



Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Nerang State High School for 2024. In preparation for the start of 2024, we are providing the following information:

First Day of school

All students will attend school on Monday 22 January 2024 wearing their formal school uniform.

Year 7:

- Year 7 students are to arrive at the school from 8.30am and they will meet in H Block at 8.50am.
- If you wish to attend the morning tea 'Parent Meet and Greet' with the Principal and P&C President, it will be held in the school canteen area from 9.00am.
- Year 7 students are not required to bring their laptop to school until Tuesday 23 January. They will need to bring writing materials (pen and notebook) on the first day.

Year 8 – 12:

- Year 8 12 **new students** to the school are to meet at the Administration building where their Dean will greet them.
- Year 8 12 continuing students are to check the relevant noticeboard and be at their form class by 8.55am
- Normal classes for Year 8 12 will commence on Monday 22 January. All necessary materials and equipment (including laptops) will be required to commence studies on the first day of school.

Year Level	Allocated Area
Year 7	Assemble in H Block
Year 8	See noticeboard in the Amphitheatre
Year 9	See noticeboard at K Block
Year 10	See noticeboard at The Hub
Year 11	See noticeboard at L Block
Year 12	See noticeboard at L Block

Key Dates - 2024:

2024 Term Dates		
Term 1	Mon 22 Jan – Thu 28 Mar	
(10 weeks)	(Pub Hol Thu 26 Jan & Fri 29 Mar)	
Term 2 (10 weeks)	Mon 15 Apr - Fri 21 Jun (Pub Hols Thu 25 Apr & Mon 6 May)	
Term 3	Mon 8 Jul - Fri 13 Sept	
(10 weeks)	(Pub Hol Fri 30 Aug)	
Term 4	Tue 30 Sep - Fri 13 Dec	
(11 weeks)	(Pub Hol Mon 7 Oct)	

Key Events – Semester 1 2024	
Nerang Swimming Carnival	Fri 2 February
School Photos	Mon 5 February
Districts Swimming Carnival	Thu 15 February
Cluster Sport Days	Wed 28 February &
	Thu 21 March
NAPLAN (Year 7 & 9)	Wed 13 March to
	Mon 25 March
School Cross Country	Thu 28 March
Year 10 Immunisations	Thu 9 May &
(Meningococcal ACWY)	Thu 18 July
Year 7 Immunisations	Tue 20 August
(HPV/Tetanus)	

Uniform Shop:

Uniforms and Stationery are available from the uniform shop. Stationery lists are available on our website. Website: Y = 7, Y = 8 - 9, Y = 10 - 12

Uniform Shop Holiday Hours		
Mon 15 Jan to Wed 17 Jan	9.00am – 2.00pm	
Thu 18 Jan & Fri 19 Jan	8.00am – 1.00pm	
Sat 20 Jan	9.00am – 12.00pm	
Mon 22 Jan to Thu 25 Jan	8.00am – 12.00pm	
Fri 26 Jan Public Holiday	CLOSED	
Normal Term Hours:		
Each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	8:15am to 11:00am.	

Please ensure that your child has the correct items for the **school uniform** (including appropriate shoes) for their return to school in January 2024. Please refer to our (website) for details regarding the uniform requirements.

School Watch

During School Holidays, unattended schools provide an opportunity for criminal activity and may become targets for vandalism, unlawful entry, stealing, graffiti and property damage – all of which become a cost to the community.

To combat this problem, our school participates in the SCHOOL WATCH program. The moto of this program is 'Look, Listen and Report', so I ask you to report any suspicious activity in and around our school to 'School Watch' on 131 788 or Policelink on 131 444.

Thank you for keeping our school safe and secure. Enjoy the Christmas holiday period and I look forward to welcoming our students on Monday 22 January 2024.

Scott Ison Principal

Our Ways of Working

Attendance

If your child is away, please advise the school on the day of absence by phoning the school on **5503 7860** or have your child provide a note to their Form teacher on their return to school.

Text messages are sent each day regarding absences. Please ensure we have your current mobile number. Reply to the text rather than send a note.

If your child has not returned on the 1st day of 2024, please phone the school.

95% attendance is our expectation

BYOD

- * We are a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school. Students are to bring personally owned devices (usually a laptop) to school for the purpose of learning.
- * Students use their BYOD to access the internet, school servers, cloud storage (onedrive), e-textbooks and their e-notebooks.
- Teachers and students share learning resources and assessment on this device.
- * Full details are available in the BYOD
 Information Guide for Parent and Students
 available on the school website. Link

Uniform

The wearing of the uniform is compulsory and is enforced in accordance with State Government Legislation.

- Students are required to have a Formal
 Uniform and Sports uniform. The Sports
 uniform is only to be worn on days timetabled
 with HPE or Dance.
- 2. Senior students can wear their sports uniform on a Tuesday, irrespective of their timetable.
- 3. The Formal and Sports uniform are **only** available from the school Uniform Shop.
- 4. Students unable to wear the correct uniform require a note of explanation from home.
- 5. Students who do not comply with our uniform policy will be given a uniform detention.
- Students not wearing the correct uniform will be unable to attend events where they are representing the school or at public school ceremonies.

CANTEEN

Nerang State High School canteen is based on a cafeteria style, where the students select food items they wish to purchase and take them to the cash register. We have EFTPOS facilities. Please feel free to phone our canteen Convenor Sharon Collis, if you have any queries or would like to volunteer (5503 7857).

BUS

Students who are continuing school without any changes to their address will receive a **Bus Pass Renewal Application Form** from Surfside Buses in mid-December. Please return the form immediately to Surfside Buses to receive the bus pass in February 2024. If you do not receive a renewal form, please contact the relevant bus company below.

Students are required to retain their 2023 Bus Pass until the new one has been issued.

Surfside Buslines: 0755 716 555

Lone Star Coachlines: 0755 916 799 (servicing Beechmont area only)