

PARENT

INFORMATION HANDBOOK 2025





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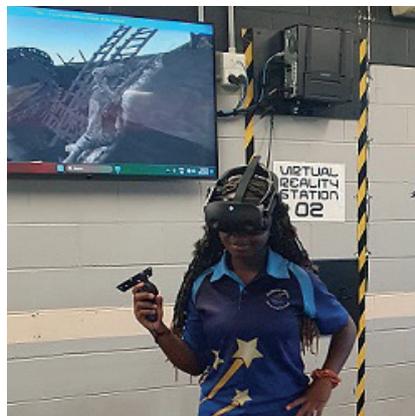
REDBANK PLAINS

State High School

Redbank Plains State High School has proudly served its school community since 1987.

At Redbank Plains State High School, our mission is to provide an engaging, accessible and challenging curriculum to ensure the personal and educational success of every student, in every class, every day.

Redbank Plains State High School is a comprehensive school that meets the educational needs of over 1500 students in Ipswich's eastern suburbs. For over thirty years the school has delivered high quality academic, sporting and cultural programs to its community. The school has high expectations of its students and is dedicated to ensuring successful pathways for all to attain their aspirations.



Achieving academic, sporting and cultural excellence.

Principal's Welcome

Working together to engage all students to become informed, compassionate, and global citizens.

It is with pleasure that we welcome you to the Redbank Plains State High School community. Redbank Plains State High School has been at the very heart of the local community for over thirty years. We are proud of our achievements, our programs, and the positive relationships we build with students, parents, and the community. It's an outstanding school, with great people working together to ensure our students' success.

The school offers a broad academic pathway to university study and vocational pathways to TAFE and employment. Signature academic programs include the Sirius selective-entry academic extension classes in the core curriculum of Junior Secondary and the Nebular STEM program. We also have sporting development programs in basketball, volleyball, rugby league, and soccer.

Specialised facilities allow state-of-the-art learning to take place in science laboratories, catering kitchens, and performance spaces. The school is a partner in the WestEC Trade Training Centre, where industry-level facilities ensure students have a head start on entry to skilled trades. Multiple sporting fields allow a range of sports to be played at the highest school level, and an attractive campus enhances student wellbeing.

We invite you and your family to become active participants in our school and look forward to working with you and sharing in your child's learning and school experiences.

Principal
Ms Aimee Argiro



The school fields teams in a wide range of sports and has multiple talented coaches on staff. It promotes culture and the arts with a large instrumental music program and performances an art, dance, drama and music. The school promotes and celebrates community service through its students. Students at Redbank Plains are supported by a Special Education program, Guidance Officers, a Youth Support Coordinator, Community Liaison Officers, Chaplain, Nurse, Social Worker, Success Coach and behavioural support staff. All are dedicated to the school's motto of "Learning First, Leading Tomorrow".

The school has high expectations of student engagement, attendance, compliance with the dress code and behaviour, both on campus and in the community. It is committed to equity of outcomes and social justice and believes education enables both social and economic advancement and ensures social cohesion.

Key Personnel



EXECUTIVE TEAM

Principal.....	Aimee Argiro
Deputy Principal Years 7/8.....	Rebecca Piercy
Deputy Principal Years 9/10.....	Emma Jenks
Deputy Principal Years 11/12.....	Diana Furlan
HR/Staffing	Geoff Sippel
Business Manager.....	Cheryl Scott

LEADERSHIP TEAM

EALD / Languages	Deb Favier
English	Jason Bugeja
Health and Physical Education	Jamie Ramm
Humanities	Jo Paxton
Junior Secondary Yrs 7-8.....	Scott Pearse
Learning Enhancement	Julie Finlayson
Mathematics	Kam Kumar
Middle Secondary	Marianne Watterson
Science	Chris Clarkson
Senior Secondary	Amy Luxton
Technology	Ida Seeto
The Arts	Nicolee Clarkson

