

Tamborine Mountain State High School



Out of School Hours (Saturday Detention)

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Tamborine Mountain State High School trialed in 2020 an alternative approach to disciplinary absences (suspensions). A review indicated a 80% reduction in suspensions was noted in 2020. As part of the 2020 trial at Tamborine Mountain State High School Saturday Detentions were given at the discretion of the School Principal. This was issued as an alternative to suspension.

Given the success of the initial trial, the trial changed into a new approach embedded in school. Saturday Detention will be advised to the student and Parent/Caregiver at least five school days prior to the day. Parents/Caregivers will receive an email/letter advising the details of the proposed 'Out of School Hours' detention. The State Government supports schools through the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) in the use of Saturday detentions. Full policy can be found at –

<http://education.qld.gov.au/behaviour/detentions.html>.

Four staff members, including one member from the Administration Team will supervise the Saturday detention. The detention will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on the allocated Saturday.

Students are to arrive at the Student Support Leader Hub at 8:45 am for a 9:00 am start with at least one parent/caregiver. Students will be met by a member from Administration/HOD Team. Students will be supervised within the school grounds at the SSL Hub from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Students must be in full school uniform.

The parent/caregiver is responsible to arrange travel/supervision to and from the detention.

The student will complete a range of curriculum related tasks under the supervision of staff in all instances completed work will result in certification and is part of the recognized 21st Capability Skills Curriculum.

Protocols for After-hours Detentions and Saturday Morning Detentions

Where a detention is to be undertaken outside of school hours, including Saturday the following procedures will apply:

- Student emergency contact/medical records will be held by detention supervising staff.
- A risk assessment will be completed and a risk management plan developed and held at the school.
- Parents/Caregivers will be notified of the proposed detention at least five school days before the detention is scheduled to occur.
- Saturday morning detentions will be recorded in OneSchool as per DoE Policy.

- Student will have access to a 30 minute break at 11:00am, which will be supervised in the main undercover area by the supervising staff. Students will not be provided with socialization time during the scheduled break. The Tuckshop will not be open. The student will be permitted to leave the school grounds at 1:00 pm. Parents/Caregivers are responsible for student care and supervision of the student before 9:00 am and after 1:00 pm on the day.
- No provision for food will be available for the student. If they require food they will need to bring it and can eat briefly during the 30 minute break at 11:00 am.
- Parents/caregivers are responsible for any transport arrangements.
- First aid equipment will be readily accessible. The supervising staff will contact parents/caregivers if a need arises.
- Parents/Caregivers are able to seek in writing prior to the Saturday detention, one rescheduling of the detention date.
- Emergency Services including Ambulance, Police or Fire Service in case of any emergency.

What happens if the Saturday Detention is not completed satisfactorily?

Saturday morning detentions provide an alternative to being suspended from school. Should a student fail to attend a Saturday detention, consequences for the original behaviour will be applied which may be a long term suspension. Failure to show to the detention will be considered disobedience/non-compliance, additional consequences may apply.

Work Completion

Whilst on Saturday detention students complete accredited/certified courses. Course topics include first aid, bullying, customer service. In total 85 courses exist for student completion. TMSHS accepts the financial responsibility for payment and registration of these courses for each student while on Saturday detention.

Endorsement



Principal



**P&C President or
Chair, School Council**

Date effective:

From January 2024 to December 2024

Frequently Asked Questions

What is detention?

Detention is a consequence that schools may use to address inappropriate student behaviour. Detentions can be applied during school hours, out-of-school hours or on non-school days (for example, a Saturday morning). Principals make a decision about what happens in their school in consultation with their school community.

Why do schools have these powers?

Detention is a disciplinary consequence that principals and teachers may use as an alternative to suspension or exclusion. Principals have the flexibility and autonomy to apply detention as a meaningful consequence for inappropriate student behaviour.

What behaviour warrants a detention?

A detention is given for behaviour that is inappropriate. All schools have a Student Code of Conduct for students developed with the local community. This plan outlines the behaviours that may lead to a detention and what detention will look like at the school.

Are there any restrictions?

Principals set the rules for detentions, including when and where they are to happen and for how long, based on the age and circumstances of the individual student. Detention is given to students in accordance with the school's Student Code of Conduct for students and within the parameters outlined in the Safe, supportive and disciplined school environment procedure - (<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/learning/Pages/Safe,-Supportive-and-Disciplined-School-Environment.aspx>).

What procedure is to be followed when giving detention?

All staff must follow the school's Student Code of Conduct for students when implementing disciplinary consequences. The Department supports schools to implement processes for out-of-hours detention through the Safe, supportive and disciplined school environment procedure – (<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/learning/Pages/Safe,-Supportive-and-Disciplined-School-Environment.aspx>).

Are parents/caregivers involved in the process?

Parents/caregivers may be notified by the school principal or teacher if a child is placed on detention during school hours, depending on the school's policy. If an out-of-school hours detention is considered an appropriate disciplinary consequence, the principal or teacher must notify parents/caregivers the day, time and duration of the detention and the responsibilities of the student, parent/caregiver and school in relation to detention supervision arrangements.

What happens if a student refuses to attend?

Consequences for behaviour are outlined in each school's Student Code of Conduct for students. If a student fails to attend a detention, this may be considered disobedience and the school principal makes a decision about the appropriate course of action. Examples of consequences for non-compliance or non-attendance may be the allocation of a long suspension.

Who supervises out-of-school hours detention?

Out-of-school hours detention is supervised by the principal or a teacher. Principals must work within the current industrial framework. Supervisors are entitled to legal liability and worker's compensation as would apply in normal school hours.

Do schools receive additional resources to implement out-of-hours school detention?

Schools implement detentions within the current resources. Schools work with their local community to develop a continuum of support for students with challenging behaviour and to identify strategies that are meaningful to address inappropriate behaviour.