardised tests, teacher made tests, rating scales, questionnaires, project and attitude inventories to name a few.

The results of the continuous assessment of your child's progress are analysed and summarised to give you a Progress Report on your child at the end of each Semester.

By the end of Term 1 & 3, parents are expected to have participated in a parent conference with their child's teacher. Interviews at other times may be initiated by either the parent or the teacher.

Students in Years 3 and 5 sit their NAPLAN testing in term 2 and their results are usually available in early September.

ATTENDANCE

Parents and carers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason such as illness, work experience or competing in school sporting events. If your child is going to be absent from school, you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand. Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children or minor check-ups, such as haircuts. Routine medical or other health appointments, should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include:

- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Send your child to school every day including their birthday and the last day of term from Prep.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, please contact the principal for advice and support.

If your child is unable to attend school, the school must be advised. This can be done by:

1. Sending a text to the school absence line 0417 989 250 on the morning of the absence.

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

The school will notify parents and caregivers by an SMS on their mobile phones if students are absent or late to school without reason. This occurs each day starting at approximately 9:30am. It is parents and caregiver's responsibility at all times to provide current mobile numbers to the school.

BICYCLES & SCOOTERS

Children must walk their bicycles and scooters whilst on the school grounds, along the footpaths and across the school crossings. Bike racks are provided in a bike shed. It is strongly recommended that bicycles are made secure by using some form of safety chain.

BLUE CARD/WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

All volunteers require a blue card if they wish to help out in the classroom, with excursions, tuckshop, reading assistance, etc. You can apply online through the Queensland Government website. Please note: Volunteers must have received their Blue Card prior to commencing any volunteer work at the school.

BUS TRANSPORT

Transport is free to all eligible students. In determining eligibility primary school children must live more than 3.2km from school. High school children must live more than 4.8km from school. School transport services operate under a strict, behaviour code of conduct for students.

For further information regarding our local bus services contact CDC – 5476 6622 or www.cdcqueensland.com.au.

CHAPLAINCY

Golden Beach State School has a School Chaplain working 5 days a fortnight. The role of a School Chaplain is to:

- Provide spiritual support and direction to the school community
- Provide social and emotional support to students, parents and staff via pastoral conversations
- Build positive relationships with students
- Be a positive mentor and role model for young people
- Work closely with other staff & services to nurture and care for students
- Assist at-risk students through specialised programs
- Work with staff and families from the wider school community

For more information or a booking with our School Chaplain, please see the office.

COMMUNICATION

Communication is seen as an important part of the relationship between parents and the school. We would like all parents to be as aware as possible of your child's life, work and development at our school.

- A **newsletter** is sent electronically on the last **Friday** of the month to the registered email address, advising parents of school news, activities, forthcoming events and items of general interest. Paper copies are available at the Office.

Some teachers produce a class newsletter for parent information.

Special notes are often produced to communicate information about special events and excursions and are emailed home.

- The school Internet website www.goldenbeachss.eq.edu.au provides a great deal of information including an up to date calendar and past copies of the school newsletter. (Photographs of class activities and news pages are features to be viewed.)
- Golden Beach State School also has a Facebook page located at www.facebook.com/goldenbeachstateschool
- At Parents and Citizens' meetings, the Principal gives a report on activities and programs which have taken place, or are planned to be implemented. Topics of a professional nature (e.g. around curriculum, school facilities or upcoming events).
- A variety of methods may from time to time be used to communicate to parents, information about the school. These could include parent-teacher evenings, special assemblies, open days, special celebration days, displays of student work and/or activities, etc. These will be advertised in the Newsletter and on our website.
- Our school will also use text messaging as part of communicating with parents.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Golden Beach State School maintains a firm commitment to ensuring that our students have access to the latest information & communication technology.

Children not only have access to laptops and ipads in their classrooms, and two computer labs, but can also utilise wireless connectivity in each classroom with a variety of mobile devices. Students in all grades have restricted access to the Internet through Education Queensland's Network.

On enrolment students/guardians are required to complete an 'Internet Access Agreement' which outlines the terms and conditions of access. An ever-expanding software library is available to teachers for use in their classrooms.

CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

From time to time you may have concerns about your child at school or the operations of our school. These concerns may grow into bigger issues if you don't talk to the school staff about them.

Education Queensland is committed to ensuring that all parents have their concerns dealt with in a fair and equitable manner and there are processes and support structures in place to enable parents to work through any issues they may have.

CUSTODY

Upon admission to the school, parents are asked to provide details regarding custody of children. In the event of the enrolling parent having sole custody, a copy of the court orders to that effect will be requested and kept on file. It is essential that the school is aware of any custody arrangements pertaining to your child.

DAILY ROUTINE

Students should plan to arrive at school by 8.30am. Students who arrive before 8.30am must remain in the Senior Covered Games Area until the bell rings at 8.30am. The Playground Equipment is not for use before school.

- 8.30am:** Bell to allow students to play on the oval
- 8.45am:** Students prepare for class
- 9.00am:** Roll Marking
- 9.00am:** Lessons commence
- 11.00am:** First break
- 11.40am:** Middle Session
- 1.15pm:** Second break
- 1.45pm:** Afternoon session
- 3.00pm:** School finishes

DISMISSAL TIMES

We make it a rule that children must leave the school grounds as soon as they are dismissed, unless waiting for a parent, brother or sister, or the school bus. Students waiting for pick-up should wait inside the fence. We would appreciate your insisting that your child comes straight home from school. If you find it necessary to alter the child's routine, please ensure s/he knows exactly what is required.

Students catching buses must assemble at the front of the school in the bus area.



EATING AREAS

To assist with the supervision and safety of students designated Year level eating areas have been established. For your information these eating areas are:

- Prep - Covered area in Prep
- Years 1 - 3 - Covered area near oval
- Years 4 - 6 - Covered area near tuckshop

Children are required to sit and eat for 10 minutes before being released by the teacher when the area is clean.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that parents supply, and keep current, an emergency telephone number for contact in an emergency. It can be your own phone, that of a neighbour, a work phone, or that of a relative. In the case of an accident, an ambulance will be called if deemed necessary.

Whenever you change your contact details please notify the School immediately so that an adjustment can be made on the school records.

EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS & LOCKDOWN

Procedures have been adopted which promote speedy evacuation of the building in cases of emergency. Regular practice is given in these procedures. Volunteers working at school when such a practice is undertaken must evacuate with the class/teacher.

All visitors to the school must comply with directions of teachers.



ENROLMENT

We invite all families, both within and outside our catchment, interested in enrolling at Golden Beach State School, to arrange a meeting with our Principal to discuss the opportunities for enrolment.

Please note that compulsory **PROOF OF BIRTH DATE** will be required. Suitable documentary evidence would be:

1. Extract from Birth Certificate
2. Signed Baptism Card
3. Signed statement by Minister of Religion or Doctor
4. Passport

Parents are requested to enrol the child/ren at the office, where significant details will be taken for the school records. Also, an interview with the Principal/ Deputy occurs upon enrolment. "Information Sessions" for Prep parents are held to provide opportunities for parents to learn more about our school.

EXCURSIONS

It is recognised that there are many enriching experiences for students outside our school environment.

Throughout the year, the school will endeavour to provide a range of excursions/camps, activities that enrich or complement the curriculum. Students who wish to go on excursions/camps must meet the school's requirements concerning appropriate dress, safety and standard of conduct. Parents/Carers permission notes are required for all excursions and parents will usually meet all costs associated with the excursions/ camps.

EXTRA MUSIC CURRICULAR

Every child at Golden Beach has a 30 minute music lesson each week with their class. Students have the opportunity to join the Junior or Senior Choir, depending on their year level. The choirs perform at community events and compete in local competitions.

Golden Beach offers an instrumental music program for students from Year 3. Students can learn an orchestral string instrument from year three or a concert band instrument from year four. Once students reach the required level on their instrument, they are required to be part of either the string orchestra or concert band.

Every second year, Golden Beach students present a major musical. This gives students the opportunity to sing, dance and act for a large audience.

"Starz Unlimited" Dance School is based at Golden Beach State School and provides ballet, tap, hip hop, song & dance, cheerleading and acrobatic lessons for children and adults.

