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Mossman High News

Every Student Succeeding

Issue 11 Term 3, Week 2 25th July 2025

From the Desk of the Principal – Katherine Macfarlane

Welcome to **Term 3** and the second half of the school year! I hope everyone had a well-deserved break and is returning refreshed and ready to embrace the term ahead.

A Busy and Positive Start

We've hit the ground running with a number of significant events kicking off the term, including the **Mossman Show** and preparations for **NAIDOC Week**. I hope that many of you were able to enjoy the school display at the



Mossman Show—it is a privilege to showcase the creativity, skill and hard work of our students. A big shoutout to our **School Concert Band** who continued their fantastic performance despite the inclement weather — you did a fantastic job!

Term 2 ended on a high note, with our **Year 10 students excelling on work experience** and **Year 11 students enjoying their Melbourne trip**. Feedback from employers about our Year 10s was glowing—well done to all involved!

Reporting & Parent-Teacher Interviews

Semester 1, Unit 1, and Unit 3 reports were distributed at the end of last term, along with instructions on booking times for Parent-Teacher Interviews, which are scheduled for Tuesday 29th July (Week 3) from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Please ensure you've made your bookings as we look forward to developing our valuable partnership with parents and carers in enhancing your child's educational journey.

PBL Update – MOSSMAN PRIDE

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus for **Weeks 1 and 2** is **MOSSMAN PRIDE**. We have been talking to students about how they can display their Mossman Pride through positive language, wearing correct uniform and doing their best.

After two weeks of holidays, some students may take time to readjust to routines. It is timely to remind our students of our **Electronic Devices Policy**, and the expectation that mobile phones are 'away for the day'.

Thank you all again for your warm welcome to the Mossman community. I am enjoying settling in and getting to know everyone, and am looking forward with excitement to a shared vision of success for our school and students.

Warm regards,

Katherine Macfarlane Principal

Parent Teacher Interviews Tuesday 29th July 3.30—6.30pm Indoor Sports Centre

We acknowledge the Kuku Yalanji people, and in particular the Kubirri Warra Clan, the Traditional Owners of the land on which our school stands and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their custodianship and role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years.



Next P&C Meeting

Thursday 14th August 2025 in the Resource Centre starting at 5.00pm All welcome

Click through to view the most recent editions of <u>Parent Talk</u> - <u>https://pandcsqld.com.au/members/publications/</u> parent-talk/

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/MossmanSHSPandC/



School Hoodies!! All sizes in stock \$50



Pay at the school office

<u>Parents - Follow your student's</u> <u>studies in each subject through</u> <u>Course Outlines</u>

Course Outlines for Semester 2 are updated on the Mossman State High School Website. You can access the course outlines by following the link below:

mossmanshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/ teachingandlearning

then select the relevant year level and subject required.

The course outlines provides updated information on units being studied, assessment and due dates in each subject.

DATE CLAIMERS

NAIDOC WEEK Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August

Whole School Assembly NAIDOC Week Opening Ceremony Monday 28th July

NAIDOC Street Parade – 11.00am Monday 28th July

> Year 10 Assembly Tuesday 29th July

Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm Tuesday 29th July

> Year 7 Assembly Wednesday 30th July

Year 8 & 11 Assemblies Thursday 31st July

Fowlers Cup Netball Thursday 31st July

Year 9 & 12 Assemblies Friday 1st August

TCN Athletics – Barlow Park Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th August

> **<u>QATSIF Graduation</u>** Wednesday 6th August

National Science Week 11th – 15th August

Bullying No Way – National Week of Action11th – 15th August

P&C Meeting – 5.00pm Thursday 14th August Resource Centre

Peninsula Athletics – Barlow Park Sunday 24th & Monday 25th August

SAVE THE DATE <u>P&C Fundraising Gala</u> Saturday 13th September

STEM Girl Power 2025

Spotlight on Year 10 student, **Sophie Hamilton** as Mossman State High School's STEM Girl Power Ambassador.

