



# St Joseph's Catholic Flexible School

Information Booklet



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## **Acknowledgement of Country**

*We acknowledge that our school stands on the traditional lands of the Larrakia people, the Traditional Custodians of this Country.*

*We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise the continuing connection that Larrakia people have to this land, the waters, the skies, and the community.*

*We honour the knowledge, culture and stories that have been shared here for thousands of years. As a school community, we are committed to learning from and caring for this Country together.*

*We also extend our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who are part of our school community.*



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## Who are we?

Our school is part of Edmund Rice Education Australia, a group of schools inspired by Edmund Ignatius Rice.

Edmund Rice believed that **every young person** deserves the chance to **learn, belong, and build a better future.**

In our school, we work together to create a place where you can:

- Feel safe
- Be respected
- Discover your strengths
- Learn in ways that work for you
- Build confidence
- Be hope filled

All Edmund Rice schools are guided by four ideas called the Touchstones:

- Liberating Education
- Gospel Spirituality
- Inclusive Community
- Justice and Solidarity

This means everyone is welcome here, everyone matters, and everyone is supported to learn, grow, and move forward.

# Flexi School History Timeline

**1987**

**The first school opened in 1987 in Kingston, Queensland**, on Yugambeh land, by the Christian Brothers.

The Brothers had worked in the juvenile justice system and saw that many young people needed a different kind of school. They wanted a place where everyone felt included, supported, and respected.

**2007**

In 2007, Flexi schools became part of **Edmund Rice Education Australia**.

**2010**

In 2010, **six (6) Flexi Schools were supporting young people** in various locations across Australia

**2023**

In 2023, **EREA Flexible Schools Ltd** became its own organisation within **Edmund Rice Education Australia**. This change helps Flexi Schools focus on giving young people **safe, supportive schools and the best learning opportunities possible**.

Our schools work with **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples**, learning from their cultures and knowledge while supporting **reconciliation and justice**.

**2026**

**St Joseph's Catholic Flexible School was formed and began.**

**Today**

Today, EREA Flexis is the **largest national provider of alternative education in the country** with **21 Flexible Schools and two Special Education Schools** in all states and territories except the ACT and Victoria. We support more than 2,400 young people, with more than 33% identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

# Our Principles

We don't have a long list of school rules.

Instead, our schools follow an approach called **“Operation by Principles.”**

This means young people and staff agree to learn, work and support each other, guided by our four shared principles.



## Respect

Everyone has a voice at Flexi's.

We know people have different experiences and ideas. We encourage kindness, consideration, and peaceful ways of solving problems.



## Honesty

We work together with openness and trust.

Everyone is encouraged to take responsibility for their choices and learn from mistakes.



## Participation

At Flexi's, learning is something we do together.

Everyone is encouraged to get involved and value their learning. Young people, educators and staff work together to make decisions and shape learning experiences.

