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# School reviews — information for parents and the community

Every Queensland state school undergoes a review at least once every 4 years.

Schools are designated one of 2 types of review — either a school review, conducted by the School and Region Reviews (SRR) branch, or a school-led review. A fact sheet on school-led reviews is also available for parents and the community.

The reviews play an important part in how the department supports school improvement. They provide schools with quality feedback, tailored to their context and needs.

Principals use the review findings to work with their school community and school supervisor to develop clear actions to move the school forward.

# **Review process**

Reviews are conducted by experienced educators trained in the use of the *School Improvement Tool*, a nationally-recognised framework for reviewing teaching and learning practices.

Review teams generally consist of 2 to 4 reviewers, but the number of reviewers and length of each review depends upon a range of factors, including the size and context of the school.

Reviewers look closely at each school's performance data and speak with a wide range of staff, students, parents and community members to get an accurate picture of the school. Unlike many other review systems, schools aren't ranked or given a performance rating. Instead, the school is given a comprehensive report for consideration.

The report details key findings and recommended improvement strategies to maximise student outcomes. The school publishes the executive summary or full report on its website. Principals are encouraged to share this information with their staff and school community to help shape the school's strategic direction.

# Parent and community participation

Feedback from parents and the community is an important part of school reviews, with everyone encouraged to have their say.

You can find out when your school will be reviewed by checking the schedule on the School Reviews website.

To register your interest in participating in a review, please contact your school office or email SRR at reviews@qed.qld.gov.au.

# More information

For more information about school reviews, please visit the School Reviews website at www.schoolreviews.education.qld.gov.au, or contact SRR on (07) 3035 2217 or email reviews@qed.qld.gov.au.