STUDENT WELLBEING

Years 7	Tanya Webber
Years 8	Stacey Mallett
Years 9	Melissa Niven
Years 10	Talia Styles
Case Manager Years 11/12	Jake Currie

SUPPORT SERVICES

African Community Support Worker.....	Tarig Hammad
Chaplain.....	Hannah Backwell
Community Liaison Officer.....	Lucy Salanoa
First Nations Community Education Counsellor.....	Brenda Salmon
Link & Launch Manager	Roz Bowd
Learning Support- (Tues, Wed, Fri)	Haz Danks
Pacific Islander Liaison Officer	Pao Salanoa
School Based Health Nurse.....	Nicole Macqueen
Social Worker	Terrina Fernando
Youth Support Officer	Jodie Maaka

Guidance Officers

Guidance Officers: Jashu Vekariya, Ben Mahony, Khairul Sarudin and Jen Naylor

*Please note, this was correct at the time of printing and may change.

Daily Timetables

Lesson Times: MONDAY	
Access Class	8:55am - 9:00am
Period 1 Assembly	9:00am - 9:35am
Period 2	9:35am - 10:45am
Major Break	10:45am - 11:15am
Period 3	11:15am - 12:25pm
Minor Break	12:25pm - 12:55pm
Period 4	12:55pm - 2:05pm

Lesson Times: TUESDAY - FRIDAY	
Access Class	8:55am - 9:05am
Period 1	9:05am - 10:15am
Period 2	10:15am - 11:25am
Major Break	11:25am - 12:10pm
Period 3	12:10pm - 1:20pm
Minor Break	1:20pm - 1:50pm
Period 4	1:50pm - 3:00pm

Early Departures

Students requiring an early departure during the day must present a note signed and dated by their parent/guardian which includes:

- the student's full name and year level
- the required departure time
- the reason for early departure
- where you will be collecting the student
- the name of the person collecting the student.

To leave early, students must present a written note to the Student Office staff, collect a slip, and return to the Student Office with the slip after their teacher releases them from class at the designated time.

If the time of departure is during a break time, the student is to go to the Student Office at the required time. It is the student's responsibility to follow the correct process.

Bus Passes

Please contact Bus Queensland Buses for information about bus routes, passes and timetables. Forms can be downloaded from our website: redbankplainsshs.eq.edu.au/our-school/maps-and-transport or collected from the Student Office.

Messages to students in class

The school does not interrupt learning by conveying messages to students in class. To ensure smooth communication with your student, please arrange activities prior to the students' arrival at school, send emails, or leave SMS messages on their phones to be checked at the end of the school day.

Accordingly, messages will only be conveyed to students in class in an emergency circumstance.

Food and other deliveries

Any food or other deliveries from parents/friends must come via Student Services. Students are not to enter into out-of-bounds areas or exit the school grounds to collect goods. Students who enter the incorrect areas are posing a safety risk. Uber Eats or any food delivery, is not permitted at RPSHS.

Students that receive a food delivery from a parent/guardian are required to collect their meal from the Student Office and stay there until their meal is consumed.



REDBANK PLAINS

State High School

Junior Uniform



Sport Shirt

Sport Shorts

Senior Uniform



Formal Blouse

School Tie

Formal Shirt

Formal Skirt

Formal Shorts



Sport Shirt

Sport Shorts

Sport Development Program



Basketball



Volleyball



Soccer

Winter Uniform



V-neck Sweater (Knit)



