



# SUNSHINE BEACH STATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Tropical Cyclone Alfred is forecast to cross the South-East Queensland coast later this week. At this stage it appears that landfall may be between Brisbane to Noosa late Thursday evening or early Friday morning. This will be the first time a cyclone has crossed the coast in this area for decades, so we are taking a number of precautions to ensure students and staff remain safe.

**At this stage, our school will remain open tomorrow, Wednesday 5 March 2025. CDC Buses will be operating tomorrow.** The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has forecasted heavy rainfall for South-East QLD from tomorrow. Damaging wind gusts exceeding 90 km/h are possible depending on movement and development of Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

Please ensure you have provided the school with up-to-date contact details, including your mobile phone number and email address.

\*If the school is required to close during normal school hours, parents and carers will be notified and asked to collect their children where and when it is safe to do so.

\*Students who are unable to be collected immediately will be cared for by school staff in a safe location. Parents and carers will be advised of the details and are encouraged to stay in contact with the school.

\*Where your locational factors aligned with this weather event poses a danger to your child travelling to school, **please notify the school of your child's absence via QParents and list extreme weather as the reason.** Parents are the best placed decision makers around their child's attendance related to factors of their home's location, the roads they travel, family support systems in place and unique individual family / individual student needs.

\*Student absences due to extreme weather or natural disasters will not be counted on school report cards.

Further information on the status of our school for Thursday 6 March will be provided after midday tomorrow, Wednesday 5 March. I am joining all North Coast Region principals on a TEAMS meeting first thing tomorrow morning, where the Regional Response Team will communicate our next steps. Up-to-date information on Queensland state school closures is available at [School Closures](#) .

## Weather warnings and preparations

Families are encouraged to visit [getready.qld.gov.au](http://getready.qld.gov.au) for practical advice to help prepare for severe weather, including specific information about preparing for cyclones, storms and floods. Please monitor our local ABC Radio service and emergency services' social media accounts for updates and advice as this situation progresses. Information about current weather conditions can be found on the Bureau of Meteorology website at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au). If you need immediate help, call Triple Zero (000).

I will keep you informed as we go through this event together.

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