



Dear Parents and Carers of 2024 Dakabin SHS students

Please find below important information to assist your student with a smooth transition into an exciting new year. If you would like further resources to assist with transitions, support and more, please head to REACHOUT: <https://parents.au.reachout.com/>
This is a useful website for both Students and Parents.

2024 – GETTING PREPARED

Here are some practical tips to help you support your student in transitioning from holidays to school.

- Create a plan with your student. Work together with your student to create a plan where both of you understand and agree with all steps. Involving your student in decisions, assists them to feel that they are being heard and supports them to develop self-advocacy skills.
- Remind them how they are getting to and from school, including being punctual to school and all classes.
- Ensure you have discussed and organised your transportation plan to and from school.
- Set Goals for the year. Discuss what went well in 2023, what was their real challenge and what is possible. With your student ask what they need to achieve their goal/s. Speak with a staff member if required. Write your student/s Commitment to Action (goal) in a prominent place at home so they are reminded and can revise if required.
- Have uniforms and school bag prepared before their first day.

2024 – FIRST DAYS

2024 will begin with a staggered start, with Years 7, 11 and 12 commencing on Monday, 22 January 2024 and Years 8, 9 and 10 commencing on Tuesday, 23 January 2024. Students are expected to be at school and on campus at 8.40 am ready for an 8.50 am start. The first bell will ring at 8.45 am for students to line up at their classrooms.

Please note: Timetabled Classes begin at 8:50am for 2024

Dakabin State High School				
Timetable Configuration - Semester 1 2024 v1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SB 8:40-8:50				
	CTL 8:40-8:50	CTL 8:40-8:50	CTL 8:40-8:50	CTL 8:40-8:50
P 1 8:50-10:00	P 1 8:50-10:00	P 1 8:50-10:00	P 1 8:50-10:00	P 1 8:50-10:00
P 2 10:00-11:10	P 2 10:00-11:10	P 2 10:00-11:10	P 2 10:00-11:10	P 2 10:00-11:10
L1 11:10-11:50	L1 11:10-11:50	L1 11:10-11:50	L1 11:10-11:50	L1 11:10-11:50
P 3 11:50-1:00	P 3 11:50-1:00	P 3 11:50-1:00	P 3 11:50-1:00	P 3 11:50-1:00
L2 1:00-1:30	L2 1:00-1:30	L2 1:00-1:30	L2 1:00-1:30	L2 1:00-1:30
P 4 1:30-2:40	P 4 1:30-2:40	P 4 1:30-2:40	P 4 1:30-2:40	
				DAIR 1:30-2:40

- ❖ SB = Staff Briefing
- ❖ CTL = Curriculum Teaching & Learning

- All students will have a Formal Induction to reengage with their goals, learnings and expectations on their first day and reconnect with teachers and students.
- All students will receive their Timetable and School Diary. Year 7 will also receive a Dakabin SHS Cap.



Year	Monday 22 January 2024				Tuesday 23 January 2024			
	P1 – 8.50 am	P2 – 10.00 am	P3 – 11.50 am	P4 – 1.30 pm	P1 - 8.50 am	P2 – 10.00 am	P3 – 11.50 am	P4 – 1.30 pm
7	Hall Pathways Teacher	Hall to Pathways Classroom with Pathways Teacher	Hall to classroom with Period 3 Teacher	Hall to classroom with Period 4 Teacher	Admin Courts with Period 1 Teacher & Year 11 Mentors	Admin Courts with Period 2 Teacher	Admin Courts with Period 3 Teacher & Year 11 Mentors	Admin Courts with Period 4 Teacher
8					Hall with Pathways Teacher and then Period 1 Teacher	Timetabled Classes		
9					Timetabled Classes	Hall with Period 2 Teacher	Timetabled Classes	
10					Timetabled Classes		Hall Pathways Teacher	Timetabled Classes
11	Pathways Classroom Pathways Teacher	Hall with Period 2 Teacher	Timetabled Classes		Timetabled Classes			
12	Pathways Classroom Pathways Teacher	Timetabled Classes			Timetabled Classes			

*Wet weather arrangements – Home Ec Shelter instead of Admin Courts

Wednesday 24 January 2024

- Years 7-12 students in Timetabled classes

2024 – MOBILE PHONES and wearable devices - 'Away for the day'

The Queensland Government is committed to reducing the distraction of mobile phones and other devices to provide optimal learning environments for all state school students.

