



CALOUNDRA HIGHLIGHTS

Week 4 – Term 1 - Friday 20th February 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the end of Week 4.

On Thursday, we proudly held our first Junior Secondary and Middle Secondary Formal Parades for the year. These parades are a valued part of each term, bringing our sub-schools together to celebrate student success and strengthen our sense of community.

This week's parade focused on introducing our 2026 student leaders and presenting them with their leadership badges. It was inspiring to see so many of our students step forward with courage and a willingness to serve their peers. Leadership takes confidence, commitment and character and we are incredibly proud of the students who have chosen to take on this important responsibility. Congratulations to all our 2026 student leaders - we look forward to the positive impact you will have across our school community.

We also had the pleasure of hosting our Meet and Greet for First Nations families. This event was very well attended and provided a valuable opportunity for connection and conversation. Families and students shared their experiences of the opportunities our school has provided in the past, while also discussing exciting possibilities for the future. These partnerships are essential in ensuring that every student feels a strong sense of belonging and support. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our school community.

Natasha Wicks – Principal

NAPLAN – 7&9

Year 7 and 9 students will participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) testing in weeks 7 and 8. This week, students will be supported to ensure their laptops are ready for testing. Practice tests will be conducted on Wednesday, 25th February and Wednesday, 4th March.

NAPLAN commences between **Wednesday, 11th March and Wednesday, 18th March** with catch-up sessions provided for students who are absent on testing days.

It is important that students participate in NAPLAN to the best of their ability. Accurate performance data helps inform both student support at school and Department of Education planning. For further information about NAPLAN, please click [here](#).

Interhouse Swimming Carnival

We are holding our Interhouse Swimming carnival next week, on **Thursday, 26th February**. Students should attend Home Group as normal and will then walk to the Caloundra Aquatic Centre, returning to school before 2:40pm. Students may wear free dress in house colours. All students contribute to their House in the Caloundra Cup. Points are earned through RIK tickets, Student of the Week awards, report card results (effort and behaviour) and sports carnivals. The winning House will be invited to Wet'n'Wild in Term 4.

Process For Collecting Student/s During School Hours

To avoid disrupting classes, please follow these procedures:

- If a student feels ill, they must notify their teacher and go to the office with a note.
- For appointments, notify the office before school and students are to collect a sign-out slip ahead of time.
- For unexpected collections, call the office on 5436 8444 (please do not leave a message on the absence line).

Cross Country

The Competitive Cross Country event has been scheduled for **Thursday, 5th March**, during 1st break and Period 3. Please note, this is not a whole-school event; it is only for students who have registered as competitive runners. If your child has already registered, there is no need to do so again. However, if they have not yet registered and wish to compete, they can sign up via the following link: [Cross Country Nomination form 2026](#)

This nomination form is open until **Friday, 27th February**. From this event, students will be selected to compete at the district carnival for Caloundra State High School.

FACULTY FOCUS – HPE

The Health and Physical Education faculty has been off to flying start in 2026. Our general HPE classes have begun their work inside and outside the classroom with great success, early signs of quality engagement by students have been noted by staff. We are looking forward to the School Swimming Carnival next Thursday, after being postponed due to weather, last week.

Our signature programs have been extremely busy early on, as induction days have been occurring for each respective program. Students, depending on their program, have been at the University of the Sunshine Coast for testing in the High-Performance Centre, completing Surf Survival courses, hearing from high profile athletes in their chosen sports, video review sessions and so much more. It reminds us of how lucky we are to have such amazing athletes in our school and more importantly, fantastic young people that we are very proud of.

Moving ahead, we are looking forward to the School Cross Country, trial games for many teams, surfing students back in the ocean, Trish Buckley Tournament, Year 7 and 8 Inter-School Sport trials and much more.

Best of luck to all our athletes and teams this year and we look forward to sharing their results with you as they begin their 2026 journey.

Mr Poole
HOD HPE



Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund

Applications for SESF scholarships are now open for 2026. SESF supports young athletes aged 10 – 18 years old, whose financial circumstances would preclude them from otherwise participating at representative level for their state or Australia at national and international championships.

To find out more about eligibility, FAQs and to apply, please visit their [website](#).

