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NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 9 9 September 2021

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From the Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support during this term where we have had to respond to COVID requirements. We came through it with a smile on our faces showing the ability to adapt and be



flexible. I trust that in a week's time, when we go on school holidays, everyone will be safe and

have a good rest.

Thank you to the P&C for organising the Father's Day stall. Unfortunately, the disco has been cancelled for Friday, 10 September due to lack of volunteers. But the P&C and the school will organise a disco session during the day on Friday, 17 September. Children can wear a funny hat for the disco.

Respect

This week on parade, I spoke to the students about respect. It is one of the three school rules at this school: RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY AND SAFETY. The Year 6 students who went on camp received many positive comments about their manners and the respect they showed. A simple way to show respect is to say hello or a similar greeting to staff, visitors and parents when they come to school in the morning. This is not difficult and costs nothing but it does spread a positive tone and sets a culture of respect. Talk to your child/ren about this and please reinforce this simple gesture of respect.

NAPLAN

Individual student reports were sent out this week. Refer to the information later in the newsletter. We continue to perform above our *like school*, state schools and the nation. The area that requires more attention is the writing. The school is continuing to look at ways of making writing enjoyable.

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Support Staff Day

On the Friday 3 September we celebrated Support Staff Day. Our support staff include the Teacher Aides, Administrative Officers and Business Manager. These staff are crucial to the operations of the school and the education of all children. Please join us in thanking them. On the SFD, Teacher Aides and Mrs Sutherland completed their resuscitation training. Teachers were engaged in whole-school priority decisions and curriculum planning for Term 4.

Three-Way Reporting

Thank you to all the parents and carers that came to the interviews. I hope that the sessions were positive and that you have a better idea of the child's strengths and next steps. This three-way partnership is very important for the education of a child. We had 43% of parent attended these meetings.

Parking

We have repeatedly requested that Parents and Carers collecting their children at 3pm respect our local residents and not park across their driveways. This is not only disrespectful behaviour but also dangerous as some of these residents are doctors and emergency service workers. And sometimes, these workers need to leave in a hurry and are unable to because they have been parked in. Parking a few minutes away and walking to the school is a much safer option. Thank you for making our local area a safe place for our residents and our students.

Michelle D'Netto

From the Deputy Principal...

Runcorn State School Introduction of Schoolzine

Schoolzine will start in Term 4. Please be aware that the Schoolzine platform will replace the current newsletter distribution system and so those that do not give Third Party Consent for Schoolzine will need to access the school newsletter from the website as it will not be able to be emailed to you.

2021 National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Student Reports for Year 3 and Year 5 Students

The 2021 NAPLAN student reports for students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be sent home with students this week. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 undertaken nationwide, every year in May. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community. NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards.

NAPLAN results do not measure overall school quality. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. Each teacher will have the best insight into their students' educational progress. Parents/carers can use NAPLAN reports, along with other school assessment reports, to discuss their child's strengths and areas for improvement with their teacher.

Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries regarding the NAPLAN results.

Roberta Matlock





From the Teaching & Learning Coach...

Writing at Runcorn

In term 4 we will be putting a spotlight on Writing at Runcorn. Teachers have been working on triangulating and analysing formative and summative data to see patterns across our school of what we do well when we write, and what we need to improve on. Next term we will be reviewing our Writing Framework and implementing some improved school wide practices. Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates on this exciting work.



My Place Writing Competition

Just a reminder that if you have any entries for the My Place Writing Competition, please forward to Miss La Sala by the end of this week (10 September 2021).

Premier's Reading Challenge

Thank you to all of the students completed the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2021. Students who participated and returned Third Party Permission slips will received their certificate signed by the Premier in Term 4.

Rachel La Sala

From the Admin Team...

Cashless School

The school is now a cashless school. Our preferred methods of payment are BPoint and Direct Transfer.

SRS 2022

Planning is well underway for determining the SRS for 2022. Consultation will take place with the P&C and School Council at its October meetings.

