



Education Queensland International

# Queensland Government Primary School Handbook

# Primary school



Welcome to Australia. A mix of cultures, landscapes and experiences - welcome to studying at a primary school in Queensland.

Primary school should be fun, adventurous, a place to learn and be encouraged to try something new and explore your talent. Hands up who wants to learn English and then practise in the music room or while playing basketball with your new school buddies?

A multicultural country, Queensland Government primary schools provide the opportunity to meet other international students, try food from all over the world and learn about the Aussie way of life.

Whether you want to live near the beach, the inner-city, the countryside or the beautiful outback - Queensland has 32 primary schools to choose from. We welcome you and your family and to living in a safe and friendly neighbourhood.

Starting at primary school in Queensland provides the back drop for the rewarding journey ahead. Start early and set a pathway to success. Imagine your child becoming more advanced through their Australian education and be ahead of their peers when they get back home.

Why not enrol for primary school and return for high school?



# Our primary school program



PS Primary School  
(CRICOS Course Code: 082519A)

Our Primary School program gives young students a positive start to their early development and learning.



Local Australian children start school at 5 years old but our international students must be 6 years old on the day they start school.

All students from a non-English speaking background receive specialist English as an Additional Language/ Dialect (EAL/D) lessons so they can participate in classroom and extracurricular activities.

Primary school provides a strong foundation for future study.

International primary school students must hold a student visa (500)\* to start an EQI International Student Program.

International students enrolled in primary school must stay with a parent or a Department of Home Affairs approved relative.

To be eligible for this student visa, international students must be 6 years of age or older.

Program length

As little as one semester (20 weeks), or the full 7 years program

Program entry

At the beginning of any school term (January, April, July, October)

Age range

6 - 11 years

School year(s)

Prep - Year 6

Entry requirements

6 years of age or older

Passing grades in core subjects for previous years are required.

No minimum English language is needed for entry.

For more eligibility requirements for student visas, please visit <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500>

Need more information?  
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# Our primary schools

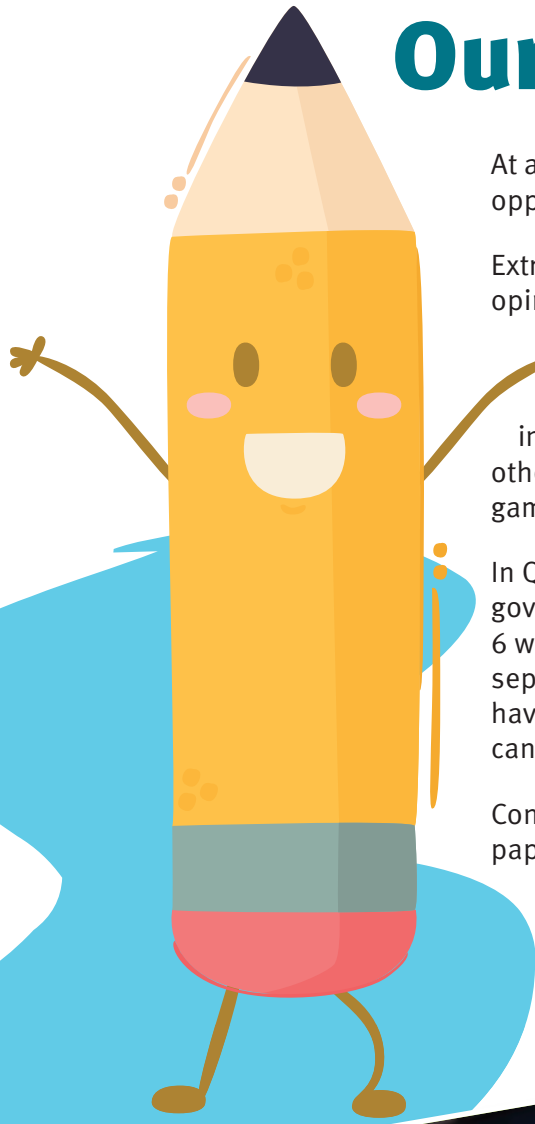
At an Australian primary school, students are given the opportunities to explore their potential.

