



St Joseph's Catholic Flexible School Darwin

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.



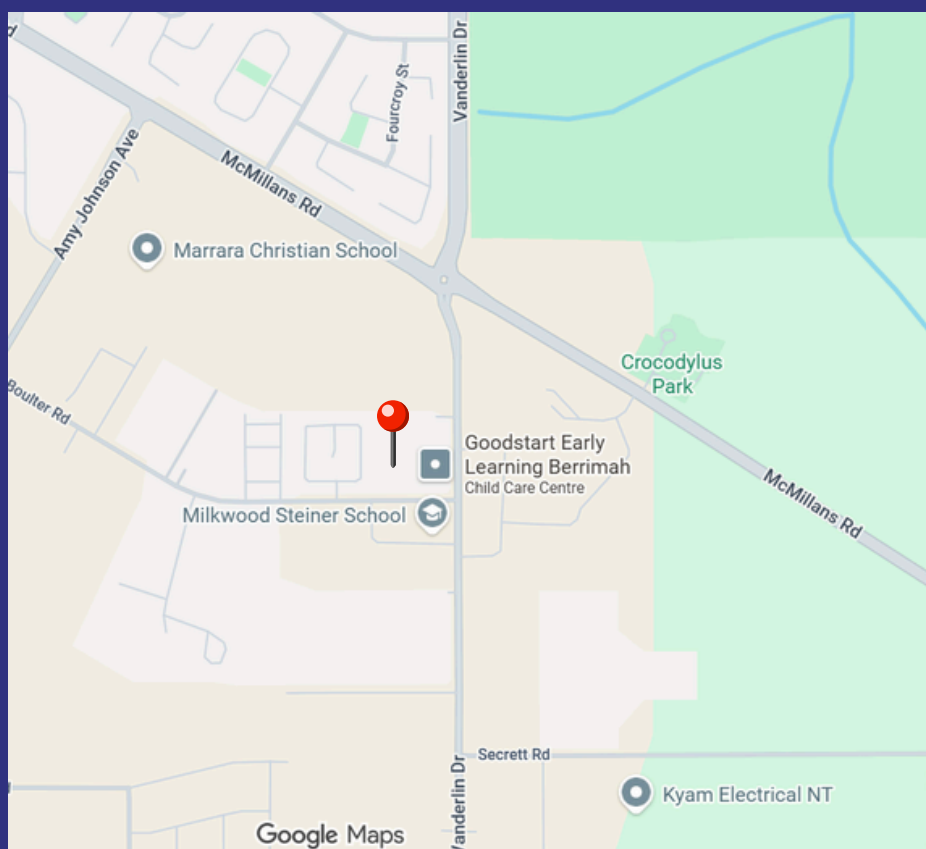
Safe and Legal

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



Jeanette Hartley
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Kate Francis
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She/Her



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Teacher
He/Him



Brad Copeland
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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 Ways of Being

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. We would like them put away during Circle and class time so everyone can show respect and focus on learning.

Kind and Safe Behaviour

We treat others with kindness, include everyone, and work towards being respectful and safe for all.

Collaborative Approach

If problems happen, we use Collaborative Problem Solving to work through them together. We listen and support each other.

Just like all schools, our Flexi is a smoke, vape and substance-free school.



What you need to know

Clothing



There is no uniform at Flexi.
Wear comfortable, school-appropriate
clothes and shoes.

What We Provide

- books and stationery
- learning resources
- breakfast, snacks and lunch

Leave at Home





- valuables
- personal tech devices
- anything unsafe or distracting

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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