GUIDANCE SERVICES

The Guidance Officer plays a role in identifying barriers that can influence learning and development. Support is provided when planning intervention approaches and programs that best support students' needs. While adhering to student privacy and confidentiality protocols, a range of issues may be supported by the Guidance Officer including; academic learning, behavioural support, and social/emotional development. The Guidance Officer is a member of the Student Services Team. They ensure that students with the highest needs receive priority and appropriate support. This process requires a referral from parents and teachers. Parents can contact the Principal or Deputy Principal to discuss the possibility of support by the Guidance Officer.

HEALTH

If your child is unwell, it is best to keep him/her at home. Please consider your child's well-being as the school has limited facilities and personnel to care for sick children. If your child becomes too ill to continue work in the classroom, the parent or emergency contact will be phoned to collect the child. The school is governed by Department of Education, Training and Employment regulations. Under these regulations, children suffering from infectious diseases must be excluded from school. A list of infectious diseases and exclusion periods is available for your information at the school office.

Allergies

A number of students in our school have an allergy. We encourage children to not share their food and that parents make our Teachers aware of any allergies their child has.

Dental Service

The Sunshine Coast Oral Health Service has a number of dental clinics with mobile dental vans providing free dental care to school children aged from Prep – Year 10. Emergencies can be attended to by phoning (07) 5436 8801.

First Aid

We attend to minor accidents and administer First Aid by following accepted First Aid practices. Many of our staff are qualified in First Aid. In serious cases, we endeavour to carry out your wishes regarding accidents and emergencies. Students will be taken to closest Hospital in the first instance, by ambulance.

General Medical Information

Please keep the school up to date with any medical conditions/ allergies your child may have. This includes information about signs, symptoms, triggers, treatment and contact details for your medical practitioner.

Head Lice

This issue can be a problem throughout the year if all parents are not diligent. Head lice must be treated for your child to attend school. Please inform your teacher if your child has head lice so that other parents can be reminded to check their children's hair. If your child has head lice it will be dealt with using the utmost of confidentiality. Keeping long hair tied back helps to reduce the chance of infestation.

Measles - People with measles should be excluded from work, school or childcare centres for at least four days after the appearance of the rash. To assist in the program to eradicate measles, the Health Department will be advised of any measles sufferers. They then provide support and advice to parents of such children.

Medication Information

It is occasionally necessary for a child to have prescribed medication whilst at school. Medication will only be administered under the following conditions:

- Only doctor prescribed medication can be administered (This means that we can administer Paracetamol only if it has been prescribed by a doctor or pharmacist)
- The medication must be sent to school in the original container with the pharmacist's label intact with the Doctor's name on the label
- The parent/carer will be asked to sign a Permission to Administer Medication Form stating time and dosage for medication
- No out of date medication will be administered

Medical Plans

Medical plans are written in consultation with parents/carers, medical practitioners and school administration for any child who suffers from a life threatening condition. Students who require the use of an Epi Pen for severe allergic reactions, diabetics or students who suffer from epilepsy are examples of conditions that require a medical plan.

Mumps - To reduce the spread of disease, people with mumps should be excluded from child care, school or work until five days after the onset of swelling or until the swelling disappears (whichever is sooner).

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set as required with individual children's needs taken into consideration. Normally children will take home only those items required for homework. Homework may take the form of work to learn (eg. spelling, tables), practice examples to do, or projects requiring some research and report writing. It is in your child's interests that you check regularly to see that home study is attended to. At parent/teacher meetings early each year the teachers advise parents of the class homework policy.

LATE ARRIVALS

Students who arrive after school commences should sign in at the office. A student is deemed late if they arrive after 9am. Rolls are marked in class each morning by 9:00am so it is important that any student who arrives after this time is recorded as present. A parent must sign their child in at the school office if arriving late.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

Parents or guardians are required to sign students out through the office should they be required to leave school at any time other than 3.00pm. Prior warning of early departure is appreciated so as arrangements can be made for students to meet you in the office foyer. Only emergency contacts are able to take children out of class before 3.00pm. Parents and/or emergency contacts need to report to the office to pick children up early.