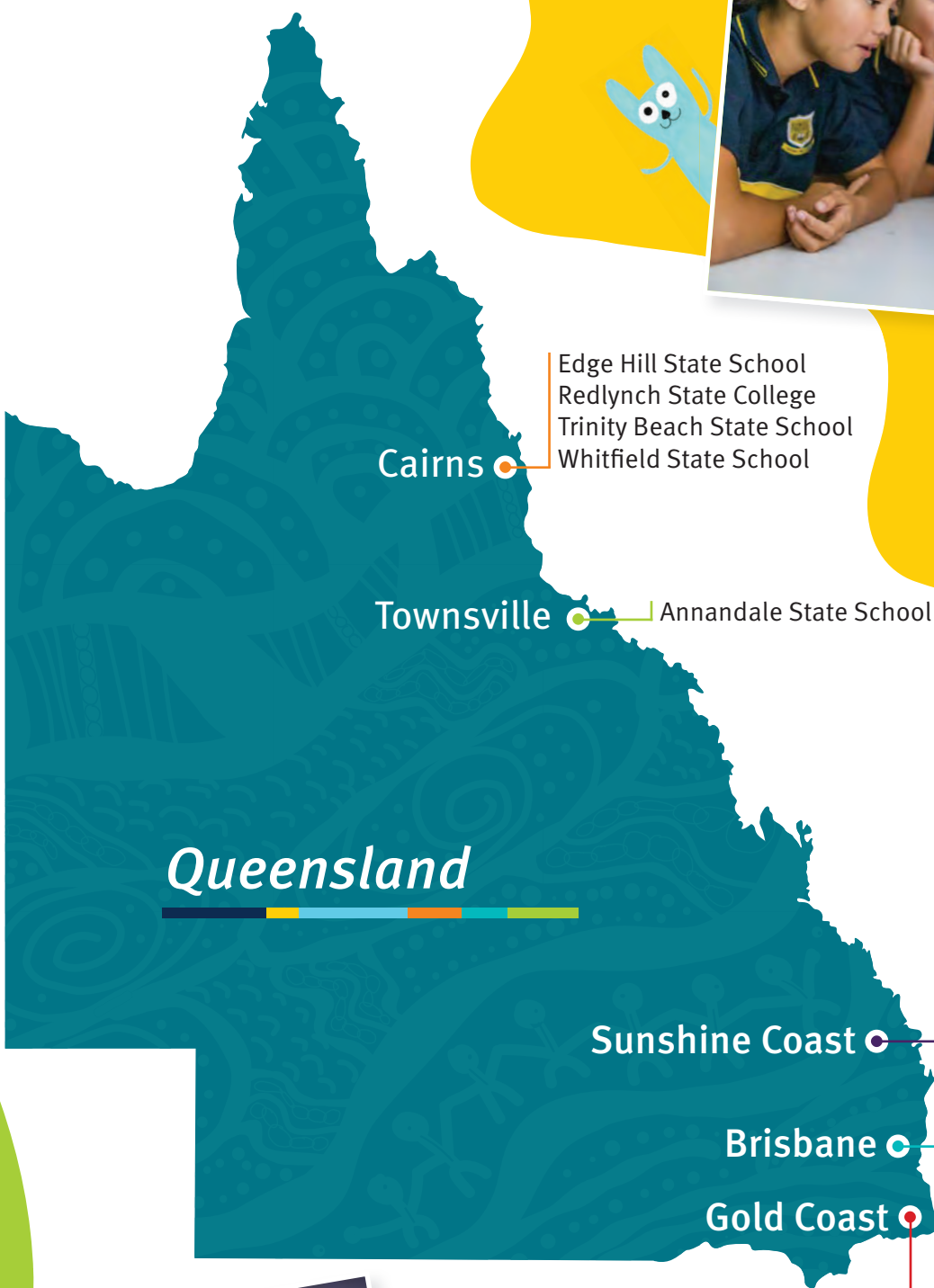
Extra-curricular subjects and activities are offered to expand opinions and open their world to the endless possibilities available.

In addition to their daily subjects and class times, primary students can join clubs for chess, coding, individual instruments or orchestra, basketball/tennis/swimming and many other sports to keep fit and healthy. There's robotics and virtual games as well as gardening, cooking and art.

In Queensland we have 32 schools offering the primary program in government state schools and colleges. They all offer Prep to Year 6 with the addition that the colleges also provide Year 7 to 12 in a separate part of the campus. The colleges would be ideal if you also have high school students coming with you to Queensland as they can all be attending the same school.

Contact your nearest education agent who can help you with the paperwork toward a successful enrolment.





Cairns

Edge Hill State School  
Redlynch State College  
Trinity Beach State School  
Whitfield State School

Townsville

Annandale State School

Queensland

Sunshine Coast

Chancellor State College  
Kawana Waters State College  
Meridan State College  
Nambour State College  
Sunshine Beach State School

Brisbane

Aspley East State School  
Burpengary State School  
Calamvale Community College  
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Gold Coast

Ashmore State School  
Benowa State School  
Broadbeach State School  
Merrimac State School  
Upper Coomera State College  
Varsity College



# Aspley East State School

**Address:** 31 Helena Street, Aspley QLD

**Website:** [aspleyeastss.eq.edu.au](http://aspleyeastss.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 879



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## Special programs

- › Aspley State High School Learning Advancement Program (extension learning in a range of subjects including philosophy, English, mathematics, the arts and science, for selected students in Years 5 and 6)
- › BYOD (iPad) Program in Years 4–6 for all students
- › Instrumental music, band and choral programs
- › Strings orchestra
- › Visual arts
- › Student leadership and support programs
- › Sports and Enrichment Programs for Year 4–6 students
- › EarlyAct Club (community service)
- › A range of lunchtime activities such as Lego Club, Gardening Club, Choirs, Skipping Club and Chess Club
- › Inclusive Education Program

