ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Parents associated for 1-3 Years 120 responses

Kindergarten : 29  Year 1: 32  Year 2 : 28  Stage 2 : 35  Middle School :35

Choosing MSPP

What are the most important factors that influenced your decision to send your children to MSPP?

Catholic Education : 59  Recommended by Family / Friends : 44
Quality of Education : 111  Impressed by Staff : 39
School's Reputation : 91  Location : 29
Other Reason : 28 :-

Discipline Policy/Uniform enforcement / Organisation  7
MSPP was the most well-presented school, with best facilities & well-presented students.

After School Care

Access to College/ Siblings at College / same campus as college  6
Overall great feel of the school  2
Recommended by  Speech Therapist
Grandparents and father/mother attended MSPP  2
Quality leadership/committed & compassionate teachers  2
A complete and detailed anti-bullying policy
Caring atmosphere , academic performance of the school 2
The school seems to be progressing and improving. Art & Music are taught by specialist teachers.
More opportunities for students. A fair discipline policy is practised so learning can take place
Childs friends attend MSPP
Small number of students
Ethical/moral general awareness
Impressed with the interview process
Mr Laybutts manner and interest in my child’s learning and well being
Christian Values

Location of work is in Murwillumbah so convenient

Having chosen MSPP how would you rate your overall satisfaction with the school?

Satisfied : 119
Not satisfied : 1

Comments:
At first to settle it took a while, but now has slotted in nicely. I think the buddy system really needs to be reviewed as the 2 buddies my son had were not suitable. The selection of these children needs to be carefully chosen, maybe children who have been in the situation be the chosen buddies.

Having moved our son in mid primary school it was a bit unknown, but we are happy so far.

We feel we made the right decision  5

I have the staff that I have had the pleasure to meet, dedicated and approachable under any circumstances.

High level of care and education given to our son/daughter  3

Could embrace more new ideas/initiatives

A weatherproof walkway across the oval would be appreciated

Students are friendly. Masses are well prepared. Routine and structs support the students learning. Respect is practised and displayed by most teachers which filters down to the students.

My child now speaks of ‘learning’ at home and not bad behaviour

We are very impressed at how well the school is organised from term to term and how teachers interact with students and parents.

Only one issue – no safety for children entering and leaving re roads. Lack of parking .  2

Excellent student feedback  2

The school has gone above and beyond our expectations.

Our child is happy to go to school  6

Very satisfied! Would highly recommend  14

Miss Powell has been amazing – she has formed a bond with Harrison that has ensured he wants to learn and please her.
Most impressed with the commitment of the staff/open to discussion when an issue is raised  2
Bullying issue was personally attended to by Mr Laybutt
Not entirely satisfied with certain aspects of the school
I have already seen a great love of learning developing

What do you see as the key focus of your child’s primary school education?

to be happy / happy learning environment / have fun  29
Literacy & Numeracy  55
Arts /Science /technology  4
Social / life skills  45
Christian values / be kind to others  30
Safety & Security  8
Physical activity  4
Individual encouragement / develop self-belief / confidence  20
Gain skills & understanding within a variety of KLA’s  5
Learn discipline required to concentrate & perform well  11
Structured surroundings  3
Challenge their abilities/ achieve full potential  11

SAFETY

Not satisfied  6  Satisfied  111

Comments:
Morning drop off and pick up is very dangerous/confusing  12
Mooball Rd is an accident waiting to happen / especially in the wet  7
No road crossing facility  5
Not enough parking  6
Good to have the sign in procedure and locked gates  2

Happy about the new fencing

Concern about primary/high school cross over during play times

Need more supervision in the morning maybe of children walking through High School

Undecided due to some bullying

Only threat is behaviour of other students

More supervision on grass areas

Problems with getting locked in the toilets due to locks not working properly

Adherence to bullying policy  2

Emotional safety is an issue

**DISCIPLINE**

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Comments:

Highly effective  2

I feel that at times there is a lot of focus on small issues which can cause undue distress for students with little positive outcome/causes anxiety over minor issues  2

I like that children have a very clear understanding of consequences  4

Boundaries are well defined  2

Needs harder discipline re bullying

Issues dealt with promptly and supportively  4

Excellent anti-bullying policy

Certain students are receiving constant withdrawals but haven’t been suspended.

Haven’t experienced first-hand but have heard my child talk of different situations occurring between students and staff and I am surprised these children are still at the school.

More explanation for Infants regarding expectations.
MERIT/AWARD SYSTEM

Not Satisfied  3  
Satisfied  111

Comments:

Very positive/fantastic  5

Glad there are different awards and merits across many areas as it encourages children to do well  4
Lovely to see the children receive their awards at assembly  3

Not sure, I don’t have any other suggestion. In general schools over award these days.  2

Unsure whether all teachers have the same system for awarding merits etc. which could result in same students gaining more than others  5

There is a lot of emphasis on merit/awards which can leave many students feeling inadequate on a regular basis, and not achieving their desired result.  2

My kids have been unclear as to why they received the awards, as a parent I don’t know what they mean and as a student are the awards really of value therefore? These are extrinsic reinforcements of ideal behaviour where as children need to develop intrinsic methods of reward. I also feel it is completely inappropriate that teachers reward kids in class with lollies – the school should be promoting good health habits – use stickers etc.