LOST PROPERTY

It is important that all personal belongings be suitably labelled with your child's name particularly hats, bags and other items of clothing. We normally collect many items of clothing throughout the year and often cannot locate an owner because the item is not marked. Items found lying around the school are placed in a 'Lost Property' box outside the school office.

MOBILE PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Golden Beach State School acknowledges that in today's world mobile phones and other electronic devices are becoming more accessible and useful as part of our communication network. Golden Beach State School however does not encourage the use of or bringing of mobile phones and other electronic devices to school. If your child needs to bring a mobile phone or electronic device to school, it will need to be stored at the office. Phones and devices must be signed in at the office by 8:30am and picked up at 3:00pm. Phones and devices are not permitted in classrooms or to be stored in children's bags, as this may lead to loss, theft or vandalism.

MONEY AT SCHOOL

Students should not leave money (or valuables) in school bags or desks. On any occasion children are asked to bring money to school this is advertised by note from school. Students should take any money, in a clearly marked envelope, for such activities directly to the office on arrival and deposit it in the collection box. Apart from tuckshop and school activities as mentioned above, there should be no reason for a child to have large sums of money at school.

PARADE

Year 4-6 school parade is held each Monday. Students in Years P-3 have parade each Wednesday. Both parades are held in our school hall starting at 2.30pm. Parents and friends are always welcome to attend.

Students receive general school notices on parade with special awards also presented at these times.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Co-operation between parents and teachers can only better serve the education of the children. Your support and co-operation will always be greatly appreciated.

You can support in these ways: -

1. Membership of **Parents and Citizens Association**. The P&C Association meets on the second Thursday of the month commencing at 6.00pm in the Library. Reminder notices will appear in the Newsletter and our Facebook page. There are various subcommittees which parents with special interest, expertise or talent may be invited to serve on. The P&C aims to foster communication and support among the school and wider community, and fundraises to assist in providing better facilities and resources for our students.
2. **Volunteers** help in Classrooms, Library, Resource Room, Administration or listen to children reading. If you would like to help in this practical way please contact your child's teacher or our friendly office staff.
3. Keep in touch with your child's teacher. Never hesitate to contact them whenever you have a query about school matters. Members of the school administration team are also available to answer any questions you may have about the school.
4. Attend Open Days, Parents/Teacher Interviews, Sports Days, Special Days, Assemblies, etc.

PARKING

Please co-operate with these recommendations to ease congestion around our school.

1. **Use the general car park** on Gregory Street. We also have permission from Caloundra Rugby League to use the car park on their grounds – there are approx 60 parking spaces available. Consider “pick-up” time after school. By arriving at approximately 3.10pm “the rush” can be reduced.
2. Obey the **“No Standing Anytime”** traffic signs in Earnshaw Street. The Earnshaw Street car park is strictly reserved for staff only.
3. Standing or parking in the bus stop in Gregory Street is prohibited.
4. Parking in the grounds is limited to when you are picking up sick children.

PREP YEAR

Golden Beach State School has been a leading Prep school since 2005.

Many schools have visited our Prep precinct to try and replicate the outstanding program and routines we have established.

Prep provides young children with the very best start to school by helping them make a smooth transition to Year 1 and setting them on the path to lifelong learning.

It provides the foundation children need to succeed at school by developing:

- A positive approach to learning
- Independence and confidence
- Thinking and problem solving skills
- Language skills
- Early literacy and numeracy
- Physical abilities, including gross and fine motor skills
- Social and emotional wellbeing

Children in prep will attend school under similar conditions as students in the primary years. They will wear the same uniform and participate in the full life of the school.

A detailed prep handbook and brochure has been published for parents enrolling their children in prep.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Interschool Sports

During Term 3 students in Years 5 & 6 participate in an interschool competition in a range of sports, such as soccer, rugby league, basketball, oz tag, netball, touch football etc.

School Athletics

During Terms 2 & 3 all children are involved in athletics. Children are allocated a 'House' on admission and they compete in a school competition each year.

