



CHRYSALIS STEINER SCHOOL

educating the whole child

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY – FLOOD

Chrysalis School management team will make decisions in relation to school changes in inclement weather (flood) with reference to the following guiding principles.

Procedural Guidelines:

Guiding principles:

- The children's and staff's safety and wellbeing is paramount.
- **Parents/guardians are encouraged to seek out information on the school's website which will be updated at 7am in the event of inaccessibility to the Thora Campus.**
- The School will send a text message to all parents by 7am notifying them of the school closure. Note that poor reception or delays due to mobile phone carriers may mean that the text message does not arrive in a timely manner. Parents are encouraged to check the website if they are unsure.
- In the event of the Thora Campus being inaccessible, Chrysalis School will have two flood days (stay at home days) a year. Once we have had two flood days (stay at home days) Chrysalis School will offer a home learning package, as well as Classes 1 to 10 Town School options. Playgroup will run as scheduled on Thursdays and Fridays when the Thora Campus is closed.
- If Lavender Bridge (to North Bellingden) is flooded, or expects to flood, there will be no alternative schooling or child supervision arrangements.
- If Chrysalis Thora Campus is closed due to flooding, Morning Star is also closed.
- This policy does not cover every eventuality; the guiding principles will assist the Business Operations Manager and Education Director in deciding on a specific response.

Home Learning and Town School:

Home Learning for Classes 6 to 10 will be facilitated via Google Classroom. Home Learning for Classes 1 to 5 will be facilitated via emails from the Class Teacher to parents.

Town School hours are the same as school hours. Classes 6-10 will operate **8.45am – 2.45pm**. Classes 1-5 will operate **9.15am – 2.45pm**. We will be operating a school based curriculum during this time and we ask that you should show respect by not treating it as a drop in centre. If a child / student needs to leave before the end of school hours they still require a **written permission note**, just as they would at the Thora Campus.

Town School is not a replacement of Chrysalis but an option provided for parents in need. Google Classroom will not be made available at Town School.

Town School will endeavour to offer students the same class work that Class Teachers have set for the Home Learning program for that day, depending on available resources and the number of children.

Parents are encouraged to seek updated information on the school website and listen to the radio as needed.

Playgroup:

The playgroups will continue to run on Thursdays and Fridays if Lavender Bridge is open. The program will be adjusted to suit numbers and resources, including space requirements at the Children's Centre depending on the number of Kindergarten children present at Morning Star.

Morning Star and River Song:

Morning Star and River Song children have the option of attending Town School at Morning Star, supported by Early Childhood teachers and assistants. Please note that this program will be adjusted to suit numbers and resources. Craft activities will be available for collection from Morning Star for parents who choose to keep their child at home.

Classes 1, 2 and 3:

Town School at St Margaret's Anglican Church Hall (100 Hyde St Bellinghen), or the St Stephen's Uniting Church Hall (corner Hyde and Ford Streets), will be available for children in Classes 1, 2 and 3 and will be supported by Class Teachers and Aides. An email will be sent by the Class Teacher by 8am with Home Learning options. Please note that the Town School daily learning program will be adjusted to suit numbers and resources.

Classes 4 and 5:

Town School at the Bellinghen Showgrounds Luncheon Booth (Black St Bellinghen) will be available for children in Classes 4 and 5 and will be supported by Class Teachers and Aides. An email will be sent by the Class Teacher by 8am with Home Learning content to continue with current Main Lesson work which includes literacy, numeracy and other suitable activities. Please note that the Town School daily learning program will be adjusted to suit numbers and resources.

Classes 6, 7 and 8:

Town School at the Bellinghen Showgrounds Main Pavilion (Black St Bellinghen) will be available for children in Classes 6, 7 and 8. The classroom curriculum for Classes 6 to 8 will continue via Google Classroom. In the case where students are not able to access a computer at home, school will endeavour to support these programs at Town School. Please note that Class 6, 7 and 8 teachers will be working remotely to provide Google Classroom support. Students in Classes 6, 7 and 8 who attend Town School will instead be supported by other teaching staff.

Classes 9 and 10

Town School at the Bellinghen Youth Hub will be available for students on Classes 9 and 10.

Music:

Students scheduled to have an instrumental music lesson on a flood day, and who are participating in Home Learning, will be offered a music lesson via Zoom by their instrumental tutor. This will be communicated by email and/or phone.

Requirements for a music lesson via Zoom:

- Reliable internet connection
- Computer, tablet or phone with video capability
- Quiet space for the child to be during the lesson
- The student has their tuned instrument and music ready (a music stand is helpful if available)
- A parent or guardian must be present for the duration of the lesson.

Students attending Town School will not be able to have a music lesson via Zoom due to limited resources and lesson space. Efforts will be made to make-up lessons missed due to Town School days for students in Classes 4 to 8.

What to Bring to Town School:

Lunchbox containing Lunch and Morning Tea

A drink bottle

Raincoat

Sun hat

Pencils and crayon (if possible)

Any medication required and any action plans relevant to the child.

School at Chrysalis:

We hope to have one class teacher and one aide for those children who can make it to Thora Campus. We will let you know on the day if this option is available.