Sophie has represented our school through participation in the Department of Education's 2025 STEM Girl Power Camp, which was held on 19 - 23 May in Brisbane. Sixty year 10 students and 10 teachers travelled from all over Queensland to represent their school in Brisbane, where they participated in a variety of events, innovative science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workshops and networking



Sophie working in Collaboration with another young STEM Ambassador opportunities with experts from STEM fields.

Camp students met inspiring role models from diverse fields including, engineering, medicine, chemistry, quantum technologies and mathematical modelling. Camp students explored STEM pathways at an industry location of their choosing (either Cross River Rail, TechnologyOne, the Ecosciences Precinct or the Integrated Pathology Learning Centre) and discussed the importance of STEM communication at the Queensland Museum and Wheel of Brisbane. Students also participated in a variety of hands-on activities, including world-class biomedical research techniques at SPARQ-ed and led science activities with local primary school students.

The camp fostered students' understanding of STEM's significance in society while enhancing their leadership, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication skills. As 2025 STEM Ambassadors, these students will now organise and deliver a STEM event during National Science Week in Term 3 (August 2025). This initiative aims to inspire others to pursue STEM subjects and careers.

Sophie has always demonstrated an interest in improving her learning and seeks out ways to be involved in exciting STEM opportunities. We are proud of how she has represented our school and is a promising young scholar others can look up to.

Anthea Crees—STLaN



STEM Ambassador Sophie on awards night



FNQ representatives

Welcome to our New Staff for Semester 2



Katherine Macfarlane Principal



Connor Chandler Mathematics/Science

SUPPORT NEWS

SUPPORT ASSISTANCE GUIDANCE

Community Education Counsello

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MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
28 th JULY	29 [™] JULY	30 [™] JULY	31 st JULY	1 ST AUGUST	
8:55-9:30AM	LUNCH TIME		WHOLE SCHOOL	LUNCH TIME	
WHOLE SCHOOL	ACTIVITIES		ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITIES	
ASSEMBLY NAIDOC	Janet Ross-Kelly CEC -		ROTATION	Janet Ross-Kelly CEC -	
Week Opening	activities for students.	Mossman SHS		activities for students	
Ceremony		Indigenous Leaders			
	NAIDOC BINGO &	for Tomorrow and	GROUP 1 ACTIVITY		
Smoking ceremony -	QUIZ	Indigenous Leaders	SPEAR/BAMBOO THROWING	NAIDOC BINGO &	
students and staff walk		of the Future visit	Students will throw a	QUIZ	
through smoke upon	ARTS & CRAFT	Mossman Primary			
entering the Indoor	Burnie bean painting,	School to assist	blunt Bamboo stick		
Sports Centre	jewellery making	with NAIDOC	at a target		
		events.		THE NEXT	
Welcome to Country &			GROUP 2 ACTIVITY		
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Indigenous Leader)		TING NAIDO		ARRELIARII	
	LUNCH GAMES	Celle84	GROUP 3 ACTIVITY	STRENGTH,	
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Junior Rangers to	Volleyball - ISC	×	Arts & Crafts	VICTANC	
perform	Touch Football – oval		Jewellery making	VISION &	
"Welcome Dance"		a b b b b b b b b b b	Bernie Bean painting		
11:00AM	FIRST LUNCH		ACTIVITY 4	LEGACY	
STREET PARADE	CEC to host a Sausage		CULTURAL GAMES	PPAUAI	
	Sizzle/BBQ for		ON OVAL		
Students who have	students		Cultural Games on		
returned permission			the oval		
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from Mossman SHS bus			MOSSMAN STAT	E HIGH SCHOOL	
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George Davis Park.					
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park with their		5	20	23	
parents / carers for community activities.		3. 101 10			
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permission will be			Monuay Zoth July		
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school.			Friday 1s	TAUgust	