From the first day of Term 1 2024, student mobile phones also extend to wearable devices like Smartwatches. Smartwatches can be worn but must have notifications switched off so that phone calls, messages and other notifications cannot be sent or received during school hours.

The adoption of this state wide approach will support schools to maintain a strong focus on educational achievement, and student wellbeing and engagement, by:

- providing optimal learning and teaching environments, free from the distractions caused by personal use of mobile phones and wearable devices
- supporting schools to create safe and supportive learning environments that prioritise student engagement and wellbeing
- encouraging increased face-to-face social interactions between students
- promoting the health and wellbeing of students by providing opportunities for social interaction and physical activity



during break times

- reducing the potential for students to be exposed to the negative impacts of the digital world resulting from unsafe or inappropriate use of technology, such as cyberbullying, accessing harmful content or breaches of personal privacy.

Important To Note

- For the purpose of this document, mobile phones and wearable devices include mobile phones, smartwatches, handheld devices and other emerging technologies which have the ability to connect to telecommunication networks or the internet.
- This document does not apply to personal or school-owned devices that are approved for educational use as part of the school's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy.

MOBILE PHONE STRATEGY

Phone Pouches

Students who wish to bring their phone to school are required to purchase a pouch through the Cashier or Uniform Shop for \$10.00. This must be purchased prior to the commencement of Term 1, 2024.

Operating Procedures

Students are expected to turn their phone(s) off and lock inside the pouch prior to entering the school grounds. The phones remain locked throughout the day. Teachers will check that students have their phones locked in their pouches at the beginning of Period 1 each day. At the end of the day students will be provided access to the unlocking stations to unlock their pouches.

Lunch Breaks

Phones are to remain locked in the pouch on school grounds at all times. When a teacher sees a student's phone during lunch breaks, the teacher will be expected to follow the same procedures for 'When a phone is sighted'. Students will also be directed to switch off notifications on their wearable device.

Excursions/Sport/Vocational Education and Training

As per on school grounds, the rules will be applied on all school excursions, camps and sporting events. First Aid equipment will house an unlocking station for emergencies or if students are leaving from an excursion/sport to go home, unless otherwise determined by the school Principal.

Students participating in activities, such as off-site Vocational Education and Training or work placements must follow the expectations of the organisation in charge regarding the use of mobile devices.

When a phone is sighted by staff*

Lunchtime*: The teacher must ask for the phone to be placed in the student's pouch immediately. If the student refuses to follow the instruction or does not have access to their unlocked pouch, the teacher will instruct the student to take the phone to the Office, take the name of the student and record the behaviour on OneSchool. The HOD of Engagement and Year Level Deputy Principal must be referred to in the OneSchool report.

Class time*: The teacher must ask for the phone to be placed in the student's pouch immediately. If the student refuses to follow the instruction of the teacher, the pouch is locked or they do not have a pouch, the teacher will instruct the student to take the phone to the Office. Students who return to the classroom will have a Compass Chronicle entry as evidence that they have handed their device into the Office. For students who do not have an entry on Compass, teachers must record the behaviour on OneSchool and refer to the HOD of Engagement and Year Level Deputy Principal.

** Students will also be directed to switch off notifications on their wearable device.*

Refer to the Student Code of Conduct for further information regarding Mobile phones and electronic devices.



2024 - COMPASS



Compass is our student management system used at Dakabin State High School. [Click here for the Compass School Manager Introduction Video.](#)

All new Parents/Carers will receive an email from COMPASS once your student is active. This is sent out regularly to new families. It will have a PDF attachment with your username and password. You will need to follow these instructions to access COMPASS via the webpage or App on your phone.

Compass is a school management solution that allows parents and carers to access up-to-date and meaningful information about Dakabin SHS and your student's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your student's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness.
- Communicate with your student's teachers, and update your family contact details.
- View your student's timetable and the School Calendar.
- Monitor your student's homework and assessment tasks.
- Download and view your student's academic reports.
- Book Parent-Teacher Conferences.

If you have any issues logging into Compass either via [the webpage](#) or [the app](#), please contact the Office - <https://dakabinshs.eq.edu.au/our-school/contact-us>.

