



Queensland Government



Cairns State High School



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SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Since 1917 Cairns SHS has served and will continue to serve the diverse needs of generations of Cairns families. The school has a reputation for academic excellence supplemented by outstanding achievements in the areas of Music, Performing and Visual Arts, and Sport. Cairns SHS is committed to developing flexible, innovative programs which are responsive to the needs of students in a rapidly changing environment. The development of high quality vocational programs, the integration of technology into all aspects of learning and the focus on delivering an international curriculum are current examples of this commitment.

THREE REASONS TO CHOOSE CAIRNS STATE HIGH SCHOOL

- The school's philosophy and objectives are based on traditional values and latest innovations
- There is a range of sensitive and responsive student services including English as a Second Language support. These ensure a safe and supportive school environment for all students
- The school is strongly committed to developing internationalism across the school

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Aerospace Studies
- Excellence Programs
- Marine and Aquatic Studies
- Multimedia Studies
- Photo-Imaging Studies
- Recreational Studies and Tourism



- Bond University – Scholarship Program
- University of New South Wales – Co-operate Scholarships

AWARDS

- Nine High Distinctions, 39 Distinctions, five Credits – Australasian English Competition
- Five Distinctions, 25 Credits – Australasian Writing Competition
- Five High Distinctions, 38 Distinctions, 119 Credits – ICAS school science competition
- 38 High Distinctions, four Distinctions – National Geography Competition
- Five High Distinctions, 33 Distinctions, 87 Credits and two cash prize winners – Westpac National Maths Competition

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 'Battle of the Bands'
- Centre of Artistic Design fashion parade
- Charity events
- Dance and drama evenings
- International trips
- Swimming and athletics carnivals
- Instrumental music
- School musicals
- Rock eisteddfods
- Formal parades

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Cairns SHS was awarded international accreditation in March 2006 through the Council for International Schools. In 2008, Cairns SHS became accredited as an International Baccalaureate World School and will deliver the International Baccalaureate Diploma program in 2010.

LANGUAGES

- German
- Japanese

SPORTS

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Basketball	Basketball	Basketball	Basketball
Football	Football	Football	Football
Hockey	Hockey	Hockey	Hockey
Soccer	Soccer	Soccer	Soccer
Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball
Water polo	Volleyball	Track and field	Water polo
Cricket	Rugby union	Rugby union	Cricket
Swimming	Cross country		Swimming
Rugby league	Rugby league		
Baseball	Baseball		
Various inter-school sports	Various inter-school sports		

SCHOOL FACILITIES

- Performing arts centre
- Laboratories – seven science laboratories, 14 computer laboratories, two multimedia laboratories
- 5 art studios
- Sports complex
- Swimming pool
- Recording studio
- 13 school buildings and 37 classrooms
- 11 practical art rooms
- Recently refurbished community hall

TERTIARY PATHWAYS

- James Cook University – Dual Enrolment Scheme
- Tropical North Queensland TAFE – Dual Enrolment Scheme

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