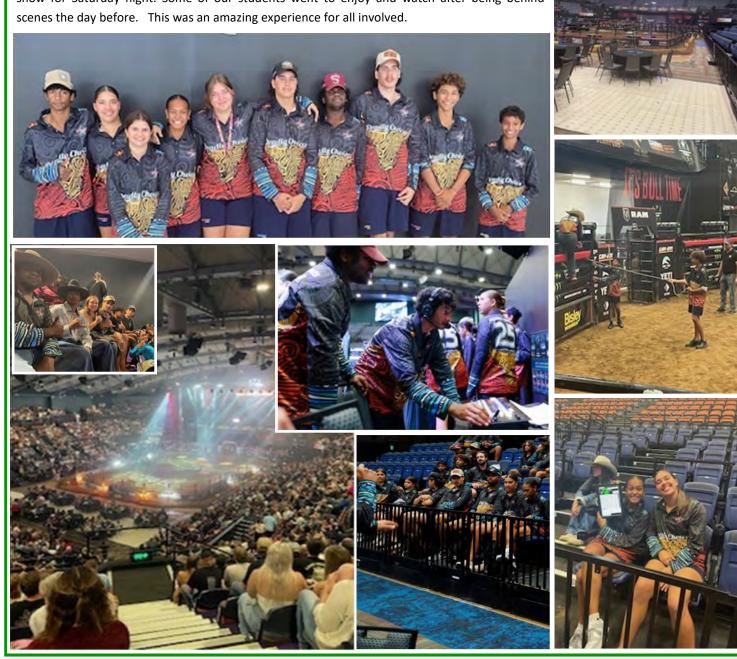
Professional Bull Riding Workshop

This term the "Deadly Choices" team invited schools to attend the "Professional Bull Riding" PBR workshop at the Cairns Convention Centre on Friday 18th July.

The workshop involved different stations behind the scenes on how PBR operates. Students were split up into 8 groups and mixed with other schools.

The stations involved—cameras and filming, lighting and music, opening of bull chutes, setting up for bull rides, judge scoring and being shown how protection crew and show clowns work in the arena. These were some of the things the students got to experience.

The highlight of the day was all students were given a shirt, shorts and free tickets +1 to the PBR show for Saturday night. Some of our students went to enjoy and watch after being behind scenes the day before. This was an amazing experience for all involved.



STUDENT SUPPORT NEWS



Laura Gray

Head of Department Partnerships & Student Support



Reconciliation Garden Grows at Mossman State High School



Mossman State High School is proud to share some exciting news with our families and community - we have been

successful in securing a grant through the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to create a Reconciliation Garden on our school grounds.

This beautiful, inclusive space has been designed to celebrate all cultures and serve as a shared community space -a place where healing, learning and connection can take root and grow. Open to all, the garden represents the spirit of reconciliation and unity that continues to strengthen within our school and wider Douglas Shire.

The Reconciliation Garden began as a passion project and the brainchild of our much-loved Ag Plot guru, Mr Neil Pacey. With his vision and design, and the grant opportunity identified by staff member Elliot Davidson, the school was given approval to apply – thanks to an already well-established partnership with NIAA, formed through the successful Junior Ranger Program delivered in collaboration with Jabalbina.

Harry Cobb (School Partnership Facilitator) took the lead with this project and identified Rickie Burchill, an incredibly talented local landscape gardener, whose work honoured the spirit and intent of the design and brought Neil's original concept to life. Jabalbina played a key role in making the vision a reality, turning plans into a stunning landscape in just three days. The project was made even more special with the help of past Mossman SHS students who returned to contribute their skills while completing traineeships – a true reflection of community continuity and pride.

The Reconciliation Garden will be officially opened on Monday 4th August, and we warmly welcome representatives from local Elders and Traditional Owners, cluster primary school leaders, and various community organisations to be part of this special event. Each representative will plant a native species in the garden – a living symbol of unity, healing and respect.

This garden is more than just a beautiful space. It marks a key step on our shared journey of reconciliation and celebrates the strength of our school and community coming together as one.

We invite all members of our community to visit and enjoy the Reconciliation Garden –

a space for everyone, for now and for the future.