2021 Term Dates

Term	DATES			
3	12 July to 17 September			
4	5 October to 10 December			

Dates of Significance – Term 3

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DAY	DATE	EVENT			
Fri	10 Sept	Three Way Reporting (bookings required)			
Mon	13 Sept	Prep Excursion – Ngutana Lui			
Tues	14 Sept	Prep Water Play Session – PS (2pm – 3pm)			
Wed	15 Sept	Prep Water Play Session – PW (2pm – 3pm)			
Thurs	16 Sept	Science Expo (9am – 11am)			
Fri	17 Sept	Prep 2022 School Tour, 9:30am – 10:30am			
Fri	17 Sept	Prep Water Play Session – PB (2pm – 3pm)			
Fri	17 Sept	Last Day of Term 3			

Dates of Significance – Term 4

DAY	DATE	EVENT			
Mon	4 Oct	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday			
Tues	5 Oct	Prep Water Play Session			
Tues	12 Oct	School Swimming lessons commence			
Fri	15 Oct	Sports Gala Day			
Fri	15 Oct	120 Year Arts Fair, 5:30pm – 8:00pm, Eventbrite ticket is required for entry			
Mon	18 Oct	P&C Meeting, 6:30pm			
Wed	20 Oct	Prep 2022 Get to Know You Session			
Thurs	21 Oct	Prep 2022 Get to Know You Session			
Fri	22 Oct	Prep 2022 Get to Know You Session			
Fri	29 Oct	Public Exhibition Public Holiday			
Mon	1 Nov	Year 5 Camp Tallebudgera commences			
Wed	3 Nov	Year 5 Camp Tallebudgera returns			
Thurs	4 Nov	Prep Vision Screening			
Fri	5 Nov	Pre Prep Session, 9:30am			
Fri	5 Nov	Prep Vision Screening			
Thurs	11 Nov	Remembrance Day Ceremony			
Fri	12 Nov	Pre Prep Session, 9:30am			
Fri	12 Nov	Sports Gala Day			
Mon	15 Nov	Year 4 Camp Currumbin Valley commences			
Mon	15 Nov	P&C Meeting, 6:30pm			
Wed	17 Nov	Prep 2022 Orientation, 9:15am			
Wed	17 Nov	Year 4 Camp Currumbin Valley returns			
Thurs	18 Nov	Prep 2022 Orientation, 9:15am			
Fri	19 Nov	Prep 2022 Orientation, 9:15am			
Tues	23 Nov	Music Awards, 2pm			
Wed	24 Nov	End of Year Concert, Sunnybank State High School			
Fri	10 Dec	Last Day of Term 4			

Music Matters

Save The Date

- Friday October 15th -120 Years Arts Fair
- Tuesday 23rd November- Music Medals Ceremony
- Wednesday 24th November- End of Year Concert- Sunnybank SHS

Performances - 120 Years Arts Fair

To celebrate our school turning 120 this year our ensembles and Choirs will be performing at the Arts Fair on Friday October 15.

Band, Strings Ensembles and Senior Choir will perform on the night.

Please note **Year 3 Choir** will also be performing. Further information will go out regarding times etc in the near future.

Mariel Hopper

Specialist Music Teacher, mxhop2@eq.edu.au



From the Resource Centre



Book Week and Book Fair

A very big **thank you** to everyone for supporting our Book Week and Book Fair!

Thank you for all the effort spent on creating the amazing costumes we saw on our Favourite Book Character Dress-up Day. The book characters walking around our school all had big smiles on their faces!

Another big **thank you** to everyone who purchased books from our Book Fair. Your generosity has enabled us to purchase a range of exciting new books for our library including some wonderful graphic novels which our students had requested. These books will be on our shelves very soon, ready for students to borrow.

The drawing competition was extremely popular with a large number of entries received. The creativity and quality of the drawings was of a very high standard. Congratulations to our very talented winners who each won a \$10 voucher to spend at the Book Fair: Prep – *Skylar*, Year 1 – *Yilin*, Year 2 – *Airlie*, Year 3 – *Eva*, Year 4 – *Zipora*, Year 5 – *Doris* and Year 6 – *Gavin*.





Runcorn State School Community is invited to attend the

ANNUAL SCIENCE EXPO









Thursday 16th September 9.00am – 11.00am

In

Science Resource Centre, in and outside the Library, Year 1 and 2 areas and walkways, Prep walkway and Girrawheen Place.

