Education Queensland International

Group Study Tours

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*Your **journey*** begins ***now***

The Department of Education welcomes international student groups to Queensland, Australia, as part of their group study tour program. At Education Queensland International (EQI), we have a dedicated team of professionals who specialise in managing and tailoring short-term group study tours into Queensland Government schools.

For more than 30 years, students from around the world have enjoyed exciting and academically rich, short-term study tour experiences in Queensland, Australia. Queensland Government schools equip students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to become successful global citizens. Every student is provided with opportunities to be educated, share experiences and explore the ways in which they can succeed in the global community.

Study tour programs provide a unique opportunity for students to gain invaluable insights into studying in a Queensland Government school. Groups of school students from around the world can experience Australian culture while developing lifelong friendships studying alongside Queensland students, and experiencing life with an Australian homestay family.

Experience all Queensland has to offer with an EQI study tour program.

EQI is the trading name for the international branch of the Queensland Department of Education.

We are the national leader for study tour programs and the second largest provider of international student programs in the Australian schools' sector.

The EQI Study Tours team offers a wide range of short-term, tailored programs for international students to study in a Queensland Government school.

Experience

Queensland Government schools celebrate diversity and enable students to become globally competent citizens within an inclusive, multicultural school environment. During their program, study tour students engage with the local school community and develop lasting international friendships. Study tour students will have the opportunity to integrate into the Queensland classroom, and engage with a learning environment that supports critical and creative thinkers. All students are encouraged to investigate different perspectives of the world and cross-culturally collaborate to grow their global mindset.

Students will experience long-term benefits from immersing themselves into the Queensland Government education system. EQI schools provide a safe and supportive learning environment for future leaders to thrive through their primary and secondary studies in metropolitan and regional school areas.

Educate

Queensland Government schools have access to extensive resources and modern facilities that support innovation and competency-based skills. Highly qualified and dedicated teachers are passionate about developing students' academic skills, values, and knowledge.

Students have the opportunity to enhance their English language skills and academic capabilities by studying alongside their school buddies in a Queensland classroom environment. With a diverse range of academic and specialised programs to choose from, programs can be tailored to suit specific learning outcomes. Students have a unique opportunity to enrich their studies in a globalised context, combining educational, tourism and cultural exchange activities.

Explore

Safety, academic excellence, natural beauty, and an outdoor lifestyle makes Queensland a favourable study tour destination for students. Study tour participants have the exciting opportunity to collaborate and connect with Queensland students, while exploring the world and sharing their own unique experiences. Students are encouraged to explore and engage with their surroundings, and challenge themselves to deepen their personal development.

Our students are waiting to meet you in Queensland.

Queensland at a glance

- Capital city: Brisbane
- Area: 1.853 million km^2
- Population: 5.2 million
- 16 UNESCO World Heritage listed sites, including the Great Barrier Reef
- Multicultural, friendly communities
- Warm and sunny climate, and outdoor lifestyle

Queensland
Australia
Cairns
Townsville
Mackay
Queensland
Rockhampton
Hervey Bay
Roma
Sunshine Coast
Toowoomba
Brisbane
Gold Coast
Regional Cities
International Airport
The Great Barrier Re

Developing globally competent students

Group study tour programs to Queensland Government schools play a pivotal role in developing students' global mindset, critical thinking, and ability to innovate. By providing opportunities for students to engage with their peers and the local community through real-life situations, study tour programs foster better international understanding. Students are encouraged to challenge themselves to develop problem solving skills and grow as an individual.

'A globally competent individual has the capacity to examine the local, global and intercultural issues; to understand and appreciate the perspective and world views of others; to engage in open, appropriate and effective interaction with people from different cultures; and to act for collective wellbeing and sustainable development.'

Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development

Leadership

- Develop self-awareness and ability to lead change
- Effectively communicate and understand cultural diversity
- Think strategically and collaborate with diverse individuals
- Identify global challenges and generate solutions

Global citizenship

- Respect and value cultural diversity
- Form a sense of responsibility and contribution to local and global communities
- Gain self-awareness and ability to lead necessary change

Critical and creative thinking

- Identify and examine global challenges
- Creatively solve problems to current and future global challenges
- Consider all cultural perspectives
- Think innovatively, confidently and collaboratively

Cultural competence

- Engage with other cultures respectfully and teach others about your own culture
- Form international connections and acceptance of broader perspectives
- Navigate cultural differences and adapt to communicate effectively
- Collaborate in cross cultural contexts

Program features

EQI study tour programs welcome groups of students from around the world to Queensland Government schools. Programs can be tailored to meet the desired learning outcomes of each study tour group and develop students' global understanding through a uniquely Australian environment.

Our metropolitan and regional schools provide access to unique learning environments where the students can enhance their English language and academic capabilities. Students will develop lifelong friendships and enhance their cultural understanding as they learn alongside their designated host school buddies in a safe and supportive environment.

Every Queensland Government school – ranging from primary, secondary, and Prep to Year 12 colleges – involved in EQI study tour programs have Accredited Officers at their school who are extensively trained to deliver a high-quality service and program. Accredited Officers develop the school program, ensuring the academic outcomes of each individual group is achieved and participants are provided with the best possible experience on their study tour.

Day visits

Half and full day visits to Queensland Government schools can be arranged for groups wishing to experience a snapshot of school life in Queensland.

Visits can include a welcome function, school orientation and integration into classes with buddies or other activities arranged by the host school.

Welcome and farewell functions

Dedicated events to officially welcome the students into the school community, and then say goodbye to their new friends and reflect on their study tour journey.

Host school buddies

Visiting students are welcomed by host school buddies. These buddies are thoughtfully selected from the school community to support and guide study tour participants throughout their program.

