



# Wellbeing for learning and life

## Emu Creek State School is committed to Learning and Wellbeing

Emu Creek State School is a small, rural, co-educational primary school located on the New England Highway between Toowoomba and Warwick. It services the localities of East Greenmount, Greenmount and Pilton.

Being small, the school takes pride in its family atmosphere, small class sizes and individualised teaching approach.

Emu Creek State School encourages respect for all and the belief that all can learn.

### LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

*A positive school ethos and rich learning environment that is open, respectful, caring and safe optimises learning through a commitment to wellbeing.*

#### Emu Creek State School does this by:

- Setting high expectations for behaviour and academic commitment.
- Developing and implementing an academic tracking system.
- Setting personal and academic goals for each student.
- Expecting positive behaviour from all.
- Quality Teaching Plans that incorporate differentiation and inclusive practices.
- Staff focusing on the essential skills of teaching and the professional standards of teaching.
- Staff completing mandatory training requirements including Student Protection, Code of Conduct and Workplace Health & Safety contributing to a safe learning environment.
- Consistently reinforcing expectations of positive behaviour and respectful attitudes.
- Developing each child's social and emotional wellbeing.

### CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGY

*Curriculum that enhances wellbeing equips students with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and strategies to understand and manage themselves and their relationships.*

*Pedagogy that enhances wellbeing builds positive relationships.*

#### Emu Creek State School does this by:

- Working within our Curriculum and Pedagogical Frameworks and incorporating explicit teaching.
- Students in collaboration with teaching staff creating individual learning goals.
- Following assessment policies and procedures to ensure students complete required assessment.
- Using data and providing quality feedback.
- Developing a curriculum that challenges and develops each child's academic ability.
- Providing fully equipped facilities in all learning areas and disciplines.





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### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

*Policy intentions are transformed into action by school staff, students and the wider community.*

#### Emu Creek State School School does this by:

- Fostering a sense of belonging for all creating an identity with high expectations for behaviour and a commitment to learning.
- Reinforcing our core value that every student, every lesson and every day matters.
- Encouraging excellence in all endeavours through school assemblies, awards, celebrations of success and community publications.
- Encouraging interactions and the establishment of positive relationships between students, teachers and parents through school events e.g. school and P&C barbeques, school camps, Parent Teacher Interviews.
- Positively reinforcing appropriate behaviour.
- Broadly communicating attendance expectation to all community members.
- Identifying and supporting student with academic and personal needs in a prioritised manner.
- Implementing and adhering to the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.
- Involving, consulting and supporting parents as key partners to a student's school life.
- Professional development of staff to enhance understanding of learning and wellbeing i.e. Kids Matters.

### PARTNERSHIPS

*Productive partnerships expand the knowledge, skills and resources available in the school*

#### Emu Creek State School School does this by:

- Encouraging parent participation in the school.
- Building strong and positive relationships with cluster schools.
- Working positively with Clifton State High School to ease the transition by students from primary to secondary schooling.
- External presentations for student wellbeing, eg. Arts Council, National Day Against Bullying, etc
- Providing student and parent access to school chaplain and guidance officer.
- Maintaining and growing existing partnerships between the school and:
  - ✓ Toowoomba Regional Council
  - ✓ Landcare – Cambooya
  - ✓ University of Southern Queensland
  - ✓ Cobb & Co. Museum