Students from all year levels will be showcasing their scientific skills and some of the fabulous work they have done in class this term. Come and join us!

Parents must sign in at the office, wear a mask and social distance at all times while visiting the Science Expo.



<u>120 Year Celebration – Community Arts Fair</u>

To commemorate Runcorn's 120th year, we will hold a Community Arts Fair on Friday 15 October 2021 from 5.30pm-8.00pm. We invite all past and present students, staff and family members to attend this event where we will celebrate with displays of student art work, dance, instrumental and singing performances from students and their families. A 'memory lane' displaying memorabilia and photographs from the past 120 years and spaces set aside for past students, staff and their families to meet, reminisce and reconnect will be available. Food Trucks will provide a range of food and drinks for sale.

We warmly invite students and their families to join one of our 3 stages on the night to share their cultural dance, instrumental or singing performances to celebrate our wide cultural diversity. Please contact Roberta Matlock about the volunteering to perform on the night on 3323 8736 or <u>rmatl2@eq.edu.au</u>. Thank you to the families that have volunteered their time to perform at our Community Arts Fair. To date we have a Tongan, Indian and local Dance group and a Japanese performance. Please contact Admin on <u>admin@runcornss.eq.edu.au</u> if you would like to perform or would like more information.

Due to COVID the school will require prior RSVP and QR Code registration on the evening for entry to the event. RSVP can be completed via the https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/runcorn-state-school-120-year-community-arts-fair-tickets-164063822309

Volunteers required for the following tasks:

- Contacting businesses via face to face, phone and email seeking Heritage garden supplies; edging, mulch, sandstone blocks, concrete, pavers/stepping stones, irrigation, machinery hire (dingo digger, concrete mixer, wheels barrows etc) and other required materials for the garden.
- Preparation and set up of art activities on the evening.
- Coordinator of Food Stalls ensuring all stall holders are set up in their correct locations, are connected to power where requested, pack down and exiting in a safe manner
 - Working Bee Volunteers for the heritage garden:
 - o clearing the site
 - o erecting/installing garden beds
 - o paving
 - o planting and mulching
 - o laying the deco granite base and installing sandstone blocks
 - o laying the stepping stones
 - installing garden arch.

All these tasks are incredibly important to ensure our garden is ready in time. If you can assist, please email Zoee at <u>rsspcvicepresident@outlook.com</u>. Tickets are now available to book for this FREE event get them here: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/runcorn-state-school-120-year-community-arts-fair-tickets-</u> <u>164063822309?fbclid=lwAR0KXTkmhzM6wFCCoH-</u> NdifA2ab7gyYi1DH7jB8cOJlhvzOcG60WenO2gE8



Join us at

120 Year Community Arts Fair Friday 15 October 2021 5:30-8pm at Runcorn State School

From the HPE Teacher

Swimming Term 4

Swimming will be back on in term 4. This week permission letters will have been sent to parents of children who arrived after Term 1, are in Prep or those that didn't complete the permission forms in Term 1. These need to be returned as soon as possible.

Below is an example of appropriate sun safe swim wear. Please check your child's swim kits. Please pack sunscreen for your children to apply before their lesson. Children must have a swimming cap or they are not permitted in the pool.



Prep Water Play & Swimming

Prep will start swimming in Term 4. They will do 4 water play sessions to practice putting on their swimmers and then back into their school clothes. You could help your children practice by letting them dress themselves after their bath.

Water play sessions will be:

Term 3, Week 10 Term 4, Week 1 14, 15 and 17 September (2pm – 3pm) Tuesday 5 October (9 – 1pm) First Day Back at School

Please pack a swim kit with items as above.

Gala Day

Gala Day will be in Term 4. Due to current uncertain Covid-19 rules and regulations, we ask you to wait until you receive an invoice to pay for the Gala Days. The sports will be - Touch Football Boys & Girls; Cricket Boys & Girls; and Netball for Girls. Permission notes have gone home this week.

In the event of wet weather there will be no Back Up Gala Day in Term 4.