## Extracurricular activities

- › Outside school-hours care
- › Senior and junior choirs and Instrumental music program
- › Performing arts and cultural activities
- › Harmony Day
- › 'A' Factor Talent Quest (performing arts)
- › External competitions such as: Brisbane Curriculum Leaders Mathematics Tournament, International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) academic competitions and the Australian Mathematics Competition

## School facilities

- › Library Resource Centre, music classrooms, air-conditioned classrooms, tree-lined oval and shaded playground areas, on-campus after hours school care, modern multipurpose tennis court

# Burpengary State School

**Address:** 35 Station Road, Burpengary QLD

**Website:** [burpengaryss.eq.edu.au](http://burpengaryss.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 872



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## Special programs

- › High school partnership with a science and maths academy
- › Specialist design and digital technologies teacher with dedicated classroom spaces
- › STEM program
- › One-to-one iPad program (Years 4–6)
- › Specialist dance and drama teacher with opportunities to perform in dance troupes
- › Little Brother/Little Sister program for Prep and Year 6 students
- › Kitchen and Garden program
- › Student leadership program (Years 5–6)
- › Speech language therapist and psychologist

## Extracurricular activities

- › High performance instrumental music, band and choral programs
- › Caboolture Basketball Inc partnership
- › Robotics and Coding Clubs
- › Sporting competitions at district, state and national levels
- › Annual Year 6 camp
- › Arts Excellence Showcases
- › Annual swimming lessons

## School facilities

- › Interactive touch screens in every classroom
- › Three separate ovals and modern playgrounds for early childhood, middle and upper school students
- › P and C Centre: an enclosed hall for sports, the performing arts and key school events
- › The Hub: 21<sup>st</sup> Century flexible learning space
- › Specialist science rooms and STEM space
- › Full teaching kitchen and many garden spaces to grow food
- › Wireless networked classrooms with accessible laptop and iPad trolleys

# Calamvale Community College

**Address:** 11 Hamish Street, Calamvale QLD

**Website:** calamvalecc.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 2475



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## Special programs

- › Academic Excellence Program (Years 7–9)
- › STEAM Projects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) (Years 7–9)
- › Athletic Development Program – Wolves 32 (Years 7–9)
- › Hospitality (Years 10–12)
- › Chinese Language Immersion Program (Prep–Year 2)

## Extracurricular activities

- › Sports champions in the metropolitan region
- › Champion cheerleading teams
- › Instrumental music program including a Taiko Drum troupe
- › Vocal groups (choirs, instrumental bands)
- › String ensemble and orchestra
- › International study tours
- › International homestays
- › Intensive language support program for English acquisition

## School facilities

- › Indoor sports stadium, ovals, 200-seat performing arts theatre, STEAM facilities, creative arts precinct, modern library, separate Prep facility, canteen, uniform shop and licensed restaurant and training facility
- › Technology – iPads from Prep to Year 5 and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) from Year 3 onwards

# Cleveland State School

**Address:** Cnr Queen and Wynyard Streets, Cleveland QLD

**Website:** clevelandss.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 704



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## Special programs

- › REaDing IncenTive program (REDIT)
- › Arts Alive program including arts extension program, musical theatre and art exhibitions
- › Days of Excellence (public speaking, languages, mathematics, science and arts)
- › Instrumental music program: strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, junior and advanced bands
- › Junior and senior choirs
- › Extension classes for all specialist subjects for students with high intellectual and sporting capabilities
- › STEAM-Athlon – an academic triathlon focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)

## Extracurricular activities

- › Art exhibitions, twilight concerts and musical theatre
- › Languages Day with Cleveland District SHS
- › Harmony Day, Science Week, Book Week, public speaking, French Week
- › Year 6 camp

## School facilities

- › Dedicated international student and English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) rooms
- › Wireless-networked classrooms with access to iPads and desktop and laptop computers
- › Swimming pool
- › Multipurpose hall
- › Outdoor play, sports fields, outdoor learning areas and covered spaces

# Durack State School

**Address:** 69 Inala Avenue, Durack QLD

**Website:** durackss.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 662



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## Special programs

- › Early Years Oral Language program
- › Representations, oral language and engagement in mathematics program
- › Extension programs including: robotics, coding, debating and online learning
- › School Leadership program
- › Positive Behaviour for Learning program
- › Specialist support including:
  - Speech language pathology
  - Occupational therapy
  - Hearing specialist
  - Guidance officer
  - Welfare officer
  - Special Education Program

## Extracurricular activities

- › Music and Arts program
- › Chess Club
- › Science Club
- › Friendship Club
- › Problem-solving Games Club
- › Garden Club
- › Inter-school challenges and competitions
- › Inter-school sports program