Microfibre Jacket



Microfibre Pants

Accessories



Reversible Bucket Hat



Snap Back Hat



Navy Fleece Scarf



White Socks



Black Socks

School Tie



Uniform Price List 2025

Welcome to Redbank Plains State High School

We proudly present our uniform

SENIOR Years 10, 11 and 12		All Year Levels	
Formal Blouse	\$49.00	Microfibre Jacket	\$80.00
Formal Shirt	\$49.00	V-neck Sweater (Knit)	\$58.00
Formal Shorts (girls)	\$56.00	Track Pants	\$65.00
Formal Shorts (boys)	\$56.00	Socks Black or White (1 pk)	\$07.50
Formal Skirt	\$56.00	Socks Black or White (3 pk)	\$21.00
Sublimation Sports Shirt	\$49.00	Socks Black or White (5 pk)	\$35.00
Sublimation Sports Shorts	\$49.00	Sport Development Program	
Socks Black or White (1 pk)	\$07.50		
Socks Black or White (3 pk)	\$21.00	Sport Shirts	\$52.00
Socks Black or White (5 pk)	\$35.00	Sport Shorts	\$48.00
Senior Badge	\$07.00	Soccer Socks	\$15.00
Senior School Tie	\$18.50	Rugby Socks	\$15.00
Senior Blazer	\$240.00	Sport Development Packs	
Uniform Pack <small>(Blouse/Shirt, Shorts/Skirt, Socks, Hat & Tie)</small>	\$135.00	Basketball <small>(Singlet, Shirt, Shorts)</small>	\$140.00
JUNIOR Years 7,8 and 9		Soccer <small>(Shirt, Shorts & Socks)</small>	\$110.00
		Volleyball <small>(Shirt & Shorts)</small>	\$95.00
Sublimation Sports Shirt	\$49.00	ACCESSORIES	
Sublimation Sports Shorts	\$49.00	Antiperspirant Deodorant	\$3.00
Snap Back Hat	\$14.00	Computer Bag-Tote/Laptop	\$35.00
Reversible Bucket Hat	\$14.00	Pens/Pencils	\$1 Each
UNIFORM PACK <small>(Shirt, Shorts, Hat & Socks)</small>	\$110.50	Navy Fleece Scarf	\$20.00
		USB Flash Drive	\$8.50

* Prices are subject to change without notice

** Some accessory items are limited in stock

Check the website for Uniform Shop open hours

School Uniform

The Redbank Plains State High School community have determined that our school is a full uniform School. The school uniform is regarded by the school community as being important in its role in encouraging a sense of self-esteem, belonging and self-discipline in students.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9	Students in Years 10, 11 and 12
Unisex school shorts School polo shirt RPSHS school socks or black or white socks Black lace-up leather shoes/ joggers School royal blue jumper and/or school sports jacket School royal blue track pants or black dress pants	School skirt/shorts Senior blouse/shirt School tie (optional) RPSHS school socks or black or white socks or black stockings Black lace-up leather shoes/joggers School royal blue jumper and/or school sports jacket School royal blue track pants or black dress pants
School Hats	
Redbank Plains State High School Sun Safety Bucket Hat or Cap (Years 7-12) are available from the Uniform Shop. Year 7 students are encouraged to purchase a hat/cap.	

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop is located near the school canteen. The Uniform Shop offers the following facilities for purchase of Uniforms: Cash, MasterCard, Visa, EFTPOS and Lay-By. Uniforms can also be purchased online using the Qkr! App. Please check the school website for up-to-date open times. To contact the Uniform Shop, please call (07) 3432 1262.

Workplace Health and Safety- Footwear

As a workplace, the school must comply with the Workplace Health and Safety Act and students need to have shoes with “impervious uppers” that provide resistance to liquids and some resistance to hard or sharp objects. The best option is a leather black lace-up shoe/jogger. Such footwear is compulsory in our Science laboratories, Food and Nutrition kitchens and Manual Arts workshops.

Detail:

- All-black, fully enclosed, lace-up leather shoes

**No skate/roller shoes, slip-ons, boots, coloured laces, ballet flats, canvas, mesh-top, or suede shoes are permitted.*

Example of acceptable footwear:

Jewellery Policy

This policy allows for minimal jewellery at school. At all times workplace, health and safety and school image will be the determining factors in the application of this policy.

