



CHANGE OF SCHOOL DAY ON THURSDAY'S: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

Where has this initiative come from?

- This is a common change being implemented across many Queensland Department of Education schools. Staff will use this valuable time to collaboratively examine individual student strengths and areas of improvement, and to develop strategies to improve student success and outcomes.

Is this a loss of valuable curriculum time for students?

- No. The timeslot being lost on our timetable for this initiative is not a scheduled curriculum lesson. It is currently an 'extra supplementary' lesson used for a variety of purposes such as assemblies and pastoral care programs.

What will the 2023 student timetable look like with this change?

Class	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 4 period day	Thursday 3 period day
Roll Class	8.45am – 8.55am	8.45am – 8.55am
Period 1	8.55am – 10.05am	8.55am – 10.05am
Period 2	10.10am – 11.20am	10.10am – 11.20am
1 st Break	11.20am – 11.55am	11.20am – 11.55am
Period 3	11.55am – 1.05pm	11.55am – 1.05pm
2 nd Break	1.05pm – 1.40pm	1.05pm early finish
Period 4	1.40pm – 2.50pm	

My child/ren cannot make their way home in the absence of school buses and I am unable to pick them up. What happens?

- For students who cannot walk or ride home, they may utilise the Supervision Centre until 2.50pm.

Can my child/ren remain on school grounds if they are not attending the Supervision Centre?

- No. Students must make their way home or attend the Supervision Centre. Students are not permitted to loiter on school grounds. Students still on school grounds at 1.45pm will be escorted back to the Supervision Centre.

How will you ensure my student is at the Supervision Centre when they should be?

- Families will be asked to 'register' for Supervision Centre attendance. From this a roll will be created and marked as per usual class protocol. If your student will not be attending the Supervision Centre on any given week that you have registered – then we ask you follow the usual absence procedure and phone, email or SMS their absence from Supervision Centre to the school.

My child/ren will not be attending the Supervision Centre – do I need to do anything/advise the college?

- No. Your child/ren will be marked as 'attendance not required'.

My child/ren will be attending the Supervision Centre – how do I register?

- A formal process will be communicated later in 2023, and then frequently in 2023.

Are there measures ensuring students don't wander the streets and disrupt local business or community?

- Deputy Principals and select staff will be on hand in the community. Any negative behaviour, disrespect, or disruption to local business or private property will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in accordance with the Student code of Conduct.



Aren't students just going to use the Supervision Centre to play computer/video games and not work?

- Mobile phones, computer games, or gaming of any nature will not be permitted in the Supervision Centre. Students must bring work so that they can independently complete homework tasks; assessment tasks; and/or revision and study.

Will there be any teaching or instruction occurring in the Supervision Centre?

- No. The Supervision Centre will provide supervision only, by teacher aides. It is the responsibility of students attending the Supervision Centre to bring the appropriate work so that they can independently complete homework tasks; assessment tasks; and/or revision and study.

Do BPSSC families have a say in this initiative?

- Consultation is an important part of this process and we invite parents/caregivers to provide feedback, or ask any questions via the link in the community letter and presentation. There will not be a vote on whether this initiative/change occurs.

Is this initiative/change of timetable permanent for BPSSC?

- This is a trial for Semester 1, 2023. The continuation of this initiative will be dependent on the success of the change. Ongoing consultation with staff, students and community will occur in semester 1, 2023 to assist with this decision. The ongoing consultation will also allow us to cater for any issues or concerns that may arise.

Will our after-school Homework club continue on a Thursday afternoon?

- No. Our after-school homework club days will change to accommodate this new initiative. The new day/s will be communicated early in 2023.

Why can't the bus timetable change to accommodate this change?

- The buses used for the regular BPSSC pm service are utilised for other services during the day. We will continue to work with Bus Queensland to see if any changes can be made.

Can my child/ren attend the Supervision Centre on some weeks, and not on others?

- Yes. Families will be required to 'register' for the weeks your child/ren will be utilising the Supervision Centre. Further information on how to do this will be provided.

How will the Supervision Centre differ from the current Homework Club arrangement?

- Students attending the Supervision Centre will be required to work independently with no teachers in attendance. The Homework Club will continue on two afternoons per week with teaching staff volunteering their time and expertise.

My child is already achieving good grades in all of their subjects, how will this benefit them?

- There is always room for improvement, including for our 'A' students. There are also the added benefits around part-time work, self-care and wellbeing for students and learning how to be independent.

How can I ask further questions or provide feedback?

- [Please click on this hyperlink.](#)