## School facilities

- › Outside School Hours Care
- › Hall for Performing Arts and Physical Education
- › Outdoor Learning Areas
- › Special Education support facilities
- › Resource Centre including library, computer lab and student green room
- › Multipurpose basketball court
- › Tuckshop open five days a week
- › Kindy

# Earnshaw State College

**Address:** Cnr Earnshaw and Tufnell Roads, Banyo QLD

**Website:** earnshawsc.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 800



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## Special programs

- › Baseball Academy (Years 4–12)
- › Performing Arts Academy (Prep–12)
- › Year 2–5 Strings instrumental music program
- › Da Vinci's Workshop Creative Makerspace – all students
- › Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), robotics and coding from Prep
- › International ambassador program linking international students with peers
- › Mentoring program and transitioning program for new students
- › Online digital classrooms for every subject, giving direct access to curriculum, assessments and homework

## Extracurricular activities

- › Drama, art, dance and music (instrumental, bands and vocal groups) (Prep–12)
- › Book and writing clubs
- › STEM including Young Engineers programs
- › A range of sports including swimming, football, baseball, triathlon and competition skipping
- › Study and homework clubs – general and in specific curriculum areas with specialists

## School facilities

- › Specialised facilities for industrial technology and visual arts with pottery kiln
- › Hospitality and barista facilities
- › Science laboratories and computer laboratories
- › Tennis, basketball and netball courts
- › Performing arts theatre with full lighting and sound facilities – learning space
- › Sports hall, large playing fields and 25 m swimming pool
- › Library, bookshop and cafe
- › Outside school hours care

# Jindalee State School

**Address:** 114 Burrendah Road, Jindalee QLD

**Website:** jindaleess.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 781



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## Special programs

- › Our academic performance is above the state average, and we lead the state in curriculum programs
- › Digital Technologies program, including coding and robotics
- › Vibrant classroom and instrumental music programs in choral, strings, band and Orff Schulwerk instrumental programs
- › Student technology team
- › English as an Additional Language/ Dialect (EAL/D) program
- › Learning support programs
- › Before and after school care
- › Vacation care programs

## Extracurricular activities

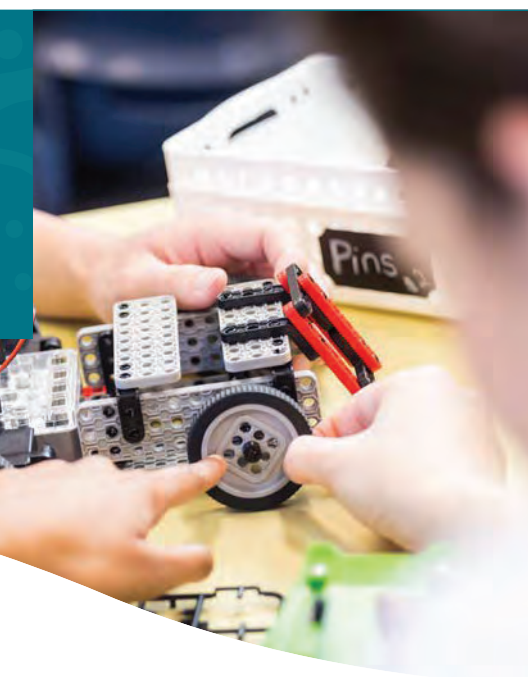
- › Extensive music program, including: Choirs, String groups, Concert bands, Marimba bands
- › Music showcase
- › Extensive extracurricular sporting program, including: District sports (high premiership results), Soccer, Touch football, Australian Football League, Australian Rugby League, Cricket, Baseball, Softball, Netball, Basketball, Swimming, Cross-country, Athletics
- › Variety of student clubs, including: Chess club, Coding club, Technology student crew club
- › International school competitions
- › Inter-school academic competitions
- › Tournament of Minds (TOM)
- › Chess tournaments

# Kelvin Grove State College

**Address:** L'Estrange Terrace, Kelvin Grove QLD

**Website:** kelvingrovesc.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 3600



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## Extracurricular activities

- › Music programs – orchestras, jazz and string ensembles, bands, Taiko drums, choir
- › Student Representative Council, debating, social justice
- › Environmental committee
- › Magazine committee
- › Sporting clubs – Rugby, Basketball, Netball
- › Art, Drama, Journalism and Writing clubs
- › Maths club
- › Chess club
- › Robotics club
- › Makerspace club
- › DigiSpace and eSports clubs
- › Italian and Japanese Club
- › Dance Troupe
- › Cultural Dance
- › STEM Club
- › Internet of Things Arduino Smart

## School facilities

- › Separate Junior, Middle and Senior School areas
- › Performing and Visual Arts facilities
- › Dance studios
- › Music Auditorium
- › Science and Technology Laboratories
- › World-class Sports Centre & Gymnasium
- › Heated swimming pool
- › Tennis, basketball and volleyball courts
- › Sports ovals
- › Aquaponics Farm
- › QLD Ballet Academy Building