Important Dates for HPE or other Sporting Events

- School Swimming Starts Week 2 Tuesday 12th October
- Interschool Gala Day 1 Year 5 & 6 Friday 15th October
- Interschool Gala Day 2 Year 5 & 6 Friday 12th November

From the Year 2 Classrooms

In Year 2 we have been learning all about growing and the life cycles of living things. We have observed Monarch Butterfly chrysalis for two weeks and got to watch the adult monarch butterfly emerge.

This is the lifecycle of the Monarch Butterfly.

Small white ribbed eggs are laid on a leaf.



The eggs get a black spot on the top when the caterpillar is almost ready to hatch out.

The caterpillar is small at first but eats lots of milk weed leaves and grows much bigger.

The caterpillar turns into a chrysalis which is a jade green colour with gold spots on it.

The adult monarch butterfly emerges after about 2 weeks.





Prep 2022

Enrol now for Prep 2022. Please email preptransitions@runcornss.eq.edu.au for more information.



Come and experience the Runcorn way!

There are current vacancies in Prep for 2022, enrol now!

Key Dates Prep 2021 / 2022

School Tours RSVP to the office 07 3323 8777	Friday 30 th April 2021 9:30 - 10:00am Friday 25 th June 2021 9:30 - 10:00am Friday 6 th August 2021 9:30 - 10:00am Friday 17 th September 2021 9:30 - 10:00am		
Prep 2022 Information Sessions	Thursday 13 th May 2021 3:30 - 4:30pm Thursday 5 th August 2021 5:30 - 6:30pm		
Get to Know You Sessions	Wednesday 20 th October 2021 Thursday 21 st October 2021 Friday 22 rd October 2021		
Pre-Prep Sessions	Friday 22 ^{ad} October 2021 9:30 - 10:00am Friday 24 ^{ad} October 2021 9:30 - 10:00am Friday 5 ^{ad} November 2021 9:30 - 10:00am Friday 12 ^{ad} November 2021 9:30 - 10:00am		
Orientation Day	Wednesday 17th November 2021 Thursday 18th November 2021 Friday 19th November 2021		
January Prep 2022 Parent Information	Friday 21* January 2022		

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From the Strings Teacher....

The String Students have been working, studying and performing a variety of repertoire over the past few weeks. There have been many challenges in unpacking these pieces and it has been great to see Students rise to meet these demands in their learning. Well done String Students.

Rehearsals

Thank you, String Students, for attending rehearsals. Rehearsals are held in the Music Room located in B Block. Future Rehearsals for String groups are as follows:

Week in Term	Date	Activity
Week 10	Tuesday 14 th September	Senior String Orchestra Rehearsal – 7.40 - 8.40 am Beginner Strings Rehearsal – 11.15 – 11.45 am Junior String Orchestra Rehearsal - 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Week 1 Term 4	Tuesday 5 th October	Senior String Orchestra Rehearsal – 7.40 - 8.40 am Beginner Strings Rehearsal – 11.15 – 11.45 am Junior String Orchestra Rehearsal - 3.00 - 4.00 pm

The 120 Year Arts Fair is an event that all String Players will perform at next Term. The Arts Fair will be held on Friday 15th October (end of Week 2) starting at 5:30pm. More information will follow in the coming weeks. The String Students are looking forward to performing at this special occasion.

Thank you String Community for getting through a very busy term. I hope that all families have a safe and relaxing break.

Andrew Biedermann abied1@eq.edu.au

Werman's News

There's always so many new and exciting things to do at Runcorn! In the past two weeks I have been listening to some great reading and also visiting some classrooms to see what the students have been learning. Last week I was lucky enough to explore while the teacher aides were setting up for Prep Outdoor learning time- there's so many opportunities for fun everywhere I go!







Many of you may have noticed that I had my fur cut over the weekend. "Paws Only Grooming" did a great job of getting me ready for the warmer Spring weather. Because my hair doesn't shed, having my fur cut short is very important during the warmer months. Some of you have commented on how different I look, but I am still soft and cuddly and just waiting for you to ask if it's ok to pat me!