- The only visible jewellery permitted is a watch and small sleepers or studs or pearls.
- Students with any visible face or body piercing must use clear, plain studs that sit flat against the skin.
- Rings, bangles and bracelets, with the exception of medical alert bracelets are not permitted.
- Necklaces must not be visible.



Hair and Makeup Policy

- All students are expected to be well groomed and hairstyles must be neat, clean, tidy and well-maintained
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted
- It is unacceptable for hair to be dyed a non-natural colour
- Accessories are not permitted. These include but are not limited to bandanas, beanies and hair accessories, including ornamental beads or clips
- Plain blue or black headbands/ribbons are permitted
- Eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara and other types of makeup are not permitted
- Artificial eyelashes are not permitted
- Nails must be of a safe length and shape-coloured nails are not permitted
- Only a plain white, navy blue or black head scarf may be worn for religious reasons, provided a written explanation from parent/ caregiver has been given to and approved by the appropriate Year Level HOD.

For full details about the RPSHS Uniform Policy, please see our website:

www.redbankplainsshs.eq.edu.au

Student Attendance

At Redbank Plains State High School, prioritizing student attendance is paramount. Studies indicate that maintaining consistently high attendance levels directly correlates with greater academic success. Any challenges related to irregular attendance or lateness may lead to repercussions, including detention, a meeting with the respective Deputy Principal to assess ongoing enrolment, potential cancellation of enrolment, and the prospect of legal action against parents for student non-attendance. Complete attendance holds particular significance for students in post-compulsory education and those receiving Youth Allowance or Abstudy payments.

**If a student is absent
A parent or caregiver must**

Enter the absence details via
the Compass App.



OR

**CALL or LEAVE A MESSAGE: (07) 3432 1209
or email the Student Office**

Please make sure you provide:

- Your name, contact number and relation to the student
- Student's FULL NAME and year level
- Date/s of absence
- Reason for absence
- Pick up location

**A note from a parent/guardian (must match parent/guardian listed on school system) may be produced prior to absence or to explain a previous absence.*

The school informs parents/caregivers about unexplained absences via the Compass app or email. To avoid receiving a message, parents/caregivers must contact the school before 10.00am to advise that a student will be absent. Students must provide a medical certificate for any absence longer than 2 days. All medical certificates must be submitted to Student Office within 48 hours of returning to school.

Parents/carers will have 2 weeks from the date of the absence to provide a reasonable explanation to the school for the absence. If no reasonable explanation has been provided within the 2 weeks the absence will be recorded as an unexplained absence.

Student Resource Scheme

What the Scheme cover?

- Hardcopy and online text resources - materials used in subjects such as Art, Manual Arts and Home Economics
- Other subject related expenses (Excursions not included)
- ID Card
- School Handbook
- Internet access including electronic learning materials such as software
- Printing credits

**Students Resource Scheme fees are subject to change,
please enquire the fee amount upon enrolment**

Purpose of the Scheme

1. In accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, the cost of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of students enrolled at State schools who are Australian citizens or permanent residents, or children of Australian citizens or permanent residents, is met by the State.
2. Parents/carers are directly responsible for providing textbooks and other personal resources for their children while attending school. In recognition that these costs can be high, the school operates a Student Resource Scheme (the "scheme") that enables a parent/carer to enter into an agreement with the school that, for a specified annual participation fee, the school will provide for the temporary use by the student of prescribed textbooks and/or other resources, and/or the purchase of consumables and materials for the student.
3. A Student Resource Scheme is separate to and distinct from a request for a voluntary financial contribution.

** A parent/carer who chooses not to participate in the scheme is responsible for providing the student with all items that would otherwise be provided to the student by the scheme as detailed on the Year Level.*

Requirements List and/or Subject Requirements List, to enable the student to engage with the curriculum.



Stationery List

Parents/Carers are required to purchase the compulsory and relevant subject stationery items listed to ensure their child is prepared for school each year. All year-level stationery lists can be accessed on the school's website. Stationery costs will vary based on your child's year level and can be ordered from any stationery supplier.

