



Toowoomba Flexi School Standards & Expectations

As a student of Centenary Heights State High School Toowoomba Flexi School, all of the standards are based upon Safety, Respect and Learning.

Be Safe:

1. Personal dress for all students:

- Students will wear their Flexi shirt to all external events. This displays a sense of unity and pride and looks great. Every student, as part of his/her enrolment to Flexi, receives a shirt as a component of fees. Should a student forget his/her shirt for such an event, we have spare shirts at Flexi and on return from the event; the shirt will remain at Flexi to be washed. We do however ask students to plan well and remember their shirts for events.
- A reminder that all students are not permitted to wear short shorts/skirts/dresses rather shorts will be mid-thigh length minimum. Should that not be the case on any single occasion we will arrange for our students to return home to change to appropriate clothing and be back at school same day.
- Students are also required to wear modest, sleeved shirts at all times; singlet shirts are not permitted. Fully covered shoes are a requirement.

2. Use of Skate Park:

- None of our students will access the skate park during a working day. This follows a previous violent incident in the skate park involving one of our staff and some of our students requiring police to be called and Flexi to go into lockdown. Students may access the skate park before and after school hours however we do not encourage it. Our students understand they are to be on site no later than 8:45am ready for learning.

3. Scooters/skateboards:

- Students may ride them to school. If so, they are required to be given to our Office Manager no later than 9:00am on the day. The item will then be locked away for the day and may be collected at the end of the student's day. This prevents students from using them during the day, having to be reminded to focus on their learning and compromising the safety of other students.

Be Respectful:

1. Respectful Language:

- Our students understand they are not to use any obscene language on site nor hold conversations or make remarks around sexually explicit matters/topics that are inappropriate for the workplace which is what Flexi School is. Should that occur, intentionally and unintentionally, the student's parent will be phoned to collect him/her straight away. Our student is indeed welcome back the next day to begin class as normal following a conversation, with Head of Campus Linda Bourke, or Principal Maryanne Walsh. In the end we ask and expect our students to observe basic respect for themselves and fellow students and staff and to practise what is socially acceptable at all times.

2. Use of mobile phones:

- Our students understand that, in class, the phone is to be turned off or on silent, may not be in sight and may not be accessed during a lesson. The same applies for headphones. If the student does access the phone/headphones the student submits the item immediately to our Office Manager who will store it safely and return it at the end of the student's day. Repeat offences may incur a suspension as the issue has then become about disobedience.

- Our students have asked what they would do if work was ringing them. Very good question. Once again, the class and the learning of others cannot be disturbed so we have suggested that students advise employers of the time, within their timetables, that they are available to take calls.
- Our students also asked what they would do in the case of a family emergency. Another good question. We have asked our students to notify their teachers or Teacher Aides or Office Manager beforehand if things are difficult personally and as a result they may need to take an urgent call e.g. Centrelink. As long as this is known before a lesson the teacher may permit the call to be taken outside the classroom.

3. Contributing to the care of the facility:

- In general our students are very good with ‘chipping in’ following eating meals cooked for them, washing up and drying their cups when they access hot drinks etc. The expectation is that every student will be responsible for themselves in this regard. All food is to be consumed on the verandas.

4. Punctuality:

- Staff will be on time to class and so will students. It is a mark of respect for oneself, each other and the student’s learning.

Be a Learner:

1. Attendance in school:

- A student’s ongoing enrolment at Flexi School is based on satisfactory attendance which is a minimum of 80%. As teachers, we recognise we cannot teach well a student we do not see for sufficient time. While we ask that any absence is immediately explained by the parent/carer, we also ask that absence be minimal. Whether explained or not, significant absence will surely affect the student’s ability to remain enrolled at Flexi. Our students deserve every chance to do well and move on to a great life – to do so means being at Flexi every day to learn. Satisfactory attendance also relates to TAFE and/or Training as these programs are a part of the Flexi programs.

2. A condition of enrolment at Flexi is for all students to be actively involved in Work Experience; the Mentoring Program and the Camps:

- Participation in these is a requirement and an important part of the Flexi program. Should a student decline to participate in any one or more of these we will work hard with the student to move on from Flexi School and source a pathway program in which he/she is prepared to fully participate.

3. Come ready to learn:

- All students are required to bring their own computer to school (BYOD – Bring your own device) **every day and fully charged.**
- The computer should comply with the specifications outlined by CHSHS in the BYOD booklet you will have received.
- If a student shows a pattern of not bringing his/her machine or it is not fully charged arrangements will be made for the student to go home and return as soon as possible with what is required.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

By signing this document I agree to comply with all Standards and Expectations.