Mrs Schooth is starting to train me to sit quietly on a mat during some of the time that I spend in classes and in meetings with the other teachers. I find this tricky at times when I can see that the students (or teachers) are doing something interesting, but it is an important part of my learning so thank you for understanding when Mrs Schooth has to correct me and take me back to the mat. Sometimes Mrs Schooth sounds like she's cranky with me but this is the way that I learn what is expected of my behaviour at school. A gentle tug of my lead and the sound "arg-arg" makes me think about what she is wanting me to do. When I'm sitting nicely, watching, walking by her side and following her commands I hear nice soothing sounds and comments from her and am rewarded with food. The magic word in my training is "finish" so when I hear this I know that I am able to relax and play. This word makes my tail wag so fast!



I hope that you all have a great end of Term 3 and I will look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

Until next time, big licks and tail wags, Norman

P&C News...

Orders have now closed for the commemoration polos. Unfortunately we have had to change the style due to manufacturing shortages. If you ordered a polo you should have received an email by now. If you haven't please email rsspcvicepresident@outlook.com to confirm your order.



Events Wrap Up

Fathers Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fathers Day stall. We made a profit of \$1,607.90



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Tuckshop Ordering

The preference is that all orders are place on Flexi Schools. We offer a very limited over the counter items for purchase for first break (lunch), please see the menu on the next page.

We strongly encourage you to order afternoon tea online, as afternoon tea over the counter sales are dependent on having volunteers to serve. Ice blocks can continue to be ordered online and picked up by your child from the tuckshop. Please refer to flexi schools for more information. We are able to accept cash again for ice block sales.

Over the counter/phone menu

Breaks	Food	Price
Fruit Break	Apple Slinky	\$1.00
	Jam Sandwich	\$2.00
Second Break	Vegemite Sandwich	\$2.00
	Honey Sandwich	\$2.00
Afternoon	Packet of Chips/Grainwaves	\$1.40

Drinks	Price		
Chill J	\$2.30		
Breaka	\$2.40		
Milk + Sipahh	\$2.30		
Poptop	\$2.40		
Water 1L	\$2.60		
Water 600ml	\$1.60		
Focus water	\$2.40		
Milk	\$1.60		
Up & Go	\$2.30		

Forks and Spoons

Please ensure you pack spoons and forks with your children's lunches from home, as these items are NOT handed out for free at the Tuckshop. Single use spoons and forks are 10c each. (Food items ordered from the Tuckshop requiring cutlery do not incur this fee).

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is now open by appointment only, please use this QR code to book your appointment. Online ordering is still available via email <u>rssuniform@outlook.com</u> and we will deliver your order to your child's classroom as soon as we can. If you have any old uniforms that you would like to donate please send them in with your child and let us know via email (<u>rssuniform@outlook.com</u>) and we will collect from their classroom.



Blue Cards for P&C Volunteers

We are in the process of updating our Blue Card Register for the P&C. It is a requirement as part of the school's Student Protection Risk Management Strategy to ensure that all volunteers at a P&C event (such as discos and the Arts Fair), in the Tuckshop, or the Uniform Shop that are <u>not a parent</u> of a Runcorn State School student have a current Blue Card which is registered with the P&C.

If you are a <u>non-parent P&C volunteer</u> (or would like to become involved in volunteering through the P&C and are not a parent), please email Nadera at <u>rsspcsecretary@outlook.com</u> to provide your most up-to-date details.

Facebook

Don't forget to like us on Facebook *Runcorn State School P&C Association* to stay up to date on everything!!

Debbie Linford, President,

Parents & Citizens Association, Runcorn State School, E: rsspcpresident@outlook.com

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Our September vacation care program has also been released. Please see below.

Vacation Care H -20 September 2021 21 September 2021 22 September 2021 23 September 2021 Hello kitty/super hero day able obstacle emergency service

