



The Ipswich Flexi Flyer

Term 1 Edition

7th April 2025

Ipswich Flexible School

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A message from our Head of Campus Mo



“A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships and new challenges”. What an amazing start we have had to Term One. We welcomed new young people, new staff and embraced new learning opportunities while establishing and forming as a community. At Ipswich Flexible School, we pride ourselves on being an inclusive learning environment where we have dedicated staff who have a passion for young people accessing their learning through a delivery model that is flexible.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge the following new staff who have spent time getting to know our young people and providing us with the tools to implement awesome new programs.

- Kat Moss – Teacher (Xavier Hub)
- Anne Hartley – Teacher (Jacaranda Hub)
- Cara Drummond – Youth Worker (Mackillop Hub)
- Ron Brennan – Teacher (Electives – Trade Skills & Furnishing Skills)
- Marty Ruigrok – Teacher (Electives – Manual Arts & Furnishing Skills)
- Deb Brennan – Youth Worker (Hospitality Support)
- Terry Hinton – Youth Worker (Relief)

We are thankful for the opportunities that young people have engaged in such as their classroom learning, off campus excursions and their new electives programs. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm by young people to participate and give things a go – new challenges present new learning opportunities.

As we reflect on the term, we remind young people, families and carers of our four principles - Respect, Honesty, Participation and Safe & Legal. These guide us all as a community to ensure we work together and in partnership for the best outcomes possible – being lifelong learners.

As we navigate to term two, we acknowledge staff who are leaving our community to pursue their lifelong passions and thank them for their service, dedication and love they have given to us all. We wish them well as their journey continues from us. We also welcome back Keith Halpin who returns to our community as the teacher in our Waterford Hub.

Tannille Law-Douglas – Indigenous Community Engagement Officer (ICEO) Inala Flexible School

Tahlia Best – On leave until 2026

Greg Yates – Returning to relief teaching

Sophie Wilde

Term 2 Week One (21 April – 25 April)

To support our young people and their learning, week one will look different for our community. We have a several staff participating in a three-day Collaborative Problem-Solving Workshop which is based on a trauma-informed and evidence-based approach that helps young people and adults meet expectations, reduce concerning behaviours, solve problems, build skills and strengthen relationships with others. With several staff members participating in this workshop, we have planned for young people to attend only two days in the first week.

Below you will find an image containing the days of learning hubs starting.

Please ensure that you support your young person to attend on the days their hub classes are scheduled and if you have any questions, please reach out to your hub team.

Finally, as we start our school holidays and celebrate the Easter season, I take this opportunity to wish our young people, families, carers and staff a safe and happy holiday break and encourage you all to take the time to enjoy, have fun and reach out if you need.

See you all in Term Two!

Cheers Mo

Monday 21 April	Tuesday 22 April	Wednesday 23 April	Thursday 24 April	Friday 25 April
Easter Monday Public Holiday	Lockyer Hub Elliot Hub Jacaranda Hub Mackillop Hub	Xavier Hub Waterford Hub Jacaranda Hub Mackillop Hub	Lockyer Hub Elliot Hub Xavier Hub Waterford Hub	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
School Closed				School Closed



1 - Seniors on their outing



2 - seniors enjoying their outing

Important Upcoming Dates



Key Dates:

4th April- Beginning of Term 1 Holidays

21st April - Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

22nd April - First week of Term 2 (Lockyer Hub, Elliot Hub, Jacaranda Hub and Mackillop Hub at school)

23rd April - Xavier Hub, Waterford Hub, Jacaranda Hub and Mackillop Hub at school

24th April - Lockyer Hub, Elliot Hub, Xavier Hub and Waterford Hub at school

25th April - ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)

5th May- Labor Day (Public Holiday)

16th May - Ipswich Show Day (Public Holiday)

A message from Luke the Associate Head of Campus.



As we come to the end of Term 1, we are thrilled to have welcomed many new staff members and young people into our community. Learning to navigate our unique environment involves working flexibly, negotiating solutions with one another, and adhering to our four guiding principles. Together, we have built a strong foundation for collaboration and success this term. While there have been ups and downs, there has always been a willingness to work through challenges together.

There have been many changes and additions to our curriculum offerings this year with the introduction of electives across the school. This is particularly beneficial for our senior classes, providing more course offerings and opportunities for young people to work towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Thank you to all young people embracing these new programs.

Supporting our young people effectively means ensuring our staff have the skills and knowledge to provide the best possible guidance. A key focus this term has been on Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS), which underpins how we engage with our young people. CPS emphasises empathy, shared understanding, and working together to find sustainable solutions. Many staff members are undergoing professional learning in this approach, with several progressing to Tier 2 training. This ongoing upskilling reflects our commitment to providing a supportive and solutions-focused environment.