What's Happening in LOTE @ Mossman SHS

Former Exchange Student Returns to School with Family – 27 Years Later

We were thrilled to welcome back a familiar face to our school community this week - former Japanese exchange student Toshinori Nakai, who returned to visit after 27 years, this time with



his wife and two children.

Toshinori spent a memorable year at our school in 1998 as part of an international exchange program that fostered strong crosscultural friendships and learning. During his return visit, Toshinori and his family toured the school grounds and joined Mr Wall and his Year 8 English class, engaging in learning activities and class discussions. The family generously brought thank you gifts to the students-origami paper and Japanese snacks to share.



It was also heartwarming to see Toshinori reconnect with past staff members, including Mr Young, who taught him English in Year 12, and Mr Landy, who remembered his time in our school community.

Erin Haynes—HOD English, Humanities & LOTE



What's Happening in Humanities @ Mossman SHS

We Didn't Start the Fire! Year 12 Modern History

After some inspiration from Billy Joel last term, our Year 12 historians commenced investigating key events of The Cold War era. Students have devised an inquiry question about a topic of interest and are conducting thorough research before writing an essay that answers their key question.

Some of the topics being explored include The Berlin Wall, The Cuban Missile Crisis, The Vietnam War, The Korean War, The Suez Crisis and The Afghan War.

Students have been showing great persistence in evaluating their sources of information, ensuring they use credible primary and secondary sources that can be corroborated and that offer different perspectives. These skills are of the utmost importance in the study of History and also in students' everyday lives as they navigate through misinformation.





They have also recognised the impact of some of these significant historical events on today's global affairs.

As American astronomer Carl Sagan said: "You have to know the past to understand the present".

Mrs Hamilton (Teacher)

2025 MOSSMAN SHOW

Our Mossman State High School Concert Band annual performance at the 2025 Mossman Show was a great success.

Congratulations to band members who played through the rain shower coinciding with the performance.

Members got wet bottoms, hair and instruments while still providing entertainment for the crowds sitting dry up in the grandstand.



CONCERT BAND PERFORMANCE



Everything got wet— instruments, cases and music. All had to be laid out under fans to dry.

A hot iron came to the rescue to save the soggy music.

Well done all band members on a memorable performance.



Thank you to all students and staff who participated in the Mossman Show either by entering cooking, sewing, horticulture, agriculture, photography, arts and craft, poultry, ring events; judging or stewarding; or showing your support by attending the show.

Congratulations to Ella Bellman (10), Angus Gawn (10) and Nathan Vorwerk (12) on their participation in the 2025 Mossman Show Young Rural Ambassador Quest. Special congratulations to Ella Bellman—Runner up for 2025 in the Young Rural Ambassador Quest.

This is an occasion that needs full community support to succeed and we are proud to be a part of this annual event.

MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION **SAVE THE DATE** *Jundraising Gala* SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

Youth Worker's Message Term 3 Update

As we settle into Term 3, it's hard to believe how quickly the year is passing. In my role as Youth Worker, I regularly connect with staff at schools across the northern region, and I can confidently say that Mossman State High School is truly fortunate to have such a dedicated and supportive team. Our staff work tirelessly to ensure your child receives the care and guidance they need to succeed both academically and personally.

To all our parents and carers – thank you. You are your child's first and most influential teacher, and the strong foundations you've laid at home are vital to their development. We understand the many challenges you juggle – from education and home life to work, adolescence, and everything in between. Please know that you're not alone. These years can be demanding, but your resilience and commitment do not go unnoticed.

If you're ever looking for support, we have some fantastic resources available, including helpful information on how the adolescent brain works. Whether you have questions about your child's education or just need a bit of guidance, we are here for you – to support not only your

child but you as well. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you

need anything.

Regards,

Peter Mantus Youth Worker

PlayOn-SPORTS VOUCHERS

From Monday 4 August, Queensland families can claim a \$200 Play On! voucher per child aged between five and 17.

Here's what you need to know:

•each voucher is worth \$200

- •the vouchers will be provided over two rounds, for summer or winter sports
- •there is a dedicated allocation for kids in regional and country Queensland
- •there will be more accessible sports to give children of all abilities the chance play sport.