	BIKE WEEK! PLEASE BRING BIKE OR SCOOTER HELMET CLOSED IN SHOES Bay blades, loom bands, cooking, bow craft with Jodie, hulk challenge, making superhero cuffs, DIY laser maze.	BIKE WEEK! PLEASE BRING BIKE OR SCOOTER HELMET Shoes A visit from a police officer, dress up day, first aid practice, hospital making, fire making and safety, Cludo, setting up and creating army base	*incursion* Inflatable obstacle course, papier-mache, running races. ADDITIONAL \$12.20 WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CHARGED TO YOUR ACCOUNT PER CHID. BIKE WEEK! PLEASE BRING BIKE OR SCOOTER HELMET SHOE	IN SHOES Slime, science experiments,	BIKE WEEKI PLEASE BRING BIKE OR SCOOTER HELMET CLOSED IN SHOES Bikes, road safety, making planes, making tracks/roads, box play	Operating hours 6.30am - 6.00pm Meals Provided Breakfast and Aftermoon Tea provided Booking closure date* 10 September 2021 *Bookings received after this date may incur a late booking fee.
2	27 September 2021 Outback/country day	29 September 2021 cooking day	29 September 2021 EXCURSION hike at mount Gravatt mountain	30 September 2021 messy play day	01 October 2021 tech day	Bookings can be made through your My Family Lounge Everyday there is a range of activities
J	Miss Nicole to bring her stick insects, miss Tegan to bring her dog, Miss Emily to bring her Guinee pigs, Samee Samee Domboy	Cake making and decorating, biscuit decorating, taco making for lunch, cutting fruit, lemon myrtle infusions. TACOS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR LUNCH. MUST HAVE SNACKS	EXCURSION TO MOUNT GRAVATT MOUNTAIN-HIKE. All permission forms must be return by Monday 27.09.2021 for children to attend.	Tie dye (t-shirts), string painting, marble painting, colour run, spaghetti play, mud and goop.	BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, BYO technology. Pop com and movies.	planned around the theme of the day. Arts and crafts, group games, cultural activities, cooking, team sports, talent quests, stories, science and more!
	making, Indigenous paintings, grass heads	FOR MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA.	Additional \$17 per child will be automatically charged to your account.			Plus, all your favourite free selection choices like board games, construction, card games, loose parts and social play.
	Contact us for more information P 0423 551 335 E runcornsac@pcyc.org.au					

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SCHOOL LESSONS

Coaching days & time: Tuesday afternoons (3:05 – 4:05pm). Venue: Room C6 – Runcorn State School. Dates: 2021, Term 4 – October 12 to December 2. Price: \$100 per student (8 week Topchess Program). Notes: Suitable for Prep to Grade 6. Book in any time and only pay for the remaining weeks (pro-rata fee). All members will follow to the Topchess Covid 19 Safe Plan and are reminded of the requirements during class.

FUN, INTERACTIVE & EDUCATIONAL





Young Engineers After School Club @ Runcorn SS (Prep-Yr 6)

Young Engineers offers unique STEM programs where children have fun while learning critical skills for the digital age. We aim to ignite a student's passion for science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) using LEGO®. Weekly sessions demonstrate scientific concepts. Prep-Yr2: Bricks Challenge (Complex motorised machines, motors and batteries) Yr3-6: Robotics & Electronics After School Club Time & Dates: Tuesdays 3:15pm-445pm; Oct 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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Premier's Coding Challenge #digitalwellbeingqld

The Premier's Coding Challenge aims to encourage an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in Queensland students.

The challenge in 2021 is to code an interactive and innovative digital solution to raise awareness of digital wellbeing. Students' digital solutions could address a range of age-relevant contextual problems, including:

- Cyberbullying—how to best deal with and report cyberbullying
- Online games—how to stay safe using online games
- Digital reputation—how to be sure to have a positive digital reputation and awareness of the impacts on their future
- Postural considerations—how to sit or stand when using devices to maintain physical health
- Screen time—how to maintain a healthy balance when using devices
- Password security—how to create stronger passwords and why we don't share them with friends
- Personal vs private data—what information is ok to share online in a game or on a profile
- Suspicious emails—what to do when we receive an email from someone we don't know
- Phishing, malware, viruses—how to protect ourselves from malicious "free" offers
- Social media etiquette—how to help our friends and stay safe when interacting on social media.



Entrants can develop an app, game, animation or website, and they must submit a short (90 second) video explaining their entry. Students can enter as an individual or as a pair. **Entries close at 5pm Friday 17 September 2021.**

For more information on how to get started, tools and tips and how to submit your entry please visit the following website <u>https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/events-awards/awards-competitions/premiers-coding-challenge</u>.