

McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL



SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

SCHOOL VACATION DATES FOR 2021

Education Queensland sets the dates for Public School Vacations and these are approved by the Minister for Education. The School Year is divided into two semesters, with two terms per semester. School holidays occur at the end of terms and semesters:

- **Summer Vacation** – Six weeks during the Christmas period.
- **Easter Vacation** – Two weeks usually incorporating the Easter public holidays.
- **Winter Vacation** – Two weeks at the end of the first semester.
- **Spring Vacation** – Two weeks in the mid-part of the second semester.

SCHOOL VACATIONS

FIRST TERM		
School Administration Opens	18 th January, 2021	
Pupil-Free Days	20 th – 22 nd January, 2021	
Commences	27 th January, 2021	
Concludes	1 st April, 2021	
SECOND TERM		
	Commences	19 th April, 2021
	Concludes	26 th 25 th June, 2021
THIRD TERM		
Commences	12 th July, 2021	
Pupil-Free Day	3 rd September, 2021	
Concludes	17 th September, 2021	
FOURTH TERM		
	Commences	5 th October, 2021
	Concludes	10 th December, 2021
SCHOOL REOPENS FOR 2022		
School Administration Opens	17 th January, 2022	
Pupil-Free Days	19 th – 21 st January, 2022	
Commences	24 th January, 2022	

SCHOOL DATE CLAIMERS 2021

Date Claimer details and amendments are included in the fortnightly 'Tartan Times' newsletter. Dates & Events including **estimated** costs are subject to change. Date Claimers and Fee / Contributions are published at the beginning of each school year and fully explained at Parent / Teacher Information Meetings held each February. This overview is published to assist parents with family planning and budgeting. Final information is provided closer to the event. Not all events and costs apply to all students. Parents may exercise discretion on student involvement within extra-curricular activities.

EVENTS

Year Level	Date/s	Event	Est Cost
Preparatory	01.04.21	▪ Easter Hat Parade	\$Nil
	24.08.21	▪ Bunnings Farthers' Day Gifts	\$TBA
	19.10.21	▪ Fire Safety Education	\$Nil
	12.10.21	▪ Surf Lifesaving Presentation	\$Nil
	03.12.21	▪ Art Gallery	\$Nil
Year 1	19.03.21	▪ RAW Art	\$10.00
	10.09.21	▪ Arts Activity Afternoon	\$15.00
Year 2	20.05.21	▪ Bugs Education	\$8.50
	21.05.21	▪ Bugs Education	\$8.50
Year 3	23.04.21	▪ Great Anzac Biscuit Bake-off	\$Nil
	11-21.05.21	▪ NAPLAN Testing	\$Nil
	01.06.21	▪ Star Lab	\$10.00
Year 4	03.06.21	▪ Picasso Art Show	\$Nil
	30.07.21	▪ Living History	\$12.00
	26.08.21	▪ Cyber-Safety	\$TBA
Year 5	11-21.05.21	▪ NAPLAN Testing	\$Nil
	25.05.21	▪ Street Science	\$14.00
	26.08.21	▪ Cyber-Safety	\$TBA
Year 6	26.02.21	▪ Leadership Workshop	\$20.00
	30.03.21	▪ Toko-Ton Taiko Japanese Drumming	\$6.00
	May, 2021	▪ Big Bang Science	\$10.00
	26.08.21	▪ Cyber-Safety	\$TBA
	03.12.21	▪ SEAT ... Spinal Awareness	\$Nil
	07.12.21	▪ Year 6 Celebration Dinner and Awards	\$TBA
P-6	08/11.02.21	▪ Parent Information Evenings	\$Nil
	22.02-05.03.21	▪ P-6 Parent / Teacher Interviews	\$Nil
	04.03.21	▪ Class Photos (Various Packages & Prices)	\$15.00
	01.04.21	▪ Student Council 'Casual Dress Day'	\$Gold
	07-18.06.21	▪ P-6 Parent / Teacher Interviews	\$Nil
	24.06.21	▪ Student Council 'Casual Dress Day'	\$Gold
	13.08.21	▪ Grandparents Open Morning	\$Nil
	16.09.21	▪ Student Council 'Casual Dress Day'	\$Gold
	29.10.21	▪ "Celebration of Childhood" School Open Morning	\$Nil
	09.12.21	▪ Student Council 'Casual Dress Day'	\$Nil