# Kenmore State School

**Address:** 2052 Moggill Road, Kenmore QLD

**Website:** kenmoress.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 420



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## Special programs

- › Days of Excellence (Science and Visual Arts)
- › Swimming lessons (school pool)
- › Instrumental music, band and choral program
- › Whole-school literacy program designed to accelerate English learning (Reading to Learn)
- › Specialist lessons in The Arts, Music, Physical Education, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- › International Study Tours
- › Professional visits from international delegations
- › Enrichment opportunities in Mathematics, Music, The Arts and Writing
- › Peer-support buddy program
- › School Leaders Program
- › University of Qld STEM Convention
- › STEM excursions for all year levels

## Extracurricular activities

- › Annual Multicultural Festival
- › Representative sport pathways – school, district, state, national
- › After school programs – tennis, swimming, Taekwondo
- › Interschool sports: Swimming, Athletics, Soccer, Netball, Touch football, Tennis, Basketball
- › International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) competitions
- › Outside Hours School Care and Vacation Care Program

## School facilities

- › Indoor sport and performance centre
- › 25-metre swimming pool
- › Two tennis courts
- › Netball and basketball court
- › Adventure playgrounds and Nature Play Spaces
- › Environmental area
- › Resource Centre including library and computers
- › Laptops and iPads provided to classes

# Mitchelton State School

**Address:** 47 Glen Retreat Road, Mitchelton QLD

**Website:** mitcheltonss.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 540



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## Extracurricular activities

- › Instrumental music program (strings, brass, woodwind, percussion)
- › String ensemble, concert band
- › Choir ensembles
- › Active student council and student leader program
- › Science club
- › Coding club
- › Makerspace club
- › Chess club
- › Exciting camping program (Years 4–6)
- › Academic competitions (mathematics, English, science, digital technology)
- › International professional study tours for educators

## Special programs

- › Cultural activities
- › Sports carnivals (athletics, cross-country, swimming)
- › Award-winning STEM program
- › Strong links with Mitchelton State High School – accredited High School Preparation (HSP) and Junior School Preparation (JSP) secondary school

## School facilities

- › Library resource centre
- › Hall
- › Large oval
- › Swimming pool
- › Tennis courts
- › Adventure playground

# North Lakes State College

**Address:** Joyner Circuit, North Lakes QLD

**Website:** northlakescollege.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 2366



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## Extracurricular activities

- › Debating and public speaking
- › Instrumental Music Program: strings, percussion, bands (wind, contemporary and orchestra) and vocal ensembles
- › Dance – Junior Performance Team, Open Hip Hop Team
- › Tech Crew
- › Drama Club
- › Theatre sports
- › Culinary Club
- › SciConnect
- › Student Representative Council
- › Student Leadership team
- › Homework Club
- › Writers' Club
- › The Lion: Student Newspaper
- › Sporting competitions – QLD Oztag Schools Cup, Netball, Rugby Union, FISAF Sports Aerobics
- › Esports teams

## School facilities

- › Science Centre including both senior and junior laboratories as well as a 90-seat lecture theatre
- › Technology and Design Centre featuring robotics laboratories, computer aided design labs, project design labs and a wide range of design and construction workspaces
- › More than 60 general learning areas featuring the latest interactive technologies and collaborative work spaces
- › iServices precinct combining the latest in digital technologies
- › Creative industries precinct including film and television suites, a green room, visual arts spaces, dance studios, soundproof music rehearsal labs, instrumental music suites and a 300-seat Performing Arts Centre
- › Large indoor sports centre including a kinesiology lab
- › Sporting fields including basketball and tennis courts

# Stretton State College

**Address:** Illaween St, Stretton QLD

**Website:** strettonsc.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 3370



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## Special programs

- › Lighthouse Academic Excellence Program (Years 4–9)
- › Instrumental Music Band Program (years 4–12) including brass, woodwind percussion
- › Instrumental Music Strings Program (years 4–12) including violin, viola, cello and double bass
- › Academy Sport program for elite athletes in Rugby League, Volleyball, Touch Football, Football (soccer) (years 4–12)
- › International study tours in sport and instrumental music
- › Homework tutorials
- › Robotics tutorials
- › Academic mentoring
- › Student council and student leadership
- › Science ambassadors
- › Camp and outdoor education programs

## Extracurricular activities

- › Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Championships
- › HPVs (human powered vehicles)
- › School musicals
- › Drama productions
- › Lunchtime activities and clubs
- › Harmony Day celebrations

## School facilities

- › Specialist facilities for science
- › Performing Arts Complex including auditorium
- › Dedicated instrumental music rehearsal spaces and studios
- › Sports hall, gym and oval playing spaces
- › Library and collaborative learning spaces
- › Digital technologies facilities
- › Design technology facilities including workshops and 3D printing