All students will require access to personal laptop or rental laptop.

Payments

Payments can be made in person at the Student Office on Tuesday and Thursday between 8:15am until 12 noon.

Online payment options include:

- BPoint direct debit
- Qkr (to download Qkr: qkr.mastercard.com/store)

Other payment options include:

- BPoint Voice over the phone
- Centrepay

Scholarships

Redbank Plains State High School awards a limited number of scholarships to candidates who are about to enter our school in Year 7 and to internal and external student candidates in Years 8- 11. Each successful scholarship recipient receives a Laptop4Rent hire device for 12 months at a value of \$200 to use at school and in the home. Application forms can be found on the school's website.

Arts Scholarship 1 Available Per Year Level	Senior Academic Scholarship 1 Available Per Year Level – 10, 11 & 12
Instrumental Music Scholarship 1 Available Per Year Level	Sports Scholarship 1 Available Per Year Level
Sirius Academic Scholarship 1 Available Per Year Level – 7, 8 & 9	

Signature Excellence Programs

Our Signature Programs provide extensions in their respective fields beyond the mainstream classroom. These programs include:

- **Sirius Academic Program:** Targets students with high academic abilities to develop their critical thinking, problem-solving, and independent learning skills.
- **SPORTS Development Programs:** Targeting students who have a keen interest in competitive volleyball, soccer, rugby league, and basketball.

Extra-curricular Programs

Redbank Plains State High School offers a diverse range of extra-curricular programs, spanning multiple sports and the arts, including dance, drama, music, and visual arts. Unlock your child's potential beyond the classroom and explore the exciting avenues waiting for them. For more details, visit our school's website today.

Electronic Devices

Mobile phones and smartwatches “Away for the Day” at all Queensland state schools during school hours.

The Department of Education introduced an “away for the day” policy (July 2023), and after careful consideration with our staff and Parent and Citizens Association (P & C) representatives, our school has decided to implement the following approach:

- Phone Pouches: Each student will be issued a magnetic lock phone pouch. Phones will be locked in these pouches during the roll-marking period and unlocked at the end of Period 4.
- Classroom Un/locking Devices: Classrooms will be equipped with a device to lock and unlock the pouches, allowing supervised use of phones for curriculum purposes.
- Consequences for Violations: Students found using a phone during the school day will be required to surrender it to the Student Office. For the first violation, students will collect the phone at the end of the day. Subsequent violations will require parent collection of the phone. Continued non-compliance will result in an escalation of consequences.
- Canteen Purchases: All transactions at the canteen will be restricted to debit card or cash.
- Laptops: To ensure the highest educational outcomes, all students will be required to have a laptop at school. This device will serve as a crucial tool for educational success and communication with families during school time.

Consequences of the misuse of a electronic device:

1. First occasion- Collect the device at 3pm from the Student Office
2. Second or more occasions- Phone call home to parent/guardian to collect the device from the Student Office

* To view the FULL Electronic Device Policy, please refer to our website.

Laptop Program

To ensure students have access to the best possible education, **all students at Redbank Plains State High School from 2025 will use a laptop in all their classes.** Students will still need to use some workbooks for practical lessons, even though their laptops will replace textbooks, with all materials loaded onto their device and accessible at school and home. It also gives every student immediate access to educational enhancement programs like Education Perfect (paid for by the school) and numerous educational quizzes and games.

A laptop means that students no longer need to transport bags filled with heavy books to and from school. They will also have immediate individual access to the latest version of electronic texts and be able to use draw on the knowledge and resources of the internet from their classrooms and all other locations at school and home (if there is an internet connection).

Student surveys show that more than 80 percent of our students believe a laptop computer helps improve their learning, and a similar percentage believe it helps them with homework. In addition, many publishers are no longer issuing printed textbooks, so a laptop is increasingly necessary to access essential learning resources.