Swimming

Learn to swim and surf skills classes are offered to Year 1-6 students in Terms 1 & 4 as part of the school's physical education program. The swimming program used has been designed by the Royal Life Saving Association and is implemented by Physical Education specialist and qualified coaches from John Wallace Swim School.

Surf Awareness

Students in Years 5 and 6 attend 4 x 45 minute swim lessons at Caloundra Aquatic Centre prior to 3 x 75 minute surf education sessions at a local beach. All sessions are conducted by qualified and experienced instructors with the class teacher providing assistance.

Cross Country

Students in Years 4 – 6 compete in this event in the week prior to Easter each year. The course is completely within the school boundary and distances vary (1km, 1.5km, 2km) for the respective year level. Students train for 4 weeks leading into this event.

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Information about students and their families is collected as a part of the enrolment process, for student management and at other times (eg camps) when necessary.

Our school complies with Information Standard 42 – Information Privacy (IS-42). A copy of the standard maybe down loaded from the Education Queensland website <http://education.qld.qld.gov.au/home/privacy.htm>

All information is treated with the utmost confidentiality and is used only for the purpose for which it was collected. Personal information on the enrolment form can be disclosed to other third parties without the individual's consent where authorised or required by law. Information may be passed onto other Government agencies such as Queensland Health, Queensland Transport, Queensland Police Service and Department of Families.



REFUNDS

If a parent/carer wishes to apply for a refund due to their child's non-participation in an excursion, camp or school activity, they may do so by completing a Request for Refund form available from the school office. Where possible, the request should include a receipt relating to payment for which a refund is being sought.

It is preferred that refunds be made as a credit against a student's account at the school, and used for any cost in the future.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Religious Instruction is offered at Golden Beach State School in a cooperative arrangement to deliver the authorised program outlined in the Connect Curriculum.

Faith groups involved in the delivery include:

- Caloundra Church of Christ
- Calvary Christian Church
- City Edge Church
- Caloundra Presbyterian Church
- Caloundra Uniting Church

Students are allocated to RI based on information provided by parents on the completed Application for Student Enrolment unless other written instructions have been provided to the school.

Note: *This information remains operational unless the parent informs the school otherwise in writing.*

Students who are not participating in RI will be provided with other instruction in a separate, supervised location. Other instruction relates to part of a subject area already covered in class and may include, but is not restricted to:

- Personal research and/or assignments
- Revision of class work e.g. writing, literacy, numeracy activities and may include online programs currently accessed by the students of Golden Beach State School
- Wider reading such as independent reading appropriate to the student.

Parents will be advised of any changes to the RI and other instruction programs to ensure they are able to make an informed decision on their child's participation.



RESOURCE CENTRE – LIBRARY

Our air-conditioned Resource Centre is developing into a fine resource and media centre equipped with access to the latest computer technology. Children of all ages enjoy having stories read to them. It is desirable that a book bag be used for borrowing library books to protect books from damage. Suggested types are either a strong vinyl carry bag which is available from the Uniform Shop or a cloth material bag with a drawstring top, at least 35cm x 45cm.

All books out on loan are to be returned prior to the last week of each term. While we encourage the reading habit and hence borrowing of books, we also expect children to learn to take care of books. Students can also access lunchtime activities including Chess Club, Reading Club and the Maker Space.

SAFETY

At Golden Beach State School, we are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and volunteers. This commitment includes the health and safety of staff and students when conducting curriculum activities in the school or in other locations.

School excursions and camps enhance a student's learning by providing opportunities for the student to participate in activities, both curriculum-related and recreational, outside the normal school routine. All planned school excursions are approved by the Principal and endorsed by the P & C Association.

SCHOOL ACCESS

The Department of Education and Training has regulations regarding school access. All visitors must report to the school office. If you wish to use the school grounds/facilities, prior approval from school administration is required.

SCHOOL CAMPS

Students from the upper school are invited each year to be involved in the school's Outdoor Education Program, which consists of camps and trips to our local areas.

Year 6 – 2 nights

Year 5 – 3 days, 2 nights

Year 4 – 2 days, 1 night

SCHOOL FEES

State schools are able to charge a fee for:

- An educational service including materials and consumables not defined as instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student
- An educational service purchased from a provider other than the school where the provider charges the school; and
- A specialised educational program.