# Sunnybank State School

**Address:** 50 Eddington Street, Sunnybank QLD

**Website:** sunnybankss.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 330



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## Special programs

- › Evidence based practices for the teaching of reading and writing
- › Synthetic phonics program in the early years
- › Heggarty phonemic awareness program
- › International student support program
- › Senior student leadership program
- › Physical education program
- › Online extension program with IMPACT Centre, e.g. Technology, Writing, Mathematics
- › Languages Other Than English (LOTE) program, i.e. Chinese Mandarin
- › Whole-school wellbeing and support programs
- › School funded one to one iPad classes
- › Inclusion teachers, incorporating English as an Additional Language/ Dialect (EAL/D) support
- › Instrumental music opportunities – strings and band (Years 3–6)

## Extracurricular activities

- › Range of incursions and excursions across year levels, planetarium, wildlife experience
- › Dance program
- › Swimming program for all year levels
- › Sunny Starters Program – pre-Prep children
- › Sunnybank Has Talent (Talent Show)
- › Gala Sports Days where teams compete against other schools (Year 5–6) Football (soccer), Netball, Basketball, Rugby League, Touch Football

## School facilities

- › Wireless networked classrooms with smartboards and access to tablets, and desktop and laptop computers
- › Two adventure playgrounds
- › Large oval
- › Outdoor learning environmental area
- › Multipurpose hall, Basketball, Tennis and netball courts
- › Resource centre with interactive smartboards, tablets, and desktop and laptop computers

# Upper Mount Gravatt State School

**Address:** 1899 Logan Road, Upper Mount Gravatt QLD

**Website:** upmtgravss.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 500



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## Extracurricular activities

- › Choirs and bands
- › Instrumental music
- › Student leadership program
- › Arts program
- › Camps and excursions
- › Running Club, Chinese Club and Homework Club
- › Swimming and athletics carnivals
- › Community events
- › Dance
- › Soccer
- › Basketball, netball and tennis courts
- › Gym
- › Low-ropes course
- › Community cafe
- › Before and after school care
- › Swimming, Cross-country, Athletics, Triathlon
- › Opportunities to represent the school at district, state and national level

## Special programs

- › MiniLIT early literacy program (Years 1–3)
- › MacqLIT literacy program (Years 3–6)
- › Literacy and numeracy support
- › Bring Your Own iPad Program
- › Languages other than English (LOTE) Program (Years Prep–6)
- › Whole-school wellbeing program and student support services
- › English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) support

## School facilities

- › Expansive school grounds
- › Adventure playgrounds
- › Dynamic classroom environment
- › Performing arts centre
- › Resource centre (library)
- › Media room (green room)

# Whites Hill State College

**Address:** 138 Burn Street, Camp Hill QLD

**Website:** whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 750



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## Special programs

- › Sports Academy of Excellence – Sports Aerobics and Swimming
- › French Bilingual Program (Prep and Year 1)
- › Explicit teaching in 21st Century Skills

## School facilities

- › International Student Hub – The Arts and Asia Learning Centre (AALC)
- › 25 metre swimming pool
- › 1000 seat school hall
- › Innovation centre for the pursuit of STEM related learning (Robotics, 3D printing)
- › Access to devices from Prep to Year 12
- › Primary access to iPads and computers, Middle school use of iPads in the classroom

## Extracurricular activities

- › Engineering Programs (Robotics, Coding, Electronics etc.)
- › Inter-school sporting academies and competition
- › Homework club for support for all students
- › Performing arts program including instrumental music, bands and musical performances
- › Explicit leadership program for Primary, Middle and Senior students
- › Speech and Drama Club (Primary)
- › Academic Adventurers
- › Eco-marines Club
- › Junior Quota Club (Primary)
- › Japanese Academy
- › Arts/Music Lunch Club
- › Excursions and annual camps
- › Successful participation in Lion Youth Quest, a Public Speaking and Leadership Program
- › Integration opportunities through Book Club

# Woodcrest State College

**Address:** 38 Nev Smith Drive, Springfield QLD

**Website:** woodcrestsc.ed.edu.au

**Number of students:** 1800



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## Extracurricular activities

- › Interest clubs – Robotics, Drama, Vocal, Art, Photo, Jam Club
- › Inter-school Sport and Gala Days in variety of sports

## School facilities

- › Purpose-built facilities throughout
- › 200+ seat auditorium for Performing Arts and Media
- › Hospitality kitchen
- › ICT Training Rooms and BYO laptops support
- › STEM lab
- › Gymnasiums and sports facilities

## Special programs

- › Outstanding Arts Program for Visual and Performing Arts
- › Concert band, stage band, string ensemble
- › Extensive STEM program – Tetrix Robotic Challenge, Titration Competition, Robot Challenge
- › Academic mentoring and tutoring
- › After school Homework Club