Cyclone Alfred made its presence known, bringing heavy rains and temporary school closures. We sincerely appreciate the patience and cooperation of our entire community during this time. Your flexibility and resilience ensured that we could navigate the disruptions smoothly and return to our learning environment with minimal impact.

A final note about our buses: We are proud to offer transport services to some of our young people, a significant undertaking. Each day, our buses cover approximately 280 km, amounting to an incredible 11,200 km and over 140 hours of travel this term alone! In addition, regular outings further extend this mileage. Maintaining these buses is crucial, and we continue to emphasise the importance of safe and respectful travel habits among our young people. A huge thank you to our drivers and staff who make this essential service possible and to the young people who hold one another to account.

We look forward to a productive and enriching Term 2 ahead, where we continue learning, growing, and working together as a strong and supportive community.

Junior Lockyer Learning Hub



What an awesome term we have had in Lockyer. From a group of young people who didn't even know each other to the group that is able to have clever conversations and work together to solve problems and make plans, we have grown as a learning group. We have been on lots of outings to local parks and other places further afield like Cedar Creek Falls, Yellow Pinch, Rocks Riverside, Flagstone Water Park and other amazing places where we have built relationships and learnt how to work together as a group. Our three days at Strong's farm was a highlight and we participated in group development activities, swimming and the 'Super SUP'. We have developed our working agreement and are getting pretty good at being able to work within the Flexi principles and ways of working. Along the way we have also been working on our basic facts and number concepts and have been writing reflections and poetry. We are looking forward to having some time off to rest and recuperate so we can jump into next term and all that it brings.

Thank you for all your support this term.

Jon, Ella and Chantal



3 - Learning hub enjoying their outing at Rocks Riverside



4 - Juniors enjoying cooking in the kitchen



5 - Learning hub enjoying their outing at Rocks Riverside

Elliot Learning Hub



As we wrap up the term, we'd like to highlight the exciting learning the young people in the Elliot hub have experienced. This term, young people explored the theme of Inspiration, and this has impacted themselves or local communities to enhance their creative and reflective writing skills. Through stories and images from our community, they've learned to use language to build characters, evoke emotions, and influence opinions. Group discussions and presentations have also strengthened their communication and critical thinking skills.

The unit connected classroom learning with real-world thoughts, helping young people understand the effects of inspiration, communication, and 'their world.' We tailored the learning experience to meet diverse needs, combining intrinsic learning and indoor activities.

Our young people have gained important transferable skills, from this navigation to enhanced literacy, science, and maths skills. We're proud of their growth and look forward to their continued progress.

Thank you for your support this term, and we wish you a restful break.

Emmerson and Sophie



6 - Dylan sharing his home ec recipes with staff.

Xavier Learning Hub



Young people in the Xavier space this term have been looking at how we as a new group collaborate as a community to form, storm and norm relationships being built within our group

of amazing humans for 2025, using our Flexi Practice themes. Young people in our community were able to show different ways of belonging using life skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. Through collaborative efforts, young people have been able to learn to delegate responsibilities, respect each other's ideas, and navigate conflicts, all of which are invaluable experiences that contribute to their social development and life learning here at Ipswich Flexi.

Xavier young people have also been focusing on the history of Ipswich and how things have changed drastically over time with transport, music, sport and building structures. Young people in our space have been able to draw on early 1900's to present time reflecting on how far Ipswich has developed.

Xavier have also been able to look at trades tasters that will begin in Term Two. Growing the excitement for what they may be able to pursue once leaving school.

We hope you all have a great holiday break, and we will see you all after the Easter holidays.

Thanking you,

Kat and Tarnz

Waterford Middle Learning Hub



Term 1 has been a busy first term for the 9/10 Waterford learning group. We have been working hard in class on our history of Ipswich projects. The young people have chosen topics of their interest to research and find photos from the 1800's until now to see how much Ipswich has changed over time. The young people have been decorating and creating their projects on mini skateboards which will be displayed around the classroom.

This term we have been on many group outings to Kholo Gardens, Rocks Riverside Park, Flagstone and Faye Carr Park focusing on group formation and getting to know each other as a new group. We played many team building games and spent time together cooking and hanging out.

We spent our Monday mornings together in the peace garden with yummy breakfast food from Trent and focused on wellbeing activities to start our week off right. We focused on Reboot this

term and checking in with each other and where we were at to give each other the space and time that was needed.

Both Greg and Tahlia have enjoyed working with the young people from the Waterford learning hub. Tahlia wishes all the Young People and families the best for the rest of the year, with her taking maternity leave for the remainder of the year.



7 - Waterford hub enjoying class outside at Rocks Riverside Park.