SCHOOL INSURANCE

There are some activities at school that carry an inherent risk of physical injury occurring. The Department of Education and Training does not have personal accident insurance cover for students.

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

We have a number of specialist staff available to provide activities for children and to assist teachers in developing and implementing individual education plans for students. Our specialist staff includes:

- Physical Education Teacher
- Guidance Officer
- Kitchen Garden Specialists
- LOTE Teacher (Mandarin)
- Music Teacher
- Instrumental Music Teachers
- Special Education Teachers
- Therapists

SPORTS HOUSES

The school divides into three house teams:

Banksia	Red
Eucalypt	Green
Pandanus	Yellow

These house names are named after local flora found on the school grounds. As a rule, children of the one family belong to the same house. Children are allocated to a House as they enrol.



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

We are fortunate at Golden Beach State School to be a part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. For those members of our school community who are not familiar with the program, a kitchen garden is a garden created to provide edible, aromatic and beautiful resources for a kitchen. The philosophy behind the program is that there is no such thing as special food for children - if food is good, then everyone will enjoy it regardless of age.

Our kitchen specialist then assists the children as they cook a meal using the freshly grown, organic and unprocessed ingredients. In small groups, the children follow a recipe step by step and prepare their lovely dishes with pride and care. Here at Golden Beach State School, our program is designed to get children gardening and cooking in order to teach them about the joys and benefits of freshly grown food. It provides them with the knowledge to make healthy food choices which will benefit them for years to come.









Our kitchen garden program mainly targets students in Years 4-6, but does work across the whole of the school.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We believe that all students should learn to take responsibility for their own actions and be taught to respect the rights of others in a safe and secure environment. We promote and expect mutual respect between all students, staff and visitors within our school.

We believe that positive behaviour is best developed in productive partnerships between home and school where expectations and boundaries are clearly understood, reinforced and communicated. To this end we regularly celebrate behavioural success on a whole school and classroom basis and deliver clearly stated consequences when school expectations are not met.



	Whole School	Learning Areas	Entering/ leaving school	Play Areas	Eating Times	Toilets/ Drink Taps	Transition	Tuckshop	Excursions /Off Campus
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I am responsible for my behaviour * I keep my hands and feet to myself * I follow adult directions * I report any concerns * I use words to solve problems * I use equipment safely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I walk when indoors * I ask permission to leave the room * I am in the classrooms only when a teacher is present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I use the crossing * I follow the crossing supervisor's instructions * I follow road rules * I follow bus code of conduct * I wait in the under covered area before 8.30am * I walk bikes/scooters across the crossing and in school grounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I wear a hat and shoes when outside * I stay in the correct area * I walk on the concrete * I am sun smart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I only eat my own food * I don't share food * Use my own drink bottle * I sit while I am eating * I wash my hands before eating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I wash my hands appropriately * Take a buddy during class time (P-2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I walk when moving around the school * I wait quietly in lines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I queue correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I follow my teacher's/leader's instructions * I stay with my group
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I treat others the way I want to be treated (Common Courtesies) * I use people's names when I greet them * I say please and thank you when I ask for something * I encourage and support others * I respect other people's property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I raise my hand to speak * I listen to others * I use positive language * I ask to borrow equipment * I follow adult directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I stay on pathways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I ask to join games * I play by the agreed rules * I invite others to join in * I share equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I raise my hand when I am ready to leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I respect the privacy of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I wait at the door to be invited in * I keep to the left of the paths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I wait my turn * I line up quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I show pride in myself and my school * I use good audience manners * I walk thoughtfully in public places * I show my appreciation at the appropriate time and in the appropriate manner
Be Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I am the best participant that I can be * I am on time * I ask for help * Take responsibility for my own actions * I care for the natural environment * I leave valuables at home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I keep the classroom tidy * I have my equipment ready * I return borrowed equipment and resources promptly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I sign in when arriving late * I sign out when leaving early * I hand my mobile phone into the office on arrival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I care for equipment * I return borrowed equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I only eat food at the eating area * I put my rubbish in the bin * I put my lunch box away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I wait my turn * I return to class promptly * I am water wise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I walk quietly so that I do not disturb others' learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I order lunch before school * I use my manners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Look after equipment and own belongings * Return permission forms and money on time
Be a Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I participate the best I can * I complete tasks * I ask for help when needed * I use words to solve problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I am organised * I listen to others when they speak 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I set and agree on rules before play 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I use the toilet before class and during breaks 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be attentive

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

The purpose of the scheme is to provide the students and parents with a cost effective method to provide resources to our students. This one off payment will ensure that all resources required for learning are made available to students.