# Edge Hill State School

**Address:** 254 Pease Street, Edge Hill QLD

**Website:** [edgehillss.eq.edu.au](http://edgehillss.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 1000



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## Special programs

- › Japanese language immersion program
- › After school STEM Academy
- › Sustainable living kitchen-garden project
- › Outside school hours care
- › Swimming Club

## School facilities

- › Swimming pool
- › Large oval
- › Sports stadium
- › Purpose-built STEM buildings (including a robotics room, and an open-space innovation centre)
- › Playgrounds
- › Performing arts centre
- › Attractive and well-kept grounds

## Extracurricular activities

- › Instrumental music (three string orchestras and two concert bands)
- › Three award winning choirs
- › Public speaking
- › Biennial school musical
- › Inter-school sports
- › Biennial Japanese study tour
- › Sport – Swimming, Cross-country, Athletics, Basketball, Netball, Football, Cricket, Softball, Hockey

# Redlynch State College

**Address:** Jungara Road, Redlynch QLD

**Website:** [redlynchsc.eq.edu.au](http://redlynchsc.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 1950



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## Special programs

- › Redlynch Arts Courses of Excellence (RACE): Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts
- › Instrumental music: band, choir
- › Excellence Programs in Live Production and Services, and STEM
- › Science Enrichment
- › Athlete Development Program
- › Outdoor Education – abseiling, mountain biking, hiking, camping, snorkelling
- › School Wellbeing Program
- › Student Mentoring Program
- › Rugby League Engagement Program
- › Japanese extension – Primary Years
- › Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow and Indigenous Leaders of the Future programs

## Extracurricular activities

- › Arts evenings and events
- › College Family Festival
- › Public speaking competitions
- › Student council
- › Instrumental music
- › Leadership Camp
- › World Challenge program

## School facilities

- › Modern and well equipped facilities containing wi-fi, digital projectors and smart boards
- › Science and Innovation Centre
- › Performing Arts Complex
- › Hospitality and Catering Centre
- › Practical Arts Centre
- › Creative and Industrial Technologies Centres
- › Multipurpose Sports Centre

# Trinity Beach State School

**Address:** Wewak Street, Trinity Beach QLD

**Website:** trinitybeachss.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 1020



**Cairns**

## Extracurricular activities

- › Award-winning road safety Bike Bus
- › Performing arts & Visual arts
- › Instrumental music program
- › Encore – a showcase of the school's performing arts
- › School Musical
- › Cultural and Harmony Week celebrations
- › Focus clubs including athletics, chess, gardening, robotics, drones, Club Pixel, coding and art
- › Mandarin public speaking
- › Rugby League Development Cup
- › Inter-school sports
- › Sports – gala sports days, school and district cross-country, school and district athletics, school and district trials – soccer, baseball, rugby league, Australian football, league, netball, futsal, swimming

## Special programs

- › Global Tropic Future Project
- › Young Scholars Program – sustainability, entrepreneurship, philosophy and STEAM
- › Soccer and netball academies
- › Mandarin language program
- › Performing arts extension program
- › Early Years oral language program
- › Student leadership

## School facilities

- › New double-storey learning space equipped with a state-of-the-art Makerspace centre and computer lab
- › Extensive sports facilities
- › Nature-play playground areas
- › Multipurpose sports hall and Covered Play areas
- › Library and resource room

# Whitfield State School

**Address:** 42–74 McManus Street, Whitfield QLD

**Website:** whitfieldss.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 780



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## Special programs

- › Gifted and Talented Program:
  - Actively identifies students who are gifted regardless of ethnicity, location, (dis)ability, gender or economic status
  - Improves student learning outcomes through innovative curriculum delivery
  - Fosters collaborative partnerships
- › Excellence in Sports Programs (Years 4 to 6):
  - Provides expert coaching for identified students to further enhance skill development and knowledge in four chosen sports – AFL, netball, football (soccer) and basketball
  - Encourages students to participate and represent Whitfield State School at inter-school, district, regional and state sporting events

## Extracurricular activities

- › Sport and Fitness
- › Music, Drama and Dance
- › Digital Technologies, Media
- › Entrepreneurs
- › Instrumental Music – Strings, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Piano
- › Many vibrant events, competitions and activities
- › Active Student Leadership Program

## School facilities

- › Award winning Early Years' Nature Playground
- › Large Sports Hall and Undercover Shelter
- › Library/Technology Centre
- › Technology rich classroom environments
- › Two large sports ovals
- › Preparatory classrooms
- › Instrumental Music Room
- › Tuckshop serving healthy food, open every day for morning tea and lunch