In 2025, all students and parents have two options, provide a parent owned laptop of the necessary specifications or hire a Laptop4Rent from the school for the 2024 school year for \$200, which is fantastic value at \$1 per school day.

To ensure they function throughout the school day, laptops must be charged at home overnight and brought to school fully charged. For electrical and workplace health and safety reasons, student laptops are not permitted to be charged at school.

REAL

RESPECT EXCEL ATTEND LEARN



Our school's culture is embedded by our school-wide positive behaviour strategy motto REAL. REAL is an acronym for:

- **RESPECT** - Others
- **EXCEL** - In all endeavours
- **ATTEND** - Every day
- **LEARN** - To the best of their abilities

Students and staff are required to meet clear expectations which support this motto. Explicit teaching of these expectations take place during an Access Class throughout the week.

School Houses

We are 'Redbank Plains All Stars', our logo symbolises this. The 'Lion' is our official school logo. Our "Lion" will be known as "Leo the Lion" based on the constellation name "Leo" which is Latin for 'lion'. Within our school, there are four distinct houses:

- **Taurus Bulls**
- **Draco Dragons**
- **Aquila Eagles**
- **Scorpius Scorpions**



Homework Club

The Homework Club will be available for students every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm in the school's Resource Centre (library). The Homework Club assists students in improving results through developing better study habits, including time management skills and the use of resources..

Students participating in the Homework Club will have:

- a quiet workplace
- access to the internet
- supervision and teacher support.

Canteen

The P & C Association oversees the daily operations of the school canteen, ensuring its functionality every morning before classes commence and during both scheduled breaks. You can find the complete menu conveniently accessible on the school's official website.

Canteen Purchases: All transactions at the canteen will be restricted to debit card or cash.

School Overview

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I want to contact a teacher

A full list of staff contact details is available on the school's website.