Merits are not awarded to students who consistently display appropriate behaviour  3

Would be nice to know in advance that your child was getting an award so that parent could attend assembly  2

Overdone – children become blaze about awards.

Appears to generate determination & offers a sense of accomplishment  3

Students are acknowledged for their efforts & achievements **very important** Boosts their confidence and Morale  2

ENROLMENT PROCEDURE

Not Satisfied  0  
Satisfied  119

Comments:

Process good / professional / welcoming  13

Quick

Unsure of some basic routines (what day sports uniform needed)

Simple  2
Sense of belonging before day  1
Felt welcome despite being non Catholic

The transition program from Pre-School to Kindergarten?

Not Satisfied  1  Satisfied  71

Comments:
Very impressed / great Job  2
Integration into morning basement play a bit overwhelming
T-shirts and buddy system very good  5
Handled with kindness
Orientation days great  2

The transition from another school?

Not satisfied  1  Satisfied  72

Comments:
Made easy / smooth  10
Positive /supportive/welcoming  5
Teacher very helpful  2
Buddy system good  2
Not great – only ‘new ‘child in his class where other classes had several
My child struggled to settle in and make friends only to be moved in with a new bunch of children
the next year and it took 2 terms to again settle in – not prospering.
If outside of orientation some additional info could help to prepare for first weeks at school
Good follow up by principal
Nil involvement when she was at Possums
Found bus system chaotic and confusing at first
Leadership and Organisation

What do you consider the school does well and what needs improvement?

Does Well:

Educational – teachers are great / polite and helpful / curriculum 38

Spiritual – good grounding and ongoing / relevant 26

Administration/communication – newsletter system great / class note system great / Judy great / effective 36

All aspects of leadership and organisation are to be commended 4

Discipline 9

Providing a safe and secure environment / supports students wellbeing 3

Parental involvement is highly encouraged

Excellent facilities for children that need extra help 3

Great teaching faculty – apologies for not saying thank you enough

Sports admin – Mrs Markham does a great job 4

Masses and assemblies – prepared / organised / structured 2

Assignment guidelines – very good

Support teachers very kind

Uniform regulation

Homework handover on Mondays – great

Celebrating student achievements 3

Technology

Parent & teacher communication/ follow up 4

Homework activities 4

Music and art

Lunchtime clubs

Facilities

Everything!
Needs improvement:

Could be greater emphasis on music for interested students

Slight improvement in communication eg assembly times 2

Would like more flexibility of where children sit during recess and lunch

More computer/IT time

Venue for assemblies in hotter months / also include other students beyond SRC

Info on upcoming events could be sent out earlier 2

Offering a language

Middle School anti-pornography / cyber bullying education

Sport selections / more physical education 4

Art – at least once per week 3

Maybe a janitor needed to keep grounds tidy and clean....

Administrative – dates in newsletters can be incorrect and misleading 2

Wet weather arrangements

Consideration for working families & distance

More information for new families

Less punitive way of dealing with minor misdemeanours

Playground activities and options

Revised music program 2

Teacher communication

Other comments:

Happy with every aspect

Judy is great 2

Teacher contact/availability is excellent

Very thankful to specialist teachers

Parent update alerts via email

We find the music teacher challenging
Girls wear blue shorts for sport (midfords) easy to wear/wash and dry

The oval is a lake / please no more building on the grounds

Newsletter could have contributions from students

School graduation / awards night is fantastic. The level of regard the school gives these occasions shows great respect of the whole educational process

Looking up rude words on the net is ‘normal’ behaviour. Threats of suspension are an overreaction and only make the issue more exciting rather than diffusing...

Preferred Mon-Fri homework as weekends are time off

### Comments on day to day aspects of school life that directly affect you:

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**Comments:**

- User friendly
- Excellent 3
- Relevant
- Not user friendly / a little confusing 2
- Too long
- Dates are incorrect at times 2
- Could it be emailed

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- Very informative 2
- Could they be weekly 2
- Information on upcoming events could be dispatched earlier
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Comment:
Letter re fees was poor as sent to parents whose fees were up to date
Communication bag sometimes doesn’t work

Informed of day to day events in the school

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Comment:
Sometimes a bit last minute

School use of technology with home eg. Calendar/moodle

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Comment:
Not really using – prefer newsletter
Problems with home internet access make difficult
Great
Don’t know what it is  3
School computers not reliable and waste time
Excellent use in class compared to public system
Only just received moodle password
Any training for parents?
Please comment on any ORGANISATIONAL aspect of MSPP that you feel is important:

Consistent 3

Transparent

Effective

Pick and Drop Off area only concern  4

Bus system is great

Too many mufti/dress up days

Reminders for special dates needed

More explanation of events for new and kinder parents who haven’t experienced events before

If you had to sum up MSPP in terms of organisational/administrative procedures, in a couple of short sentences what would you say?

Very organised  32

Very professional  7

Very efficient  7

Very happy  5

Well informed  10

Very disciplined

Very impressed and relieved to be part of a school that shows compassion and dedication to the students and families thank you!

Lack of communication between staff and office

Great office staff without which school may not run so smoothly / Judy is a godsend  3

School to be proud of in the local area

Well-oiled machine  4

Kindergarten teachers go above and beyond for new students

An exceptional school with amazing staff, great facilities and great values  3