Play On! is here to stay with \$62.5 million set aside each year for Queensland families.

Sign up for Play On! updates so you don't miss out.



How 😻 will you science this National Science Week?

Monday 11th August

Recycling and Repurposing Fluorocarbons for a Greener World"



Presented by: A/Prof Rowan Young, The University of Queensland P3 - Year 10 Science Dance studio (Science classes)

Vactional science week

7 AUGUST 2025

P4 - Year 9 Science Dance studio

(Science Classes)

Tuesday 12th August



Night Sky Planetarium

P3 – Year 8 (HSO classes) Session 1 (A&B) 11:55 -12:30 Session 2 (C&D) 12:35 – 1:05 Lunch – (Open to all

students first in 30 students (1 session) 1:10 – 1:45 P4 – Year 7 (HUM classes) Session 1 (A&B) 1:45 -2:20 Session 2 (C&D) 2:25 – 2:55

Wednesday 13th August P1 - Year 10 Host Science fair for Year & students from Mossman State Primary

Thursday 14th August

Lunch Time - Dry Ice and Liquid nitrogen demos Free Dress Day - Space theme Prizes for the best dressed Junior and Senior.

Friday 15th August Exploding watermelons 3 teams (Just like the death of a star)

low 🐗 will you science this National Science Week?

MSHS Planetarium and Night Sky Exploration Evening.

Date: Tuesday 12th <u>August</u> Come and Join us to celebrate Science Week Time: Doors open at 4pm to 7pm

Activities:

Planetarium - - first session at 4 pm, 4:45pm, 5:30pm and 6:15pm in the Indoor Sports Centre. (Maximum 30 people per session).

Movie - 30 mins (TBA) – 30 mins dive into space and the galaxy first session at 4:00 pm, 4:30pm, 5:00pm, 5:30pm 6:00pm, 6:30pm (dance studio)

Colouring Space posters - Space poster - indoor sport centre.

Telescope - outdoor Soccer field.

- "August 12: Venus near Jupiter...
 - Close approach time: 05:30
 GMT
 - Close approach distance: 0°52'
 - Conjunction time: 07:00 GMT
 - Conjunction distance: 0°54'

On August 12, Venus (mag -4.0) will be close to Jupiter (mag -1.9) in the sky. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars in the constellation Gemini.

- August 12: Moon near Saturn
 - Close approach time: 12:34
 GMT
 - Close approach distance: 3°34'-
 - Conjunction time: 15:05 GMT
 - Conjunction distance: 4°00'

On August 12; the 88%-illuminated Moon will be close to Satum (mag 0.7) in the sky. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of biaoculars in the constellation Pisces. August 12: Moon near Neptune

- Close approach time: 13:36 GMT
- Close approach distance: 2°34

On August 12, the 88%-illuminated Moon will be close to Neptune (mag 7.8) in the sky. Observe them through a pair of binoculars or a telescope in the constellation Pisces

Indigenous story telling - Indigenous stories about the stars – Indoor sports centre (TBC)

Lolly Jars - Guess the Mass Space Iollies different Jars. how does mass change in Space.

Year 12 Fun





MSHS Staff moonlighting as students



Mr Hautanemi

Dress Up Days

The Year 12s have celebrated the start of their final 100 days at school with a fun dress up day. The theme was kept a secret from the staff, who were confronted with their doppelgangers on the day, as students came dressed as the staff. A group of staff, namely Year 12 Form teachers and the Support Team, threw it back on the students, by coming dressed as them. There were lots of confused people that day!





What's Happening in The Arts @ Mossman SHS



We celebrated the success of our School Talent Show from Term 2 on assembly. With 277 tickets sold, we raised an incredible amount for the local charity, KIND. The event featured 14 brilliant junior performers, 20 outstanding senior acts and 29 stunning art pieces on display. Altogether, 311 students attended and participated in the evening, showcasing the amazing talent, creativity and dedication of our pupils. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.



