

Lockdown Plan

At The Cowplain School, we continually develop and review appropriate procedures to keep our students and staff safe. Our Lockdown policy has been developed to ensure that in the event that students and staff are faced with hazards in the school grounds or outside the school, they may then be locked within buildings for their own safety.

In the unlikely event that a lockdown is called, The Cowplain School will endeavour to carry out the policy as set and parents will be notified as soon as it is practical to do so.

Please be assured that in the event of a lockdown situation the overriding consideration for the school is the **safety and well-being of your child, school personnel and visitors.**

- Parents are requested **not** to come to the school, as **students will not be released to parents during lockdown.**
- Parents are asked not to call the school, as this may block emergency lines that must remain open.
- Parents should not expect their child to call them nor should they call student mobiles, as the lockdown situation requires silence in order not to alert an intruder to the presence of students and staff in classrooms.

If your child's stay at school is extended beyond the regular time, you will receive information about the time and place that you can pick up your child.

In order to review these procedures, we will periodically carry out appropriate drills and evaluate them.

In all lockdown situations other than for practice purposes the police are called and their advice is followed at all times.