

Tourist Visa School Attendance Guidelines for Parents

School age children entering Australia on a tourist or visitor visa may pay to attend school on a full-time basis for a period up to 12 weeks. Children may attend for a maximum of 12 weeks provided their visa covers the period of attendance. Permission to attend school on a tourist visa will be granted only once within a calendar year. In addition, attendance will **not** be approved for consecutive school terms (eg Term 4 of the previous year followed by Term 1 of the next year).

All inquiries regarding attendance eligibility must be made directly to Education Queensland International (EQI), by the parent, relative or interpreter. Applications must be made **after** the child's arrival in Queensland.

Children less than 16 years of age will **not** be permitted to attend a Queensland government school unless they are staying with a parent or close relative (eg Aunt, Uncle, Grandparent). Relatives are required to produce documentation that proves their direct relationship at the time of enrolment. EQI retains the right to reject applications if this cannot be substantiated. Education Queensland International strongly recommends that students aged 16 to 18 years also live with a parent or close relative.

The 'Tourist Visa Attendance Request Form' must be completed by the child's parent, and the accepting School Principal, and submitted with payment. For students aged 16 to 18 years who wish to live with a family friend or distant relative, parents are also required to complete a 'Tourist Visa Parent Declaration Form'.

Tourist visa attendees are required to maintain regular attendance and obey all school rules.

FEES:

- ◆ Fees must be paid in advance in one payment to EQI, for all tourist visa school attendance.
- ◆ Subject to the validity of tourist visas, attendance for periods **in excess of two weeks and up to twelve school weeks (maximum period permitted)** will be charged pro rata on a weekly fee for the particular year level. Attendance for any day/s of the week incurs the full week's charge.
- ◆ A minimum payment of 2 weeks is applicable to all tourist visa attendees.
- ◆ No refunds will be made after the payment has been made to EQI.
- ◆ Once the initial application has been processed, no extensions will be permitted.
- ◆ **An Application Fee of AUD\$110 per student applies to all tourist visa attendance applications submitted to EQI.**

PRO RATA FEES	WEEKLY 2010	WEEKLY 2011
Prep Year	AUD\$250.00	AUD\$262.50
Primary (Years 1-7)	AUD \$250.00	AUD \$262.50
Junior Secondary (Years 8-10)	AUD \$262.50	AUD \$287.50
Senior Secondary (Years 11-12)	AUD \$300.00	AUD \$325.00

STEPS TO FOLLOW

1. Read the "Tourist Visa School Attendance Guidelines for Parents" (above).
2. If the child meets the attendance conditions, please ring the school you wish the child to attend. Ask if there is a place available for the child for the dates required.
3. If the school can accept your child, complete the "Tourist Visa School Attendance Request Form". Request the School Principal to sign the "Tourist Visa School Attendance Request Form". **Phone the relevant EQI office to make an appointment for processing the child's enrolment. (EQI - 3224 6958; Brisbane - 3224 6952; Gold Coast - 5553 7111; Sunshine Coast - 5457 8319).**
4. Attach copies of required documents (copy of passport title page, visa, date of entry stamp and 'Tourist Visa Parent Declaration Form') and parent's or relative's passport title and visa page to the 'Tourist Visa School Attendance Request Form' and take to EQI with appropriate payment. ***If travelling on an eVisa, student to bring documentary evidence to Queensland.**
5. Payments can be made by credit card or cheque. For credit card payments, parents are required to complete the attached form and return to EQI with the required documents. For cheque payments, please check with the EQI processing office for correct details and return with the required documents. Credit card payments can also be made in person at EQI offices. **No cash payments will be accepted.**
6. If attendance is approved EQI will collect payment and issue a receipt for payment of fees and fax a letter of approval to the school.
7. Take the receipt as proof of payment of school attendance fees to the school on the first day.