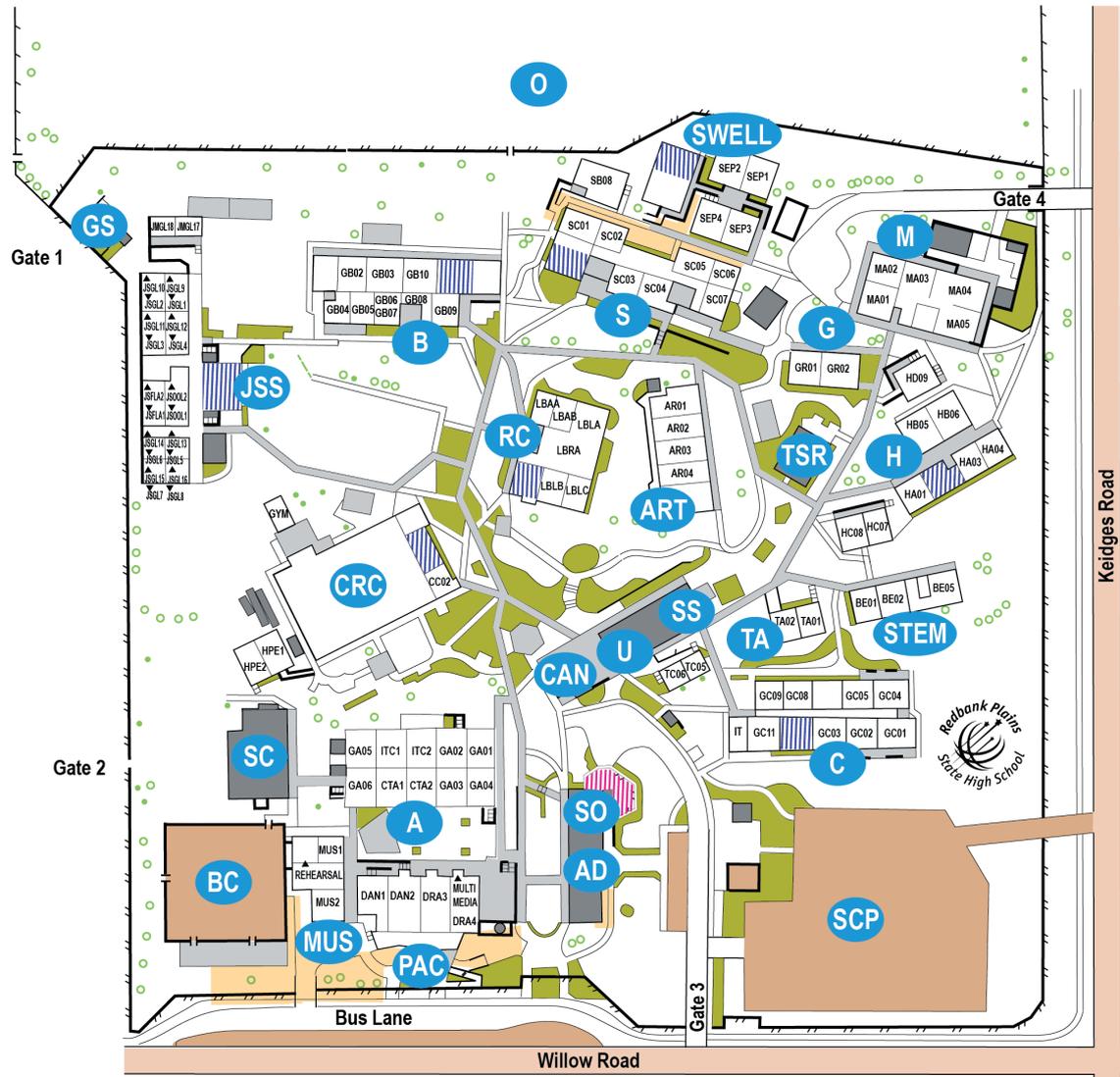
I want to find out a school policy

The following Redbank Plains State High School policies and procedures are available on the school's website – redbankplainsshs.eq.edu.au/support-and-resources/forms-and-documents

- Assessment Policy
- Electronic Device Policy
- RPSHS Uniform Policy
- School bus code of conduct
- Student absences and attendance policy
- Student assessment and assignment policy and extension request form
- USI Policy

School Map

A	Humanities
AD	Administrations
ART	ART
B	Mathematics
BC	Basketball Courts
C	English
CAN	Canteen
CRC	Community Recreation Centre
G	Graphics
GS	Grounds Shed
H	Home Economics
JSS	Junior Secondary School
M	ITD
MUS	Music
O	Ovals
PAC	Performing Arts Centre
RC	Resource Centre (Library)
S	Science
SC	Staffroom
SCP	Staff Car Park
SWELL	Student Wellbeing HUB
SO	Student Office
SS	Senior Schooling
STEM	STEM
TA	Re-engagment
TSR	Technology Staff Room
U	Uniform Shop



Connect With Us - Communications and Compass App

Communication is integral to the sense of community we foster at Redbank Plains State High School with our main communication method being via the Compass app, followed by emails, the school website and social media. We encourage all families to download the Compass app for all iPhone and Android phones. With a single tap, you have access to up-to-date information. Features include:

- School notices
- School events
- Student timetable and attendance information
- School calendar
- School newsletter
- Staff contacts

Other contact methods include emails, telephone calls, parent-teacher conferences, curriculum and awards events, as well as school tours.

Keep up-to-date by following us on Facebook (@RPSHS) and Instagram (Redbank Plains State High School).

Please refer to our website for Responsible use of Social Media outline.



Queensland State School Term Dates

2025 Term Dates

Term	Date	Length
Term 1	Tuesday 28 January – Friday 4 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Tuesday 22 April – Friday 27 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 7 October – Friday 12 December	10 weeks

2026 Term Dates

Term	Date	Length
Term 1	Tuesday 27 January to Thursday 2 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Monday 20 April to Friday 26 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 13 July to Friday 18 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October to Friday 11 December	10 weeks



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