At Logan City Special School our key rules are:

- we Care
- we Cooperate
- we Communicate

We refer to these as "Our 3Cs".

At Logan City Special School we explicitly teach the students the necessary skills to cooperate.

At home if your child is showing non-compliant behaviour then at that moment they are not cooperating.

At home you can support and encourage cooperative behaviour through:

- the use of visual cues (symbols & picture cards)
- reminding your child what cooperative behaviour looks and sounds like (gestures & words)
- reminding them to do active listening
- saying what you want done rather than what you don’t want done, this focuses on the positive
- offering them a ‘now and then’ choice (complete the required activity to be able to then engage in a preferred activity)
- praising and encouraging even the smallest display of cooperative behaviour
- encouraging them to make good choices
- encouraging them to use words to express their emotion
- using their PODD or symbols to communicate about the problem

At home your child may need to be reminded about how to cooperate before a situation where your child may become non-compliant, for example, taking turns in a game, following instructions, going to bed, etc.

At home having consistent and clear expectations and reminding your child about alternative ways to express themselves will encourage cooperative behaviour.

In partnership with families, School Wide Positive Behaviour Support ensures that all students have the social and emotional skills needed to succeed in school and beyond.

Our school rules remind us of our responsibilities and ways of acting.

Each fortnight in the newsletter there will be information about Positive Behaviour Support.
Dear parents and caregivers,

SCHOOL MOTTO
After discussions with staff and the P & C, I am pleased to announce the school has adopted a new motto. The motto that will now be used is ‘Independence Through Learning’. The idea of independence was chosen because that is the ultimate goal we wished for the students who attend our school; to be as independent as they can be in areas like reading, writing, communication, work, travel, self care, toileting etc. You will now see this motto appear on our school logo and other areas within the school operations.

THEORY OF ACTION
The school has also adopted a statement which describes what our operation is about. It states

“Theory of Action”
If we as a professional learning community:
* Know our students well
* Have clear improvement expectations
* Collaboratively identify key improvement strategies
* Provide stakeholders with relevant support and feedback
* Maintain positive partnerships and
* Be accountable

then this will lead to improved student achievement and independence.

SUNSMART
Could I please remind you how important it is that students at our school understand the importance of being sun aware. Thank you for ensuring there is a hat (broad-brimmed preferred) and some students I am happy to see wearing sunglasses for protection. We have sunscreen available for students to apply during school activities.

REPORTS
These will be sent home in Week 10 so look out for your child’s written report of their progress. Since we had interviews with the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) process discussions with your teacher will only occur if you request an interview.

P & C
Please come along and join in to our school P & C. The group meets every 3rd Thursday in the month at 2.00pm and we would love to hear your ideas on how to improve our school.

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Sensory Movie Day
THE LEGO MOVIE
Event Cinemas - Grand Plaza Sunday 22nd June
Tickets only $8 (for families with special needs)
These screenings are so children can enjoy the movie in their own way, all without judgement.
The lights stay on dim and the sound is lowered.
You will need to present a “Sensory Movie Day” membership card to purchase tickets. Membership cards are available at the cinema or will be handed out in the foyer before each screening.
Companion ID cards accepted. Children 2 yrs and under are free.
No Proof of Diagnosis necessary. All family members are welcome.
$6.50 Small popcorn and small drink available

For more information please contact admin@logacityspecs.eq.edu.au

HOUSE WITH NO STEPS School Holiday Entertainment Days program (SHED)
When: 30th June to 11th July
All activities MUST be prepaid
Costs range from $2 to $15 for the day
Activities include:
* Craft * Movies * Outings * Games * Cooking * and more

Eligibility to attend: Child to be registered with disability services, attending a special school or special education unit, aged between 13-17 and complete an expression of interest form.

For more information please contact Annette Briers on 0412876807 or abriers@hwns.com.au

Breaking Barriers Opening Doors Disability Expo
When: 18 July 2014, 10am - 1.30pm
Where: Logan Entertainment Centre, 170 Wembley Rd, Logan Central
The Breaking Barriers Opening Doors expo is a free event that aims to empower people with a disability, their families, carers and employers by providing information on education, employment and training opportunities.
The expo will include a variety of stalls, a Q&A forum and an Art, Poetry and Photography exhibition. The expo will also host the presentation ceremony for the Logan Awards for People with Disability 2014, sponsored by Matchworks. The community are invited to show their support by nominating eligible recipients for the Awards by Friday 13 June 2014.
For further information visit logan.qld.gov.au/breakingbarriers or phone 3412 3412.
The Logan Entertainment Centre is within walking distance of the Woodridge Train Station.

Key word signs

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