QParents Registration

Please ensure you have registered for QParents, as this is the platform the school is currently using for parents/carers to receive and respond to consent requests, receive and pay invoices online, view attendance records, report cards, as well as provide absentee notifications. If you need assistance registering, contact the office on 5436 8444 or email admin@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au. For further information visit: [QParents](#), [QParents registration process](#), and [QParents fact sheet for parents](#).

Facebook Stories

Share your student success stories with us! Please send us an email with photos and information about their achievements - marketing@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au.

Sponsor Spotlight

Premier Facades is a valued Brass sponsor of both our Surfing and Dance EDGE programs, supporting students across two very different but equally demanding performance pathways. Known for their high-quality workmanship and attention to detail, Premier Facades understands the importance of discipline, preparation and pride in performance. Their support helps students build confidence, refine their skills and pursue excellence, whether performing on the stage or competing in the surf. We thank Premier Facades for their commitment to supporting diverse student talent at Caloundra State High School.



Behaviour Beacon

The Behaviour Beacon for weeks 5 and 6 of term 1 is **Kindness**: We use kind words with everyone and we think about how others might interpret our words before we speak.

The way we communicate with our children and with the school matters. The words used in everyday conversations at home, in emails or during meetings and phone calls can have a lasting impact on how young people feel about themselves, their learning and their sense of belonging at school. Positive communication begins with understanding that children are still developing emotionally and socially. The language we use when discussing school experiences, whether successes or challenges, shapes how our children respond to those situations. When conversations are calm, respectful, and supportive, students are more likely to feel safe, confident and willing to engage openly with both their families and their teachers.

This is equally important in communication between parents and the school. Schools and families share a common goal: supporting students to succeed academically, socially and emotionally. Approaching concerns with empathy, curiosity and a willingness to work collaboratively helps build trust and strengthens relationships. When communication is respectful and solution-focused, it models for students how to handle challenges constructively.

We see the relationship between the school and parents/guardians as a partnership. The best partnerships have positive, thoughtful and respectful communication. By choosing words that support and encourage, we create a positive and inclusive environment where students feel valued and supported. When families and schools communicate with kindness and empathy, everyone benefits. If you would like to read the Department's expectations regarding communication between parents/guardians and schools, please click [HERE](#).

Week Ahead – Week 5, Term 1

Monday 23rd February

- ◆ SC Schools Netball Competition, Fishermans Road Maroochydore, round 2 grading – after school
- ◆ 11/12 QCIA Adventure Education, Canoeing 8:40–2:40pm
- ◆ 5/6 EDGE Development Program 3:30– 4:30pm

Tuesday 24th February

- ◆ House Parades, 2:30pm
- ◆ GRIP Leadership Yr 8/10/12 Student Leaders @ Venue 114, 8:30am–2:15pm

Wednesday 25th February

- ◆ Year 12 Exams (BUS/LEG/PSY)
- ◆ 7 Rugby League Tonie Carrol Cup, Bill Norris Oval, 6:30am–3pm
- ◆ 9 Rock & Water, P4
- ◆ 8 Hobbies: Bushwalking 1:30–2:35pm
- ◆ 8 Hobbies: Mountain Biking 1–2:40pm
- ◆ 10/9 Study Tour Buddy Training, P1

Thursday 26th February

- ◆ Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Friday 27th February

- ◆ Yr 7 2027 Scholarships & Signature Program, applications open
- ◆ QLD Beach Volleyball Schools Cup, Coolangatta Beach (Sunday, 1/3 – Monday 2/3)

Year Level Parades

Year 7 – Monday - Resource Centre

Year 8 – Friday - Resource Centre

Year 9 – Tuesday – Student Centre

Year 10 - Wednesday – Student Centre

Year 11 – Thursday – Resource Centre

Year 12 – Tuesday – Resource Centre

QUICK LINKS

Administration Office Open Hours
Monday to Friday 8:00am to 3:30pm

Finance Office Open Hours
Monday to Friday 8:00am to 12:30pm

Attendance:
attendance@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au

School Contacts
Main Office: 5436 8444
Absence Line: 5436 8400

[School Website](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

[11 & 12 Wednesday Exam](#)

[Schedule](#)

Uniform Shop Operating Hours
Tuesday - Friday
Closed on Public Holidays
7:30am to 8:30am
Order online via Qkr!

The P&C Meets each month on the 2nd Monday at 5.30pm.