EXCURSIONS

Year Level	Date/s	Event	Est Cost
Prep	13.08.21	▪ Travena Glen	\$35.00
Year 3	26.08.21	▪ Ngutana-Lui A.T.S.I. Centre	\$20.00
	02.09.21	▪ Ngutana-Lui A.T.S.I. Centre	\$20.00
Year 5	10.08.21	▪ Planetarium	\$14.00
Year 6	19.03.21	▪ Student Leadership Day (School Captains) [Coalition Event]	\$Nil
	22/24.03.21	▪ Parliament House	\$15.00
	11.11.21	▪ Walk of Remembrance (Gallipoli Barracks)	\$Nil

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Year Level	Date/s	Event	Est Cost
P-6	20-25.08.21	▪ School Library Book Fair	Fundraiser
	20-27.08.21	▪ Book Week	\$Nil
	25.08.21	▪ Book Week Bedtime Book Fair	\$Nil
	26.08.21	▪ Poem In Your Pocket Day	\$Nil
	23.11.21	▪ Literacy Pro Millionaire's Club Celebration	\$Nil
	25.11.21	▪ Library Monitors Celebration	\$Nil
P-2	19.05.21	▪ National Simultaneous Story Time	\$Nil
	25.08.21	▪ Book Week Assembly	\$Nil
	01.09.21	▪ Merrille O'Neill Assembly	\$Nil
Years 3-6	23.08.21	▪ Book Week Assembly	\$Nil
	24-25.08.21	▪ Book Illustrator in Residence	\$2.00
	30.08.21	▪ Merrille O'Neill Assembly	\$Nil

ACADEMIC CHALLENGES

Year Level	Date/s	Event	Est Cost
P-6	21.06.21	▪ Nicol Jackson Art Competition	\$Nil
	30.08/01.09.21	▪ Merrille O'Neill Poetry Writing Competition	\$Nil
Years 3-6	02/04.11.21	▪ Public Speaking Competition	\$Nil
Year 4	06.12.21	▪ Mathematics Challenge	\$Nil
Years 5-6	22.04.21	▪ Wavell SHS Problem-solving Challenge	\$Nil
	23.08.21	▪ Wavell SHS Literacy Olympics	\$Nil
	06.09.21	▪ District Mathematics Tournament	\$Nil
Year 6	29.03.21	▪ Mathematics Olympiad	\$Nil
	10.05.21	▪ Mathematics Olympiad	\$Nil
	21.06.21	▪ Mathematics Olympiad	\$Nil
	02.08.21	▪ Mathematics Olympiad	\$Nil
	13.09.21	▪ Mathematics Olympiad	\$Nil

SPORTS PROGRAMME

Year Level	Date/s	Event	Est Cost
Prep-Yr 6	23/25.06.21	▪ Inter-House Athletics Carnival	\$Nil
	10.09.21	▪ Inter-House Cross Country	\$Nil
	17.09.21	▪ Inter-House Ball Games Carnival	\$Nil
Years 1-2	17.11-03.12.21	▪ School Swimming Programme	\$30.00
Years 3-6	05-06.08.21	▪ District Athletics	\$32.00
	25-27.08.21	▪ Regional Athletics	\$35.00
Years 4-6	11.02.21	▪ District Swimming Trials	\$11.00
	24.02.21	▪ Regional Swimming Carnival	\$35.00
	26.03.21	▪ Inter-House Swimming Carnival	\$5.00
	30.04.21	▪ Inter-School Sport	\$55.00 total
	07.05.21	▪ Inter-School Sport	\$55.00 total
	28.05.21	▪ Inter-School Sport	\$55.00 total
	04.06.21	▪ Inter-School Sport	\$55.00 total
	15.10.21	▪ Inter-School Sport	\$55.00 total
	22.10.21	▪ Inter-School Sport	\$55.00 total
	29.10.21	▪ Inter-School Sport	\$55.00 total
	05.11.21	▪ Inter-School Sport	\$55.00 total
	23.04.21	▪ District Cross Country	\$16.00
	25.05.21	▪ Regional Cross Country	\$32.00
Years 5-6	20.08.21	▪ School Tennis Tournament	\$Nil
Years 6	11.11-09.12.21	▪ Life Saving Instruction (5 weeks)	\$65.00
	03.12.21	▪ Table Tennis Competition	\$Nil