Senior MacKillop Learning Hub



This term, MacKillop have been getting to know each other and how our years' learning projects will look. We have had about half our class join as new-to-flexi young people, so spending time on this has been important. We've started electives and selected some certificate work for the coming year, to set us up for success after graduation. More to come In this space!

We've learned about nutrition data on food labels in math and started to learn about persuasive speech in English. We've also started learning about concepts of power with and power over and how we can best work within the four flexi principles of respect, honesty, participation, and safe and legal.

We look forward to the year ahead.

Jo and Cara



8 - Mackillop hub enjoying a refreshing walk on their outing.

Senior Jacaranda Learning Hub



The Jacaranda group has shown incredible resilience and dedication this term, overcoming numerous challenges with determination and a positive attitude. Despite changes to their

routine the Young People have thrived, showcasing their adaptability and commitment to their learning. A highlight of the term was the enriching experience at Minjerribah, where the group had the opportunity to connect with nature and First Nations culture. Additionally, the introduction of elective subjects has sparked new interests and passions, providing the Young People with the chance to explore their creativity and academic curiosity. It's been a term full of growth, and we look forward to seeing the continued success of the Jacaranda group in the upcoming months.





Transitions News



WOW—what an incredible start to the year we've had in the Transitions and VET space! Our young people have been stepping up, working hard, and kicking goals in education, training, and employment.

We kicked off our very first school-based apprenticeship this term. A huge shout-out goes to Blake, who started his apprenticeship in carpentry. Blake's patience, determination, and hard work have truly paid off—he's a great example of what can happen when you stick with your dreams.

Our new Job Ready elective is also going strong, with seven enthusiastic young people volunteering each week at Goodness Enterprises at the Tivoli Drive-In. They're doing fantastic work towards their Certificate II in Active Volunteering and making us proud with their positive attitudes and teamwork.

We're celebrating six more amazing young people who have stepped up to attend TAFE Queensland every week. They travel independently to their classes, work hard on their

assessments, and bravely step out of their comfort zones to build new skills. We are so impressed by their determination and courage—keep smashing those goals!

This term, three of our senior young people represented the school at the Youth Leadership Conference for Secondary Schools. Attending this event really pushed them outside of their comfort zones, but each of them rose to the challenge. They learned valuable leadership skills, made connections with other young leaders, and did a fantastic job representing our community. Well done!

Back at school, our senior elective programs have been a huge success. It's great to see our young people engaging positively in activities that prepare them for future careers. The hospitality group is busy learning barista skills—drop in on Fridays for community lunch to try out their delicious coffees and show your support!

Lastly, planning is already underway for our annual Career Expo in Term 3. We'd love to hear your feedback or ideas on how to make it even better this year. If you, your family, or someone you know would like to host a stall, run a workshop, or get involved, please reach out to Sian at sian.scelly@flexi.edu.au. Join us as we celebrate the fantastic achievements and exciting futures of our wonderful young people!



9 - Young People at Job Ready



10 - Young People showing off their skills at Hospitality

First Nation - Blak and Deadly



This article was created by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who participate in the First Nations group.

This term we started our first ever First Nations group in the school. In this group, we ate cultural food, we wrote about our family histories, how to introduce ourselves to Elder, and spoke about how to be more involved with our culture. We facilitated community lunch, cooking coconut chicken curry, strawberry gum cupcakes, and sop sop. We enjoyed the First Nations group because we could eat food and having a yarn with each other. We have organised some outings and experiences for the next few weeks

- o on Country to Kilcoy over the holiday
- o Blak Bold and Beautiful Conference for First Nations Women
- o Didgeridoo workshop for First Nations Men

We are really excited to continue learning about culture together.

Exciting Electives News



We are thrilled to announce the introduction of new electives for our Year 11 and 12 students, and Junior Workshop for our 9 and 10s. This new initiative is designed to expand skills and provide hands-on learning opportunities. It also gives students a chance to explore their passions but also equip them with valuable skills for their future careers.

Years 11 & 12: Practical Electives for Industry Readiness

Starting this year, Years 11 and 12 students can choose from three engaging electives:

- **Furnishings:** In this course, students will explore the world of interior design, furniture making, and soft furnishings. From hands-on woodworking to understanding design principles, this elective helps students build skills they can use in various creative industries.
- **Automotive Skills:** This elective offers students the chance to work on cars, from basic maintenance to more advanced repairs. Perfect for those interested in mechanics or the automotive industry, this course prepares students for real-world tasks and opens doors to apprenticeships and career opportunities.
- **Industry Skills:** This course focuses on essential skills needed in various industries, including safety practices, project management, and technical skills that students can apply in real-world work environments.

Students doing Furnishings will be utilising the workshop at Inala Flexi school, which we are currently designing and fitting out with equipment. The Automotive students will be setting up shop at Albert Park Flexi School.

