

Bowen State High School as a part of Education Queensland believes that ...

- education begins at home – parents and caregivers are the first and most influential teachers of their children
- all contributions should be valued in a supportive partnership
- parents and caregivers have special knowledge of their own children
- students learn better when parents and schools work together
- students learn better when their school experiences are based on an understanding of their backgrounds
- supportive partnerships are based on acceptance of all members of the school community as equals
- learning is best developed in a flexible, safe environment and in an atmosphere of free and open communication
- education should offer all children the opportunity to achieve to the best of their abilities
- education activities should be as inclusive as possible

For further information about how you can participate more fully in your school, please contact:

- **Bowen State High Principal**
- **the Parents' & Citizens' Association**
- **Deputy Principal**



*Quality Education
in a
Caring, Disciplined Environment*

Parents as Partners in Education



**Linking Bowen State High
School and families
to provide better
education for all
Bowen State High School
Students**

To Parents and Caregivers

We welcome you to participate by ...

- representing parents on committees such as the School Council, P&C or other school committees
- attending school functions and meetings
- helping in the tuckshop or library
- attending sports days, music festivals, etc
- taking part in activities run by community ethnic and indigenous groups
- attending parent-teacher interviews and school information nights
- completing and returning surveys when provided with the opportunity
- voting on school issues as they arise

We encourage you to ...

- ensure your child attends school regularly
- stimulate your child to value learning
- help with your child's learning and behavioural development
- recognise and respect the rights of all members of the school community
- tell your child's teacher promptly about anything that may be affecting the child's learning, behaviour or health
- keep informed about what is happening at school by reading our school newsletters
- respect and support the implementation of school policies
- ensure the school has accurate personal information about your child, including your home address, contact telephone numbers as well as an emergency contact
- take advantage of opportunities to talk with school staff
- contact the school on the absentee hotline or send a note when your child is unable to attend
- supervise your child's homework tasks
- participate in school-based decision-making by taking advantage of opportunities to become involved

Bowen State High School staff will do their best to see that you ...

- are treated with courtesy and respect
- receive a quality education for your child
- participate in your child's education
- receive accurate information about your child's learning and behaviour at school and the programs that support your child's development
- have the opportunity to participate in school decision making
- can ask questions and have access to information about why decisions are made at Bowen State High School
- receive regular oral or written reports about your child's progress
- feel free to raise and discuss school issues at P&C meetings
- can express your opinions about the educational needs of your child to school staff
- can contact school staff for a confidential discussion about anything that you are concerned about or interested in
- make a complaint to the school if you feel that you or your child are not being treated fairly
- can ask for assistance if your first language is not English