Why am I reading this?

Your student has been suspended from school. We have a place available at the Independent Learning Centre and the school Principal thinks that your student might benefit from spending some time working with us.

What is the “Griffith Independent Learning Centre?”

A place for suspended students to go during the school day where they can complete school work and learn about how to take more effective control of their lives. We aim to develop positive relationships with each of our students and provide them with the support that they need to make a successful return to regular schooling.

Where is the “Griffith Independent Learning Centre?”

On Coolah Street, between Griffith Public School and Griffith High School, at the end of the “old” Kalinda School driveway. There is a car park at the end of the driveway that you can use when you visit us.

What do students do there?

We use group discussion and individual learning tasks to improve the social skills of our students. We practise setting goals, solving problems and planning future behaviours. Our students also have the opportunity to complete tasks that have been set by their regular classroom teachers.

Who can get a place there?

Students between Year 5 and Year 10 who are suspended from school. Centre staff and the student’s school Principal decide together whether the student would benefit from this support.

When is the Centre open?

The Independent Learning Centre is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00am until 1.30pm. The Centre is closed on Wednesday. On Wednesday, students stay in the care of their parents but still have learning tasks to complete.
**How should my student get to the Centre?**

That’s your decision. Most parents and caregivers organise for their students to arrive by car or foot at 10.00am. They are then either picked up by car or given permission to walk home at 1.30pm.

**What about recess and lunch breaks?**

Students in our centre have a recess break around 10.40am. They can purchase food and drinks from the Griffith High Canteen or bring their own from home. There is no lunch break at the Centre, as our students leave the grounds at 1.30pm.

**What if my student is going to be absent?**

Please SMS the Centre on 0428 621 711. If we don’t hear from you and your student doesn’t make it to the Centre, we will SMS you as soon as we possibly can.

**What are the Centre’s expectations of their students?**

There are FOUR:

- Arrive and leave on time. Outside Centre hours, stick to what was agreed.
- Speak to others with respect.
- Participate in learning activities.
- Stay in our own learning space during the school day.

Students who choose not to work within our expectations will lose their place at the Centre and will have to complete the remainder of their suspension in parental care.

**Can my student use the Griffith Public School or Griffith High School grounds?**

No. Students from our Centre are suspended from their regular school setting. This is one of the conditions we will discuss at your intake interview.

**How do I get my student a place there?**

Phone us on 0428 621 711 to organise an “intake interview”. We will meet with you to describe our expectations and procedures. If you and your student are prepared to work with us, you’ll be offered a place.

We can only work with students whose parents or carers have contacted us and followed our enrolment procedures.