

Prep @ Helensvale State School

Making big moves smaller



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Principal Welcome



Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Helensvale State School! It is my privilege to welcome you to our school community. Starting Prep is a very special milestone, and we are delighted to welcome your family to our school community. At our school, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive and engaging environment where every child feels valued, confident and inspired to learn.

Guided by our motto, **Empowered Learners, Healthy Humans**, we believe every child has unique strengths and the ability to grow, achieve and thrive.

Our school values of **Belonging, Resilience, Identity, Deeds of Service, Gratitude and Engagement** are at the heart of everything we do. These values help shape a positive culture where students are encouraged to build strong relationships, persevere through challenges, celebrate who they are, contribute to others and actively participate in their learning.

We understand that beginning school is an exciting time for children and families alike, and we look forward to working together to ensure your child feels happy, supported and successful through their Prep year and beyond.



James Forrest
Principal
Helensvale State School

Our Values

Helensvale

STATE SCHOOL



OUR VISION

Our vision is to create *Optimistic, Creative and Critical Thinkers*, who are connected, healthy and have a strong sense of belonging. They will develop the skills and dispositions that will empower them to thrive in an ever-changing modern world.

Empowered Learners,
Healthy Humans

OUR MISSION

To achieve our vision, the staff of Helensvale SS will commit to:

Modelling and nurturing a Growth Mindset that builds positivity and optimism.

Inspiring belonging through the Celebration of Diverse Learners.

Immersing student in modern learning pedagogies that enhance Creativity, Collaboration & Critical Thinking.

Building a connected school community by Fostering the Health and Well-being of all students.

Empowering our learners by creating opportunities for Voice, Choice and Student-led Inquiry.

Ongoing, collaborative and embeddedness of research-based Pedagogical Practices in Literacy & Numeracy.

OUR VALUES



Belonging

I build relationships and feel connected with others, appreciating and accepting those around me.



Resilience

I bounce back after challenges and setbacks by using a variety of personalised strategies.



Identity

I am aware of who I am as a person and what makes me unique.



Deeds of Service

I help others using empathy and compassion to contribute to something greater than myself.



Gratitude

I show thanks and appreciation for the positives around me.



Engagement

I show a high level of focus, curiosity, interest, passion and optimism when learning.

A Place Where you Belong

INSPIRING BELONGING THROUGH THE CELEBRATION OF DIVERSE LEARNERS.

Our academies complement academic learning by nurturing personal growth and teamwork. They serve as an action towards delivering an environment where our students feel like they belong, feel connected and engaged within their learning & encouraged to explore & pursue real world experiences.

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE SPIRIT?

You thrive on physical activities and games.

Learning for you happens best through action and hands-on experiences.

You enjoy being outdoors, seeking opportunities to be active within your community.



ARE YOU A CREATIVE EXPLORER?

You are an imaginative soul. Your curiosity leads you to explore new ideas, art, and unconventional paths. You thrive on creativity, whether it's through writing, drawing, performing or inventing.

Learning for you is like a colourful canvas waiting to be painted.



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ARE YOU A SOCIAL CONNECTOR?

You thrive in social settings, building connections and understanding diverse perspectives.

Group discussions, teamwork, and community involvement energises you.

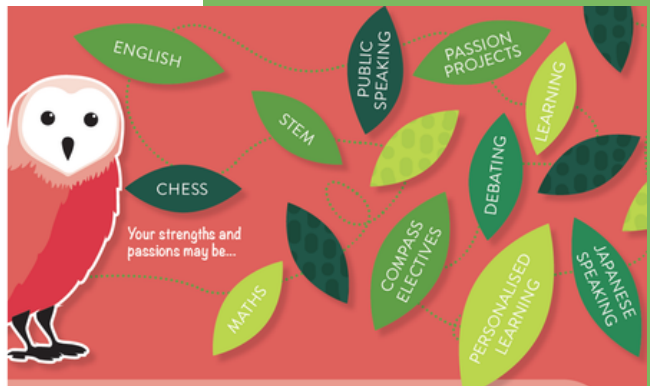
Learning happens through conversations, shared experiences, and collaboration.



ARE YOU AN ANALYTICAL SCHOLAR?

Precision and logic are your allies. You enjoy diving deep into complex subjects, analysing data, and solving intricate puzzles. Your love for books and research fuel your hunger for knowledge.

Learning for you involved creative and critical thinking and you excel in academic pursuits.



A Day in Prep

Our Prep year is a new environment with exciting things to do, see, touch and experience. Your child will experience a range of learning experiences that are age-appropriate.

Our classrooms implement the Australian Curriculum. This is the national curriculum that sets learning goals for all students as they progress through their school life - wherever they live in Australia and whichever school they attend. The Australian Curriculum has 8 learning areas and are also underpinned by general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities.

Learning Areas in Prep

English

Mathematics

Science

Health & Physical Education

Music

Japanese



Your child will be explicitly taught to read at school using an approach called systematic synthetic phonics. This approach teaches children how sounds and letters link together to form words that we can reach and write. It provides students with a reliable strategy for decoding unknown words and discourage guessing.

Reading in Prep

Getting Ready For School

School Uniforms

At Helensvale State School, we wear our school uniform with pride. Students wear the school checked shirt and/or polo, green shorts or skirt, black school shoes, white socks and a school bucket hat when outdoors. Prep students wear a red bucket hat to help staff easily identify and support our youngest learners.

Our uniforms are available to purchase from Lowes at Westfield Helensvale.



Q Parents

Parents with children at schools using QParents can easily access and manage their student's information, complete administrative tasks and stay connected with the school through the applicaiton.

1. Download the app on your preferred device or visit [QParents website](#) and create your account
2. Verify your identify using 100 points of ID.
3. Link your account to your student's data.
4. Access QParents

We partner with Pacific Office National located in Oxenford who offer a dedicated online portal for parents/carers. Parents order books and stationery through Pacific Office National directly.

Student Resource Scheme & Bookpacks

Student Resource Scheme is provide a convenient and cost-effective way for students to access the educational resources necessary to enhance their learning experiences. The school will invoice families at the beginning of each school year.

More information on this can be found on our school website.

Getting Ready to Start

Starting Prep is such an exciting adventure! Each day is filled with learning, playing, exploring and making new friends. To help your child have the best possible day at school, please make sure they come prepared with everything they need for a fun and successful day of learning.

What to pack

1. A healthy lunch
2. Munch and crunch (a piece of fruit or vegetables in a separate container)
3. A water bottle
4. Spare clothes (labelled)
5. Everything clearly labelled with your child's name



Helping your child get ready for Prep

Families play a significant role in supporting their child to have a positive transition to school. All children have different interests, needs and motivations and your child's transition will be unique.

You can help your child to feel more comfortable about starting school by engaging in everyday activities that help to build their self-confidence, such as:

- sharing stories
- playing simple family games
- going to the park to play with other children and families
- playing games that help develop their physical skills like ball games

For more information and ideas visit:

<https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/earlyYears/Documents/transitions-info-families.pdf>

Our School

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