



School reviews – information for parents and the community

Approximately a quarter of all Queensland state schools are reviewed by the department each year. The reviews are an important part of how the department monitors and supports schools.

The reviews are about providing schools with quality and independent feedback, tailored to the school's context and needs.

Each school is reviewed every four years, providing valuable opportunities for self-reflection and improvement. The reviews are conducted by the department's School Improvement Unit (SIU).

Review process

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

Each review team generally consists of two to four reviewers, however, the number of reviewers and length of 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 outlines key findings and recommended improvement strategies to maximise student outcomes. 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](https://www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au).

To register your interest in participating in the review, please contact your principal or email the School Improvement Unit at siumb@det.qld.gov.au.

More information

For more information about school reviews, please visit the School Reviews website at www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au or phone the School Improvement Unit on (07) 3035 2217.