

Thank you for your interest in seeking to enrol your child at our school. Making the right choice of school is a really important decision for you to make as a family.

So, why Hilder Road State School?

Hilder Road State School is a smaller school with our enrolment around 350 children. This enables us to know each student on a more personal level. It also means that we are able to provide a family focussed, caring environment where the needs of each child can be responded to appropriately and sensitively.

Our School Philosophy

Hilder Road State School's motto is '**Education is Life**'. Our aim is to add quality and excellence to the life of each child enrolled in our school.

In our **pursuit of excellence** we value:

- the nurturing and development of each child to his/her full potential,
- the promotion of positive attitudes, self esteem and confidence in each child,
- the provision of a supportive and responsive learning environment,
- the development of co-operation as well as open and honest communication,
- the implementation of inclusion, equity and social justice principles,
- the engagement of all stakeholders in our decision making forums.
- the sharing of our professional skills and expertise with others.

School Facilities

Our school is situated beside the picturesque Fish Creek in one of the most attractive school settings in Queensland. We are surrounded by quiet streets with little traffic noise, making it a safe environment for drop off/pick-ups and less distractions in our classrooms. We have magnificent ovals and grounds. Our gardens, outdoor facilities and general classroom resources are second to none.

They include:

- An independent, well equipped Resource Centre known as the 'Cybrary'
- Extensive sporting and physical education facilities
- Professionally landscaped gardens surrounding our classrooms
- A 'state of the art' Technology Centre in the Year 6/7 Block and in The Cybrary
- Dual teaching units where innovative teaching / learning strategies as well as social skills may be implemented effectively to meet the needs of individuals and groups of children
- Up-to-date technology and audio visual equipment in each classroom
- Separate age-appropriate playgrounds with specially designed equipment and spaces for different year levels
- A modern air-conditioned Tuckshop
- A beautifully landscaped amphitheatre
- Flood-lit tennis courts and family barbecue area
- Sheltered play areas for each year level
- Shaded waiting areas for parents
- Safe and supervised 'drop off' and collection zones on each street bordering our school
- Refrigerators in each classroom
- Withdrawal areas adjacent to each classroom
- Modern classroom teaching resources
- Separate music room equipped with a large range of instruments and resources

Special Programs / Activities

To enrich and enhance our formal curriculum the school also offers:

- The Preparatory Year of Schooling (we have been a Trial School for the last three years)
- An outstanding Instrumental and Music Program that boasts individual instruction in strings, brass, woodwind and percussion. Group instruction caters for band, ensembles and recorder groups
- An auditioned Choral Program for our Years 3 to 7 Junior and Senior Choirs
- The Nightingales Choir for Prep to Year 2
- Co-curricular performances where the talents and skills of our children are highlighted
- Opportunities for children who are gifted and talented to be extended
- Support for children who experience learning difficulties
- Participation in state and national academic, chess, music, choral and sporting competitions
- Experiences that help to develop and promote student leadership and involvement in school decision making
- Camps, excursions and educational tours
- A 'buddy system' for Prep, Year One and Year Two where they work cooperatively with Years 5, 6 and 7 to promote school family friendships and reading



Outside School Hours Care

Hilder Road State School offers Before School Care (6.30am to 8.30am) and After School Care (3.00pm to 6.00pm) with full day programs on all Pupil Free Days (7.00am to 6.00pm). The program is operated by the YMCA.

The aim of our program is simple – to offer quality care in a safe, secure and loving environment with fun activities in craft and games, without losing sight of the fact that we are the children's second home. We work very hard at being good at this.

Morning care is quiet with the emphasis on non-messy activities. A typical afternoon begins with preparation of afternoon tea, (sandwiches, crackers, fruit and drink). There are facilities for homework inside; games and free play outside; craft activities; use of computer games, lego etc. As this is the children's leisure time no activity is compulsory, although we always encourage participation.

We accept children on a full-time, part-time or casual basis. Our only stipulation being that OSHC holds a current enrolment form and are given 24 hours notice of attendance. If you would rather drop in and see us we would love to meet you!

Please phone the coordinator on 0423 020231 if you need to book your child/ren in for 2007, or if you would like any further details about our program.

Student Leadership

By promoting student leadership opportunities at Hilder Road State School we hope to:

- ω empower children to have a role in the running of their school;
- ω provide student feedback to the Administration and teachers,
- ω draw together children from all levels of the school;
- ω provide financial assistance to school, state, national and world organisations

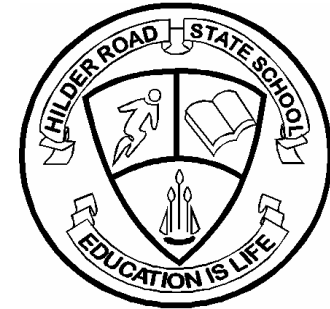
Our school has a Student Council and its aim is to represent the children of our school. The Student Council Representatives are peer elected from Years 4 to 7. The Student Council conducts various student orientated activities throughout the year.

Our Year 7s elect an Executive of four officers to carry out the administrative duties of the Council and to represent students at school and community functions.

Student leaders are also elected for Sports House Teams, Strings, Band and Choir groups.

Each term groups of Year 7 students have the responsibility of leading and reporting at our weekly Assembly. This has become a highlight of our week and of our school.

If you would like a tour of our school facilities, please contact the office to make an appointment with the Principal.



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