The scheme does not include stationary. Payments are made at our Office by Eftpos, Centrelink, Cash, Cheque or BPoint.

STATIONERY PACK - At the beginning of each year, a year level stationery pack will be put together. It will be the responsibility of parents and families to provide these resources to their child. Stationery Packs can be bought through a school supplier or individually purchased by Parents.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Golden Beach State School has established networks of personnel who provide different levels of support for the Individual needs of students. The Student Services team are committed to helping students make the most of their experience at school.

- Support Teachers
- Guidance Officer
- Behaviour Support Staff
- Indigenous Support Staff
- Education Queensland Therapists – Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) who can work with all students from Prep – Year 6, Occupational Therapist (OT) and Physiotherapist (PT) who work with students who are verified with a disability.
- Advisory Visiting Teachers – Early Years, Vision, Hearing, and Physical.

Through the Student Services Team curriculum adjustments are put in place to enable students to achieve individual goals, progressing through to alternative programs or a combination of both. Student needs are identified through a referral process that is managed by a team of professionals who meet regularly to ascertain areas of support and plan for individual student needs.

TRANSFERS

If a student is to leave the school to transfer to another, please let the school know by letter or in person. This enables us to ensure that all school materials on loan are returned (library books, textbooks, etc.) and important information can be passed onto your child's new school.

TUCKSHOP

Our Tuckshop is conducted by a convenor and parent volunteers every day of the week. A student may obtain morning tea and lunch each day.

A price list is provided early in the year, and "updates" provided by way of the school newsletter.

Parent volunteers are always needed to work in the Tuckshop. This is a great way to meet other parents while making a significant contribution to the school and students. If you are able to volunteer as a helper please contact the tuckshop.

Our school uses the online ordering system called FlexiSchools. FlexiSchools is well established and tested, operating in hundreds of schools across Australia. This system allows parents, students and staff to place orders from home, work or school. The payment is also done online, so less paper bags and cash are sent with your child to school. As well as being convenient for parents, the online orders are much faster and easier for our tuckshop convenor to process - so it makes everyone's life a little easier.

Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click "**Register Now**". You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately.

If you have any questions about the tuckshop online ordering system, please ask the school office for more information.

If you do not wish to use the online ordering system, orders can be written on a paper bag, with student's name, grade, with money placed inside. Change will be given. **(Please use a marker pen to make it clear, do not use pencil).**



UNIFORM DRESS CODE POLICY

The Golden Beach State School Dress Code Policy has been developed in consultation with parents and caregivers, school staff, students and the Parents' and Citizens' Association.

The Golden Beach State School community endorses, supports and expects students to be in uniform.

A uniform is an important part of the development of our school as it presents the first (and often lasting) impression people form about our school and its students. The Golden Beach State School Dress Code assists our school community by:

- Allowing for the easy identification of our students on school premises and during regional sporting and cultural events and excursions, critical incidents, safety drills or evacuations.
- Alerting our school staff to people who may not belong on our school grounds.
- Reducing the pressure of buying name brands and following the latest trends and fads, this minimises any visible economic or social differences between students.
- Promoting a sense of common purpose and belonging, consistency and unity in the daily activities of students.
- Reflecting Golden Beach State School's community expectations of student safety and is consistent with the Department of Education and Training's Occupational Health and Safety and Anti-discrimination Legislation and Sun Safe Strategy.

A detailed dress code policy can be found on our website or by requesting one from the school office.

The uniform shop is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.00am – 9.30am for the sale of new and second hand uniforms. EFTPOS and credit card facilities are available.







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