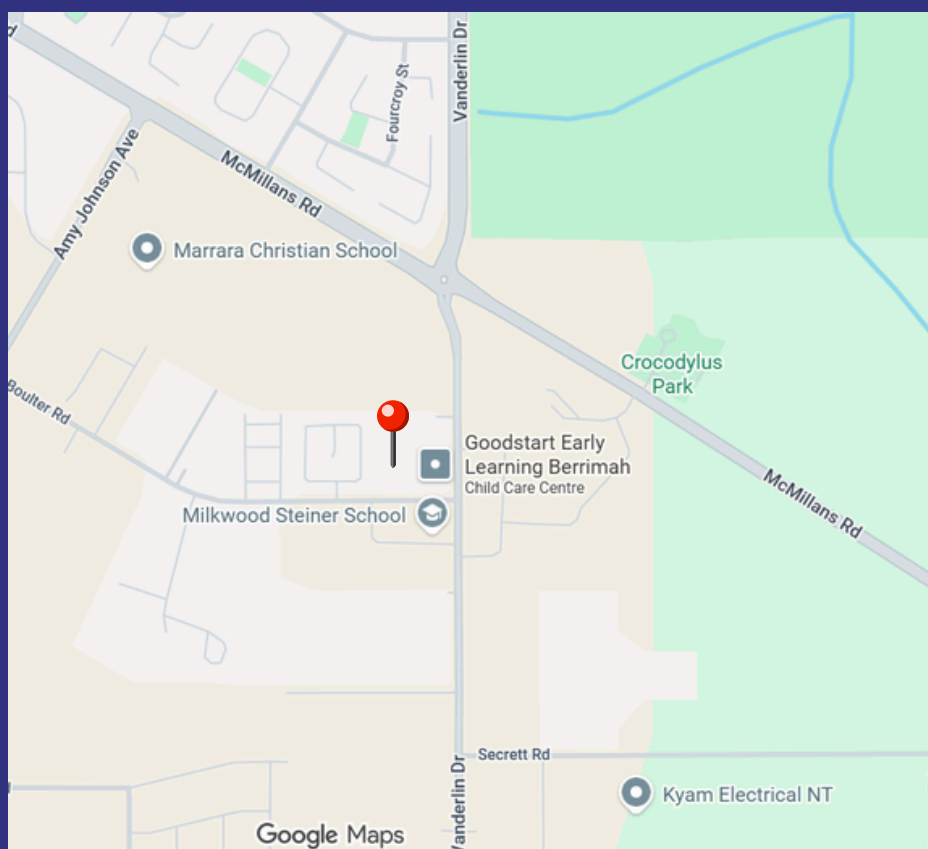


## Safe and Legal

At Flexi's, we work to create a safe and supportive place to learn. Safety means more than being physically safe — it also means feeling emotionally, culturally and socially safe. This helps everyone feel confident to try new things, be creative and be themselves.

# Where are we?

We are located at  
**107 Boulter road, Berrimah 0828**



## Contact details

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# Our Flexi Staff



**Kate Francis**  
Administration Officer  
She/Her



**Jeanette Hartley**  
Head of Campus  
She/Her

**Elizabeth Romeril**  
Teacher



**Brad Copeland**  
Indigenous Community  
Engagement Officer  
He/Him



**Sirini Jayasooriya**  
Education Support Officer  
She/Her



**Jess Blair**  
Youth Worker  
She/Her



**Roxy Lillico**  
Youth Worker  
She/Her



**Jo**  
Youth Worker  
She/Her

## School Days

<i>Day</i>	<i>Start Time</i>	<i>Finish Time</i>
Monday	9:30am	2:00pm
Tuesday	9:30am	2:00pm
Wednesday	9:30am	2:00pm
Thursday	9:30am	2:00pm
Friday	9:30am	1:00pm

Classes start at **9:30am** each day.

We encourage everyone to attend school regularly. If transportation is a barrier for you, let us know and we can support you with how you get to and from school.

# Daily Rhythm

## *Monday - Thursday*

Time	Activity
9:30am - 10:00am	Morning Circle
10:00am - 11:15am	Session 1
11:15am - 11:30am	Morning Tea
11:30am - 12:45pm	Session 2
12:45pm - 1:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm - 1:50pm	Session 3
1:50pm - 2:00pm	Afternoon Circle

## *Friday*

Time	Activity
9:30am - 10:00am	Morning Circle
10:00am - 11:00am	Session 1
11:00am - 11:15am	Morning Tea
11:15am - 12:00pm	Session 2
12:00pm - 12:20pm	Lunch
12:20pm - 12:50pm	Session 3
12:50pm - 1:00pm	Afternoon Circle

Each day starts and ends with Circle. This is a time to come together and check in/out.

During the day there are three learning sessions, with breaks to relax, eat and connect.

This routine helps support learning, wellbeing and community.

# Our Flexi Expectations

## **Respect**

We want our school to be safe and welcoming. Please show respect for yourself, others and our community.

## **Phones & Devices**

Phones and headphones are okay to bring, but they must be away during Circle and class time so everyone can focus on learning.

## **No Smoking, Vaping or Illegal Substances**



Flexi is a smoke-free and substance-free school.

## **Kind and Safe Behaviour**



We are a bully-free community. Unkind words, exclusion, intimidation or physical behaviour are not okay.

## **Restorative Approach**



If problems happen, we work through them together. We listen, support each other, and find better ways forward.


# What you need to know

## **Clothing**

There is no uniform at Flexi. Just wear comfortable, school-appropriate clothes.

## **What We Provide**

You don't need to bring much. Flexi provides:

- books and stationery
- learning resources
- breakfast, snacks and lunch 
- drinks during the day

## **Leave at Home**

To keep everyone safe, please don't bring:

- valuables
- personal tech devices
- weapons
- anything unsafe or distracting


## **Come As You Are**

All you really need is yourself, a positive attitude and a willingness to give the day a go. Flexi will help with the rest.

## Expression of Interest


Please scan the QR code below to register your expression of interest. Our team will be in contact with you to discuss the Young Person's needs, interests and suitability.





**This is a place where your ideas matter, your voice is heard, and your future is important. We're excited to walk alongside you as you learn, grow, and discover what you're capable of.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to one of our amazing staff members at the school.**



"The beautiful thing about learning is  
nobody can take it away from you."

- B.B. King



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