

Mumbulla School Parent Survey 2025

Summary for our School Community

Thank you to all the families who completed this year's Parent Survey. Your feedback is deeply valued and helps guide the ongoing development of our school. The survey was conducted in December 2025 and received 48 responses across all class groups.

This report summarises what families appreciate, what is working well, and areas we can continue to grow. It follows the same format as the 2024 community report, ensuring consistency and clarity. We hope it provides a transparent and useful picture of parent experiences this year.

1. Information Sources

How families stay informed

The weekly Bulletin continues to be the most relied-upon and trusted source of information, with an exceptionally strong 95.8% of parents agreeing it provides clear and timely updates.

Many families also use:

- Emails from the Front Office
- Class Notes
- Conversations with children or teachers

As in previous years, the school website is seen as helpful by most families, while Compass and Facebook are less frequently used and sometimes described as less convenient.

What you told us

Parents appreciate:

- Consistent weekly communication
- Clear class-specific updates
- Direct, friendly office communication

Some families shared that they would benefit from:

- A single, easy-to-find events calendar
- Clearer signposting to policies and key documents

These suggestions reflect similar themes raised last year, where families requested digital tools that are easier to navigate.

2. Parent Engagement

Feeling part of our community

Most families describe themselves as engaged and able to contribute when they can. Participation varies according to work schedules and life commitments, but overall, the sense of community involvement remains strong.

In 2025:

- Many parents volunteered once a term or a few times a year
- A large number said they are at full capacity but still feel positive about helping when possible
- A smaller group noted that they would like to help more but aren't sure how best to get involved

Suggestions from parents

Parents asked for:

- More notice for events, to allow planning around work and younger siblings
- More ways to help in small, flexible ways, especially for families who can't attend working bees
- Clearer explanations of the P&F's role and how to join or contribute

These echo some of the themes raised in 2024, when families noted they valued flexible, achievable ways to be involved.

3. School Culture & Communication

Warmth and belonging

This remains one of Mumbulla's greatest strengths.

In 2025:

- 87.5% of families said they feel welcome at the school
- 89.6% are satisfied with overall communication
- 97.9% agreed that office staff respond in a timely way

Families described the school as warm, caring, and community-centred—an environment where children are known and valued.

Wellbeing and safety

- 93.6% of families believe their child's wellbeing is a priority
- 90.6% say their child feels safe at school

These are consistent with last year's very strong wellbeing responses.

Some comments highlighted:

- A desire for greater visibility of wellbeing processes
- Continued clarity about how the school responds to bullying or challenging behaviours
- Requests for improved toilet maintenance and privacy, especially for younger children

4. Teacher / Parent Communication

Communication with teachers

Parents reported strong connection and communication with their class teachers.

In 2025:

- 85% said teachers communicate openly and in a timely manner
- 80.4% feel informed about classroom content and curriculum
- 87.2% find class meetings valuable

This is slightly higher or stable compared to 2024, when communication and class meetings were also strongly valued.

Comments from families

Parents particularly appreciate:

- Teachers' dedication and warmth
- Clarity during class meetings
- Insights into the rhythm of learning and wellbeing

Some requested:

- More information about maths practice and progression
- Occasional short updates in-between meetings

5. Leadership and Direction

Understanding how the school is run continues to be important to families.

In 2025:

- 72.3% feel informed about the school's organisational structures
- 58.7% feel informed about the College of Teachers
- 63% feel informed about the Board
- 61.9% feel informed about the school's vision and future direction

These results represent a slight improvement from 2024, where families asked for more transparency and regular updates on leadership and decision-making.

What families would like

- Regular, plain-language updates about Board and College decisions
- Clarity about the strategic direction of the school
- Updates on land use, sustainability projects, and aspirations such as secondary expansion continue to be noted by a few

6. Parent Education

Parents continue to value opportunities to learn more about:

- Steiner education
- Child development
- Wellbeing and technology use
- Transitions to upper primary and beyond

As in 2024, families expressed interest in recordings or written summaries of sessions so they can access learning in their own time.

7. Additional Comments from Families

Across 112 open comments, families highlighted the following themes:

What you appreciate most

- The warm, caring teachers
- The sense of community and connection
- The school's commitment to creativity, nature and hands-on learning
- A strong emphasis on wellbeing, belonging and beauty in the environment

Areas to strengthen

- Clear, consistent behaviour management and communication around incidents
- Improved toilet cleanliness and privacy
- Ensuring plays and stories remain age-appropriate and balanced in theme
- A desire for more visibility of maths learning
- Greater clarity and accessibility for volunteering

Aspirations for the future

Some families shared hopes for:

- Year 7 and 8 pathways (also mentioned in 2024)
- A kitchen garden expansion or food-growing program
- Deeper First Nations engagement and cultural learning

Our School's Strengths

From your feedback, several strengths continue to stand out:

- A deeply caring, committed staff who hold the children with warmth
- A strong sense of community and connection
- A clear commitment to wellbeing and safety
- A beautiful learning environment grounded in creativity and nature
- Responsive, friendly Front Office staff who ensure families feel supported
- Teachers who build long-term, meaningful relationships with their classes

Moving Forward

Your feedback guides our ongoing school development. Over the next year we aim to:

Improve visibility of the school's direction

- Provide short, regular updates from the Board and College of Teachers
- Share progress on strategic initiatives, including sustainability and land use

Strengthen communication pathways

- Offer a simple events calendar
- Maintain both email and Bulletin pathways for accessibility

Support parent engagement

- Provide clear volunteering pathways with flexible options
- Ensure families know how to get involved with the P&F

Enhance wellbeing, safety, and daily experience

- Continue refining our behaviour processes
- Improve toilet maintenance and privacy arrangements

Deepen learning transparency

- Share regular, accessible updates about curriculum, especially maths

- Continue offering meaningful parent education opportunities

Thank you

Thank you for your thoughtful, generous and honest feedback. Your insights help us nurture and strengthen our school community. We are grateful for your engagement and look forward to building another year together.