# Fact Sheet and FAQs (Updated December 2023)

## **English pathway arrangement for EQI International Student Programs**

If students do not meet a minimum level of English language proficiency they can undertake the EQI High School Preparation (HSP) at a Queensland Government school prior to entering Page | 1 mainstream high school study. EQI HSP introduces international students to the Queensland school system and gives them the skills and confidence to settle into their learning program at school. Entry into mainstream high school at the end of two terms of HSP is subject to the student achieving satisfactory progress throughout the HSP program and meeting the English entry requirement for their chosen year level.

Students may also choose to enrol in an EQI English Pathway Provider (EPP) program in order to meet the English Language requirements for entry into EQI's High School program.

Students need to meet all EQI entry requirements for a packaged offer to be issued. EQI can now issue packaged offers for prospective students enrolling with our EPPs:

- 1. Australian International College of Language (AICOL) Gold Coast (CRICOS Provider Code: 01272A)
- 2. BROWNS English Language School (BROWNS) Brisbane and Gold Coast (CRICOS Provider Code: 02663M)
- 3. Charlton Brown Brisbane (CRICOS Provider Code: 03822D)
- 4. Shafston International College Brisbane and Gold Coast (CRICOS Provider Code: 03917H)
- 5. Union Institute of Language (UIL) Brisbane and Sunshine Coast (at Chancellor State College campus) (CRICOS Provider Code: 02529F)

Meeting the English entry requirement for EQI ISP High School program while studying with an EQI EPP, students must demonstrate satisfactory progress in the EPP and meet the entry requirements of the nominated EQI high school year level as listed in the table in below.

Year level	General IELTS	AICOL's HSP	BROWNS's HSP (U18	Charlton Brown's HSP	Shafston' s HSP	UIL's
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7	4	Level 4	HSP 1	Level 3	HSP 2	4
8	4	Level 4	HSP 1	Level 4	HSP 2	4
9	4.5	Level 5	HSP 2	Level 5	HSP 3	4+
10	5	Level 6	HSP 3	Level 6	HSP 4	5
11	5.5	Level 7	HSP 4	Not applicable	HSP 5	5+

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Secondary School Preparation Program (SSPP)

English entry requirements for EQI's ISP:

https://ppr.ged.gld.gov.au/attachment/ISP-entry-and-course-requirements-standard.pdf



### **Application process:**

# Packaged offers with EQI's English Pathway Providers (EPPs) Application process

Scenario 1: if an EPP acts as an agent

### Step 1

Agent/ family obtains a Letter of offer from EQI's EPP

- A. Discuss the student's study plan with the EPP to confirm:
- the start and finish dates at the EPP and
- the start and finish dates of homestay if required
- EQI school: commencing Term & Year
- B. EPP issues a letter of offer (Note 1)

### Step 2

EPP lodges an application to EQI

- Submit an EQI ISP application form with the other required documents to EQI
- \*\*\* Ensure to attach:
- 2. the Letter of offer from EQI's EPP

## Step 4

Agent/ family:

Makes payment and submit all the required documents to EQI and EQI's EPP respectively

### Step 5

EPP issues & sends a CoE & welfare letter (if applicable) to agent/family

together with

EQI issues a CoE & welfare letter (if applicable) to the EPP for forwarding to the agent/family

Note 1: EPP must ensure the welfare dates are seamless with no study and/or welfare gap between the programs offered by the EPP & EQI.

Note 2: EQI will charge and cover Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the combined period of the student's studies with the EPP & EQI.

# Packaged offers with EQI's English Pathway Providers (EPPs) for International Student Programs (ISP): Application process

Scenario 2: if an application is submitted by an EQI ISP agent or a family (direct application)

#### Step 1

Agent/ family obtains a Letter of Offer from EQI's EPP

- A. Discuss the student's study plan with the EPP to confirm:
- the start and finish dates at the EPP
- the start and finish dates for homestay (if applicable) and
- EQI school: commencing Term & Year

B. EPP issues a Letter of Offer

### Step 2

Agent/ family lodges an application to EQI

- 1. Submit an EQI ISP application form with the other required documents to EQI
- \*\*\* Ensure to attach:
- 2. the Letter of Offer from EQI's EPP

## Step 3

EQI issues an
Enrolment Agreement
(Letter of Offer) + an
invoice to the agent/
family

# Step 4

Agent/ family:

Makes payment and submit all the required documents to the EPP

EPP issues a CoE & welfare letter (if applicable) to the agent/ family

# Step 5

Agent/ family submits the following to EQI:

- 1. the EPP's CoE & the welfare letter (if applicable) &
- Payment receipt & required documents for a CoE from EQI

EQI issues a COE and welfare letter (if applicable) to the agent/ family

- Note 1: EPP must ensure the welfare dates are seamless with no study and/or welfare gap between the programs offered by the EPP & EQI.
- Note 2: EQI will charge and cover Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the combined period of the student's studies with the EPP & EQI.

### **Contact for EQI's EPPs:**



### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

1. How do I know how many weeks of High School Preparation (HSP) program are required to study?

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All EQI EPPs offer online placement tests. Through the online placement test results, the EPPs can recommend the length of studies a student may require to meet the English entry requirements for the nominated high school year level.

Upon arrival, all students will attend a placement test again on their first day of classes to verify their English level.

2. I intend to send my child to study primary program in an EQI school. Which English pathway program I should enroll him?

You are welcome to enroll your child in any of these programs but EQI does not require an English proficiency level for international students wishing to study in EQI's primary program (year 1 to year 6).

3. What happens if I do not reach the required level at the end of my HSP/SSPP program with the EPP?

You have several options if you do not meet the required level at the end of your HSP/SSPP program with the EPP. You can either extend your HSP/SSPP program, or you may be able to join EQI high school classes in a lower year level. If these options are exhausted and you are not able to meet the required English level before the start of your high school course then a 'No Further Offer' letter is issued to you.

4. Should I contact EQI's EPPs and EQI at the same time when lodging an application for a packaged offer?

You should contact EPPs <u>first</u> to receive a letter of offer from them and attach the letter offer with the EQI ISP application form to EQI.

5. In case my student visa is delayed, who should I contact to defer the commencement at the EPP and EQI school?

You should first discuss with the EPP a new start date for HSP/SSPP and obtain updated enrolment documents from the EPP if required. You can then contact EQI to request a deferred commencement date for your high school program.