Classroom integration

Students will join regular classes with host school buddies and local students. Many of our schools offer excellence programs in science, leadership, sports, arts and music, making them ideal destinations for groups interested in these subjects.

English lessons

Based on the participants' English levels and desired learning outcomes, Queensland registered teachers can deliver tailored English conversational lessons to the study tour group.

Excursions

Student learning can be extended with educational and enriching activities included in the itinerary. There are many opportunities to explore Queensland's natural beauty, engage with unique Australian wildlife, and visit world famous tourist attractions. Students can also expand their knowledge in environmental sustainability and Indigenous Australian culture through visits to Environmental Education Centres.

1800QStudy

Student safety is EQI's priority. We work closely with our schools and industry partners to continuously deliver safe, high quality, and enjoyable study tour experiences for visiting students.

1800QStudy is a multi-lingual phone support service available to the study tour chaperones and EQI homestay providers after-hours, seven days a week.

The service provides advice and a process for managing and responding to incidents that involve international participants outside of school hours, ensuring student welfare and safety is always supported.

Homestay

Students from around the world can experience Australian culture by staying in a host family environment during their study tour. The accommodation, care and welfare of study tour participants is a priority for EQI and our host schools. Accredited Officers take great care in selecting families and matching them with visiting students. By living in a safe, caring and supportive home environment, students can immerse themselves in their studies, practice their English skills in a natural setting, and develop lasting friendships with their homestay family.

Specialised programs

EQI study tour programs can be tailored to meet your school's desired academic outcomes. Specialised programs are delivered by educational experts in Queensland Government schools for students with a higher level of English alongside like-minded Queensland students.

Many Queensland Government schools have been recognised for their excellence programs in areas such as science, technology, entrepreneurship, creative industry and sports. At these schools, visiting students can access contemporary learning environments and facilities which support innovation and 21st century learning.

EQI also works with industry partners including local universities, Environmental Education Centres and cultural facilities to build engaging and innovative programs. By offering flexible and specialised programs, students are able to extend their knowledge and understanding of a chosen topic.

Elite science program

Selected schools across Queensland offer innovative science programs so students can undertake advanced studies in a specific scientific field. Elite science study tours are customised to meet the specific needs of students wanting to further their scientific skills and knowledge in areas such as chemistry and biotechnology, environmental studies and agricultural sciences. Programs combine scientific research with practical activities in a variety of purpose-built and natural learning environments.

Excellence programs

Many Queensland Government schools have been identified as schools of excellence, focusing on sports, music, arts and other key curriculum areas. These schools offer innovative and specialised programs, designed and delivered by teaching professionals and experts in their chosen field. Many of these schools also have strong links with Queensland's tertiary institutes and local industry to ensure practical curriculum design and a strong foundation for students' future career development.

Global leadership program

EQI recognises the importance of empowering students and developing their leadership skills in an ever-changing global landscape. Students participating in a Global Leadership specialised study tour program will experience inspiring and challenging learning activities focused on building self-confidence, communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills. They build leadership skills that extend well beyond the study tour, forming a strong foundation for lifelong learning and global citizenship.

Virtual programs

EQI's virtual programs have been designed to take students on an educational journey. Participants have the opportunity to connect and explore with Queensland classrooms, and recognise the importance of global perspectives.

Students will have opportunities to demonstrate and develop the following skills:

- **Leadership:** identifying their own strengths and areas for growth.
- **Problem solving:** undertaking challenges and developing new skills in the process.
- **Critical thinking:** learning how to initiate and plan a project.
- **Cross-cultural communication:** recognising the benefits of working collaboratively with international partners.
- **Global awareness:** engaging with issues of global significance using a project-based approach.
- **Decision making:** recognising the impact and considering the ethics of their choices and actions.

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ACADEMY *of* GLOBAL MINDS

STUDENT MASTERCLASS SERIES

Through the EQI Academy of Global Minds program, students are encouraged to actively engage with global topics. Students have the opportunity to develop their communication, investigation and collaboration skills to recognise complex differences between cultures.

Primary, junior and senior high school students are welcome to join the EQI Academy of Global Minds program. The content and difficulty of the topic streams vary, with a package available to suit every student group.

Schools can select from four topic streams to suit their learning outcomes and students' English level. Each topic stream includes access to interactive video lessons produced by EQI with Queensland education, academic and industry experts. Students are then invited to discuss their new knowledge and work through a variety of activities with Queensland Government students during virtual interactive sessions.

The Culture of Queensland

Environmental Sustainability

Cultural and Global Leadership

Entrepreneurship

Start planning *your **journey** to* Queensland ***today***

It is easy to plan your study tour to Queensland, Australia with one of EQI's accredited agents. EQI works collaboratively with many education agents and tour operators around the world to design unique study tour programs that meet desired learning outcomes.

Agents promote our programs internationally and provide essential advisory and travel services to assist students participating in an EQI study tour.

1 Choose Queensland

Each Queensland region has unique programs on offer due to the local industries and distinct environment.

Queensland has multiple metropolitan and regional airports for easy access to the destination of choice.

2 Design a program

The EQI Study Tours team will work with your nominated agent to develop a customised program, starting with the following information:

- group name
- arrival/departure dates
- study tour duration (day visit, two-day visit, study tour)
- age and number of study tour participants and chaperones

3 Add optional extras

Add extras to build on a study tour experience:

- study tour focus such as cultural exchange, STEAM, global leadership
- homestay accommodation
- educational or sightseeing excursions and more

4 Confirm your booking

The EQI Study Tours team will be able to provide your nominated agent with a quote and sample program itinerary.

Now you are ready to book your program.

For more information about current programs on offer, visit **eqi.com.au**

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