



# Beerwah State High School

## Outside Hour Detention

Afternoon detentions from 3.00pm until 4.00 pm. (fixed duration)

Other outside school hours fort detention will be negotiated with students and parents/caregivers.

On each of these occasions student will be supervised in detention by a teacher, in the main office block. Students will be able to utilise the time on school work and assessment or in the absence of this, on silent reading. Any inappropriate behaviours during these detention sessions or non-attendance will be addressed using other disciplinary measures as outlined in the school's Responsible Behaviour Management Plan (please see our website). The school has determined the parameters for these fixed detentions through consultation with the P&C and has set following negation periods. After school detention must be completed within five school days, for Saturday detentions it must be completed within 10 school days.

Other detention times will remain. These include morning tea and lunch time. In both cases the student will be permitted to have time after the detention to go to the toilet as well as time to consume food.

Current legislation permits schools to apply detention even if it is inconvenient for families. This includes whether the student's regular mode of transport to and from school is personal or public.

The aim of these changes completely focuses on effectively managing student behaviour. Our recent School Opinion Survey indicated from parents, students and staff that they wanted a continued focus on positive student behaviour and the minimisation of students not following school rules.

Other aspects of the School's Responsible Behaviour Plan will remain in force with the Principal having greater discretion pertaining to suspensions and exclusion (please see Education Queensland's Policy and Procedures for details).

The vast majority of students at Beerwah SHS will be unaffected by these legislative changes and hence may not have any impact on your family. The purpose of this correspondence is to keep you all informed as to the current practices at Beerwah SHS.