



The Honourable Rod Welford MP



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QUEENSLAND STATE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR 2009

Easter will once more mark the end of Term One with a return to the usual holiday patterns in 2009.

Education and Training Minister Rod Welford said Easter in 2008 fell the earliest it would occur during any year of the 21st century.

“As part of our undertaking to set school terms of similar length, last year’s Term One school holidays started two weeks after the Easter long weekend,” Mr Welford said.

“But this year sees a return to the usual Easter holiday pattern, with school holidays starting directly after the long weekend.”

The 2009 state school year starts on Tuesday 27 January and finishes on Friday 11 December.

For student attendance, the 2009 term and holiday dates are:

- Term 1 commences Tuesday 27 January and ends Thursday 9 April
- Term 2 commences Tuesday 21 April and ends Friday 26 June
- Term 3 commences Tuesday 14 July and ends Friday 18 September
- Term 4 commences Monday 5 October and ends Friday 11 December.

Year 12 state school students will finish school on Friday 20 November, while Year 10 and 11 students complete their year on Friday 27 November.

State school teachers will have professional development opportunities on the following student-free days: January 22 and 23; April 20; July 13; and October 19.

“These days allow teachers and schools to forward plan and undertake professional development programs to support their work in the classroom,” Mr Welford said.

Queensland school students are also granted a Ministerial holiday which usually coincides with their local Show Holiday. During this time, teachers will be able to do further professional or school development activities.

Queensland state school term dates are available by phoning Education Queensland on (07) 3237 1363 or via the Department’s website at:

www.education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

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