

PROSERPINE STATE SCHOOL

How parents can help their children to uphold the expectations of our school.

Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage them to report any incidences that make them feel unsafe to the teacher or playground duty staff ▪ Promote self control and resilience strategies at home (ignore, walk away). Discourage retaliation ▪ Practise road, bicycle and bus safety drills ▪ Ensure that your child knows and uses hygienic toilet practices ▪ Provide your child with a shady hat and closed in shoes every day ▪ Regularly check your child's hair for head lice and treat if necessary
Be Friendly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Model smiling and greeting people appropriately to your children. ▪ Promote positive talk about others. ▪ Encourage children to be empathetic to those children whose skills are not as good as theirs or who may have some physical difference. ▪ Be open minded when your children complain about other children. ▪ Be aware when you are engaging in adult conversations that your children may be listening. ▪ Encourage children to engage with other children in outdoor games that involve physical activity and interaction with others.
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treat school staff with respect and tolerance and work cooperatively with staff to enable children's talents to be developed ▪ Insist on polite manners at all times. ▪ Promote the notion of "Treat others as you would like to be treated". ▪ Play games at home that encourage taking turns, sharing and losing graciously. ▪ Ensure that your child's presentation at school each day satisfies the requirements of the dress code ▪ Select movies and TV shows in which the language is not offensive
Be a Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure that your child attends school unless they are sick, injured or have another genuine reason for non attendance. ▪ Observe the optimal times for arrival at school (between 8am and 8.50am). ▪ Provide your children with all the necessary equipment for school. ▪ Limit the amount of time children watch television and play video games. ▪ Set aside a specific time for homework and check that it has been completed. ▪ Check that your child has adequate stationery at the beginning of each term. ▪ Attach assignment task sheets to a prominent spot so that you know when they are due. ▪ Turn the television off and converse with your children at meal times. ▪ Make yourself known to your child's teacher. ▪ Encourage your child to read every night.

Parents who demonstrate that they value education are making a sound investment for their children's future.