Prices will vary based on District & Regional Fees charged to the School and Bus Travel.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Year Level	Date/s	Days	Event	Est Cost
Preparatory	24.06.21	Day	▪ Active Learning Day	\$10.00
Year 1	21.04.21	Day	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (My Patch)	\$10.00
	28.04.21	Day	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (My Patch)	\$10.00
	29.04.21	Day	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (My Patch)	\$10.00
Year 2	26.07.21	Day	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (Waterways)	\$18.00
	27.07.21	Day	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (Waterways)	\$18.00
	28.07.21	Day	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (Waterways)	\$18.00
Year 3	12.10.21	Day	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (Nature Journals)	\$10.00
	13.10.21	Day	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (Nature Journals)	\$10.00
	14.10.21	Day	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (Nature Journals)	\$10.00
Year 4	04.05.21	Day	▪ Downfall Creek Environmental Ed Centre (Habitats are Homes)	\$6.60
	05.05.21	Day	▪ Downfall Creek Environmental Ed Centre (Habitats are Homes)	\$Nil
	06.05.21	Day	▪ Downfall Creek Environmental Ed Centre (Habitats are Homes)	\$Nil
Year 5	08.03.21	Day	▪ Nudgee Beach Environmental Ed Centre (Survival in Australian Marine Environment)	\$16.50
	11.03.21	Day	▪ Nudgee Beach Environmental Ed Centre (Survival in Australian Marine Environment)	\$16.50
Year 6	006.10.21	Day 1	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (Sensational Science)	\$8.00
	07.10.21	Day 1	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (Sensational Science)	\$8.00
	11.10.21	Day 2	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (Sensational Science)	\$15.00
	14.10.21	Day 2	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (Sensational Science)	\$15.00
	15.10.21	Day 2	▪ Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre (Sensational Science)	\$15.00

PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMME

Year Level	Date/s	Event	Est Cost
Years 3-4	17.06.21 25.11.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Morning Melodies Matinee (Yr 3, Adagio Strings, Metro Band) ▪ Morning Melodies Matinee (Yr 3, Adagio Strings, Metro Band, Junior Choir) 	\$Gold \$Gold
Years 3-6	12.02.21 12.02.21 12.02.21 29.10.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instrumental Music Tuition Fee ▪ Instrumental Music Programme Fee ▪ Instrument Hire Fee ▪ Celebration of Childhood Open Morning (Chamber Groups) 	\$300.00 \$40.00 \$80.00 \$Nil
Year 4	TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Junior Strings Workshop 	\$TBA
Years 4-5	02.06.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Northside Beginner Band Blitz Day – Wind 	\$TBA
Years 4-6	May, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fanfare 	\$TBA
Year 5	TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Northside Intermediate Music Muster 	\$TBA
Years 5-6	May, 2021 May, 2021 17.06.21 13.08.21 18.08.21 18.08.21 31.08.21 06.09.21 09.09.21 October, 2021 October, 2021 24.11.21 30.11.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Queensland Youth Music Awards (Rode Band) ▪ Queensland Youth Music Awards (Presto Strings) ▪ Performing Arts Celebration Concert ▪ Grandparents' Morning (Chamber Group) ▪ Battle of the Bands (Rode Band & Presto Strings) ▪ Year 2 Recruitment Concerts (Rode Band & Presto Strings) ▪ Great McDowall Busking Competition ▪ Senior Assembly Concert (Keona Band) ▪ Chamber Music Concert ▪ Music Fest (Rode Band & Keona Band) ▪ Music Fest (Presto Strings & Cantabile Strings) ▪ Performing Arts Celebration Concert ▪ McDowall SS Instrumental Music Tour (By Invitation Only) 	\$Nil \$Nil \$7.00 \$Nil \$Nil \$Nil \$Nil \$Nil \$5.00 \$Nil \$Nil \$7.00 \$15.00
Year 6	07.12.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Year 6 Awards Dinner 	\$Nil
Selected Students	19-21.10.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instrumental Music Honours Workshop 	\$TBA
Parents	19.08.21 17.11.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instrumental Music Parent Information Evening No 1 ▪ Instrumental Music Parent Information Evening No 2 	\$Nil \$Nil

Year Level	Date/s	Event	Est Cost
Years 3-6	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scheduled School Assemblies (Choirs) 	\$Nil
Years 5-6	23-27.08.21 26-28.10.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sing Fest (Honours Choir & Senior Choir) ▪ Honours Choral Music Workshop 	\$15.00 \$90.00

Year Level	Date/s	Event	Est Cost
P-6	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Year Level Dance Showcases 	\$Nil
Year 6	May, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brisbane Eisteddfod 	\$Nil

P & C ASSOCIATION

These events and activities are organized and generally supervised by parents. Events and activities require confirmation at a P&C Association Meeting.

Year Level	Date/s	Event	Est Cost
P-6	Each term Each Wednesday 07.05.21 02.09.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Book Club ▪ Student Banking ▪ Mothers' Day Stall ▪ Fathers' Day Stall 	\$Various \$Various \$Various \$Various
Grandparents	13.08.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grandparents Morning Tea 	\$Nil