2024 – QParents

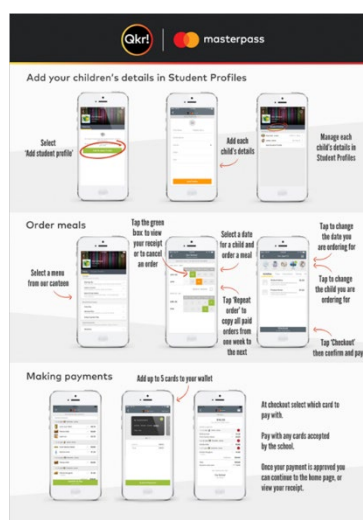
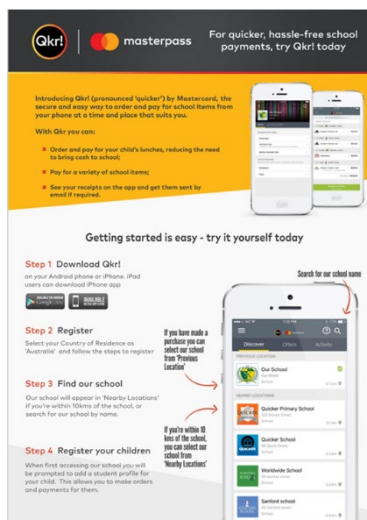
QParents is our school account management app:

- Monitor your child's behaviour and incidents.
- Download and view your child's academic reports.
- Pay school fees.



You will receive an email invite to create your account and verify using your government ID.

2024 – Qkr



Parents and carers can make payments via the Qkr App, cashier window or BPoint located on your invoice.



2024 - ONE TO ONE LAPTOP PROGRAM – YEARS 7, 8 and 9

In 2024, students in Year 7, 8 and 9 must take part in the mandatory one-to-one device program. A device, purchased by the school, will be loaned to students for three years and the hire fee is included in the SRS cost of \$595 per year. The device is robust and commercial grade and designed to handle the rigours of a six-hour school day. Insurance is included for any accidental damage which means we can ensure our students always have a working device. All our core subjects and some of our electives will be using the Education Perfect (EP) platform as the main curriculum reference material in 2024 so as such no textbooks will be required.

Links below contain more details and if you have any further questions, please contact Mr Ryan Webb eLearning HOD on rwebb67@eq.edu.au.

- <https://dakabinshs.eq.edu.au/extra-curricular/computer-and-internet>
- [One to one program participants guidebook \(PDF, 390KB\)](#)
- [One to one program terms and conditions \(PDF, 430KB\)](#)
- [One to one program flyer \(PDF, 718KB\)](#)



2024 - UNIFORM

In 2024, all Year 7 students will receive a Dakabin SHS cap. All other year levels must purchase a school cap. This will be the only cap permitted in 2024. Please refer to our Uniform Policy and student dress code attachment for further information.

Dakabin State High School is a uniformed school. The Parents & Citizens' Association of Dakabin State High School resolves that it supports a student dress code for Dakabin, because it believes that such a dress code promotes the objectives of Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

In particular, the P&C of Dakabin supports the intention of a Student Dress Code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Developing mutual respect among students through minimizing visible evidence of economic or social differences.

In addition, the P&C supports:

- Promoting the image of the school in the eyes of the community and employers
- Protecting students from injury that may be caused by machinery, tools, chemicals or other factors during practical lessons.



2024 - UNIFORM SHOP

Please access the attachment: Uniform Shop Opening Hours 2024 for further information.



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WEBSITE and FACEBOOK COMMUNICATION

Please note that Dakabin State High School also communicates via our Website and Facebook page. Please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date.

The image shows two screenshots. On the left is a screenshot of the school's website. The header includes the school logo, name, and tagline, along with navigation links like 'Home', 'Site Map', and 'Contact us'. A search bar is present. Below the header is a menu with categories like 'Our school', 'Enrolments', 'Curriculum', etc. The main content area is titled 'Rules and policies' and lists various documents such as 'Assessment Policy (PDF, 1017KB)', 'Anti Bullying Policy (PDF, 698KB)', and 'Attendance Policy (PDF, 441KB)'. On the right is a screenshot of the school's Facebook page. The page header shows the school's name and profile picture. Below the header is a video player showing students in a laboratory setting. The video title is 'Welcome to Dakabin State High School'. Below the video is a text block providing information about the school's location and history.

Looking forward to seeing you in the new year.

Peter Keen
Principal