The whole school came together in a wonderful celebration of community spirit and we're so grateful to our students, staff, families and sponsors for making it unforgettable.



Winners of the Talent Show - Performance: Senior school:

- 1. Hudson Redding
- 2. letere Teaero
- **3.** Tahj Stabenow, Jerome Csontos, Max Bohm Highly commendation: Dylan Saunders

Winners of the Talent Show - Performance: Junior school:

- 1. Kaydee Reynolds and Natasha Scenna
- 2. Rebel Hart
- 3. Jesse Dwyer

Highly commendation: William Cecil and Archie Frith

Winners of the Talent Show—Art: Senior school

- 1. Ella Ke
- 2. Louisa Walker
- 3. Willow Murphy

Highly commendation: Phoenix Mackay

Winners of the Talent Show—Art Junior School

- 1. Natasha Scenna
- 2. Jacquelyn Dowani
- 3. Nakita Johnson

Highly commended: Elizabeth Kelly















VETIS @ MOSSMAN CERTIFICATE I IN CONSTRUCTION

Congratulations to our Certificate I in Construction students, who completed their qualification at the end of last term. Their final task was a visit to a series of construction sites in Cairns. As a part of this excursion, students spent time on building sites and put their White Card qualifications to use as they were required to complete a site induction. Students who participated in the Certificate I in Construction Course have achieved the following competencies:

- Undertake basic estimation and costing
- Handle construction materials
- Use construction tools and equipment
- Apply basic levelling procedures
- Plan and organise work
- Carry out measurements and calculations
- Read and interpret plans and specifications
- Undertake a basic construction project
- Apply WHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry.

Students who completed this qualification have banked 3 QCE credits towards their required 20 credits.



Students gaining valuable on the job experience on their recent excursion



Mrs Guthrie - Head of Department Senior School

Mossman State High School



Subjects & Careers Expo 2025

Subject Selection information

Industry Pathways Information including representatives from:

- Australasian Drilling & Mining
- Douglas Shire Council
- Tourism QLD
- Biosecurity QLD
- Australian Federal Police
- Mossman Hospital
- Goodstart Mossman
- LJ Hooker
- □ MEGT
- MSHS P&C

- QLD Police
- MAS National
 - Port Explorers
 - IVET
- AMP Employment Services
 - ATSILS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service
 - IYMP Career Employment Australia
 - Link and Launch
- University and Defence Force Representatives
- Traineeships and Apprenticeships information

August 26, 2025 4 PM - 7 PM

Mossman State High School - Indoor Sports Centre

Year 7 to 12 Students and Parents invited All prospective Students and Parents also welcome

- - MiHaven

Subject Expo 4 PM - 7 PM

All students moving into Years 8, 9 10 and 11 in 2026 are welcome to come and discuss subject offerings with teachers. Year 10 students also have the ability to discuss Certificate courses with a variety of Training Providers, including MEGT, Australasian Drilling and Mining and MiHaven.

Traineeships & Apprenticeships Presentation 5 PM - 5.20 PM

This presentation will focus on the requirements for Traineeships and Apprenticeships, explain the difference between School-Based and Full Time and the legal obligations. The presentation is designed for students entering Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2026, but is open to all students and parents.

Senior School at Mossman SHS - QCE and QCIA Presentation 5.30 PM - 5.50 PM

This presentation will focus on the requirements for Year 11 and 12 at Mossman SHS. It will explain the QCE and QCIA qualification, Flexible Learning Day and university entrance requirements.

Tertiary Education Presentation 6 PM - 6.30 PM

Representatives from Cairns Universities and the Defence Force will present information regarding pathways into Tertiary Education.



PBL FOCUS—Be Considerate



Follow staff instructions –

- don't argue with teacher
- complete instructed task

Use appropriate language –

- use language appropriate to school
- leave swearing outside gates
- right time right place

Respect People & Property

- hands, feet and objects to self
- don't touch others property

Place rubbish in the bin

- pick it up if you miss the bin
- pick up other rubbish and put in the bin
- keep area clean and tidy