Years 9 & 10: Junior Workshop

For our Years 9 and 10 students, the Junior Workshop provides a fantastic opportunity to develop practical skills in a variety of areas. This hands-on program introduces students to the basics of carpentry, giving them a taste of what they might pursue in the future. These students will be working at Ipswich.

The following pictures are images taken from our new workshop at Inala.



11 - Pictures of the workshop at Inala



12 - Pictures of the workshop at Inala



13 - Young People at electives

Holiday Program Plan



WHAT'S ON

HOLIDAY PROGRAM April Holidays 2025

Tuesday 8th April 2025

Rocks Riverside with Tarns and Ella

Wednesday 16th April 2025

Paint and non-alcoholic Sip with Sian

14 - Upcoming dates for the Holiday Program, please RSVP with your Learning hubs should you wish to attend.

Youth Community Week



QUEENSLAND

IPSWICH COMMUNITY YOUTH WEEK

5-16 APRIL 2025

**FREE
ACTIVITIES**

SATURDAY 5

9am - **Colour Run & BBQ** @ PCYC, 1C Griffith Rd, Eastern Heights (07 3281 2547)

SUNDAY 6

4-7pm - **Movie Night: MOANA 2**
@ The Y, 98 Limestone St Ipswich
(entry on left Murphy St, 0499 780 038)

MONDAY 7

10.30-11.15am - **Movement /Self Defence**
@ Evan Marginson Park, 6 Layard St, Goodna
(Little Owl Studio, RSVP: Dani - 0437422630)

10am-1pm - **Cooking Up a Great
Resume w/ headspace** @ The Y, 98
Limestone St Ipswich (RSVP: 0412874497)

6.30-7.30pm - **Spotlighting**
@ Kholo Gardens, 243 Riverside Drive,
Muirlea (Discover Ipswich, 0437 422 630)

TUESDAY 8

1-3pm - **Crafternoon w/ headspace**
@ The Y Springfield Central, 134A
Parkland Dr (RSVP: Jodie 0412874497)

1.30-5pm - **Music Drop-in** @ ICYS Bell
Street Youth Hub, 17 Thorn St, Ipswich
(RSVP: Georgia 0460 655 222)

2-3pm - **Wheelchair Basketball**
3-4pm - **Goalball** @ Evan Marginson
Park, 6 Layard St, Goodna (Sporting
Wheelies, Info: Dani: 0437422630)

WEDNESDAY 9

7.30-9am - **Bird walk** @ Kholo Gardens
243 Riverside Drive, Muirlea (Birds
Queensland, RSVP: Dani 0437422630)

2-4pm - **Old School Games for Teens**
@ Booyal Fair Shopping Centre - Quiet
Zone, Cnr Brisbane & South Station Rds

3-4pm - **Intermediate Skateboard Skills**
@ Sutton Park, 61 Workshops St, Brassall
(SEQ Skateboarding, Dani - 0437 422 630)

THURSDAY 10

11am-1pm - **Indigenous Games + BBQ**
@ Limestone Park, next to PCYC, Eastern
Heights (Kambu: 0477370285 & Ipswich YCRT)

3-4pm - **Intermediate BMX Skills**
@ Redbank Plains Rec Reserve, 266 Henty
Dr (Rampfest, RSVP: Dani - 0437422630)

4-6pm - **Ghostly Gaming Van** @ ICYS Bell
Street Youth Hub, 17 Thorn St (0460655222)

FRIDAY 11

10am-3pm - **Ipswich Youth &
Community Festival** @ Brighton
Homes Arena, 16 Eden Station Drive,
Springfield Central (Multicultural
Australia & Ipswich YCRT: 0456000689)

SATURDAY 12

4-7pm - **Show Us What You Got!
Talent Show** @ Ripley Markets, 6 Amity
Way, South Ripley (Y2 Tribe: 0402226476)

MONDAY 14

2-4pm - **Hiking & Navigation skills** @
Haig Street Quarry, 59 High St, Brassall
(Scouts QLD, RSVP: Dani 0437 422 630)

TUESDAY 15

2-4pm - **Paint & "Sip"** - ICYS @ Arts Alive, 3/5
Jacaranda St, East Ipswich (RSVP: 0460 655 222)

3-4pm - **Nature Photography** @ Ipswich
Nature Centre, Golby Av (Discover Ipswich,
RSVP: Dani 0437 422 630)

WEDNESDAY 16

9am-1pm - **Rosewood 'Come & Try'
Day** @ Anzac Park, 64 Mill Street

**AGES
12-25**

BOOVAL FAIR
A part of the community for over 50 years



kambu
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands
Corporation for Health



15 - Calendar Dates for Ipswich Youth Community Week