# Ashmore State School

**Address:** Currumburra Road, Ashmore QLD

**Website:** [ashmoress.eq.edu.au](http://ashmoress.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 870



**Gold Coast**

## Special programs

- › Ashmore Shine Program includes Smiling Mind, Zones of Regulation and Social Skills to support whole school community wellbeing and emotional growth
- › Secondary school immersion supporting the transition of students to secondary school
- › Link It! – a whole-school intervention approach to improving and extending literacy/numeracy skills
- › Instrumental music
- › English as an additional language/dialect targeted support
- › Student leadership program
- › Incursions, excursions and camps
- › Gifted and talented program
- › Dance curriculum
- › Pre-Prep, Playgroup
- › STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

## Extracurricular activities

- › Performing Arts (choir, instrumental music and ensembles, Gold Coast Eisteddfod)
- › Fitter, Faster, Stronger Club – health and fitness for the whole family
- › Clubs: wellbeing, breakfast, chess, robotics and coding
- › Queensland Academies Maths Challenge
- › Opportunities: Opti-MINDS (team problem-solving), Premiers Reading Challenge, MLTAQ Language Competition, Sumo (robotics) Challenge

## School facilities

- › Computer lab, projector and interactive whiteboard, laptops and iPads
- › Oval, multipurpose courts and playgrounds
- › Green room for multimedia
- › STEM rooms
- › Music Centre
- › Yarning Circle and bush tucker garden
- › Pathways: inclusive education support including a sensory and therapy room

# Benowa State School

**Address:** 314–358 Benowa Road, Benowa QLD

**Website:** [www.benowass.eq.edu.au](http://www.benowass.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 880



**Gold Coast**

## Special programs

- › Strings and brass instrumental music program
- › Choral music program
- › Sporting carnivals
- › Athletics
- › Swimming and Learn to Swim programs
- › Cross-country
- › Dance program
- › Visual Arts Program (Years 1–4)
- › Digital technologies program
- › Chaplaincy program
- › English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D)

## Extracurricular activities

- › School Camp (Years 4, 5 and 6)
- › Inter-school sports
- › Clubs including dance, robotics, gardening, science, sports and fitness
- › Go and Run before school running program
- › Study Tours to NASA and Taiwan
- › Host International Study Tours
- › Virtual lessons with friendship school in Taiwan

## School facilities

- › Laptop Lab
- › Library
- › Music room
- › Wi-fi in every learning space
- › School sports and Activities Hall
- › Multipurpose courts
- › International Friendship Garden

# Broadbeach State School

**Address:** 1–19 Alexandra Avenue, Broadbeach QLD

**Website:** [broadbeachss.eq.edu.au](http://broadbeachss.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 1175



**Gold Coast**



## Extracurricular activities

- › Instrumental music: strings, woodwind, brass, percussion and guitar
- › Choir
- › Dance classes
- › Chess
- › Robotics club
- › Camps in Years 4 to 6
- › Excursions and incursions
- › International study tours
- › Japanese Sister School exchange
- › Inter-school sports (rugby league, soccer, netball, touch football, basketball)
- › Learn-to-swim program
- › Surfing Program (offered to Year 6 students)

## Special programs

- › Extension program in mathematics for students who excel (Years 3–6)
- › Choral Excellence
- › Dance Excellence Program
- › Outside school hours care service
- › EAL/D support
- › Weekly focused Social and Emotional Program

## School facilities

- › Air-conditioned facilities
- › Computer laboratory, laptops and iPads
- › Well resourced library
- › Music room and instrumental music room
- › Community room and art room
- › Dance studio
- › Sports oval
- › Play gyms

# Merrimac State School

**Address:** Boowaggan Road, Merrimac QLD

**Website:** [merrimacss.eq.edu.au](http://merrimacss.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 730



**Gold Coast**



## Special programs

- › Active Student Council and Student Leadership program
- › Kids Matter program
- › Peaceful Kids
- › Robotics
- › English as an Additional Language/ Dialect (EAL/D) program
- › Instrumental music program
- › Junior and senior choirs, strings and concert band
- › Environmental focus
- › The Arts
- › Camping program (Years 4–5)
- › Sports carnivals – athletics, swimming and cross-country
- › Intra-school and Inter-school sporting programs
- › International Sister School program. We look forward to resuming Study Tours to Japan
- › International Study Tours

## Extracurricular activities

- › Lunchtime clubs – such as STEM club, funky dance club, singing club
- › Music ensembles
- › Active afternoon school sports
- › Harmony Day celebrations
- › Under 8s Day
- › Wellness Day
- › Before school fitness program

## School facilities

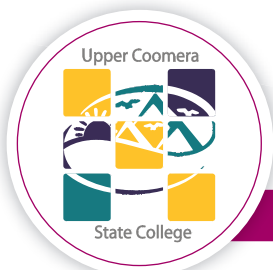
- › Language centre
- › Performing arts centre
- › Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) space
- › Multipurpose centre
- › Information Communication Technology Centre
- › Sports courts – tennis, basketball, netball

# Upper Coomera State College

**Address:** 137 Reserve Road, Upper Coomera QLD

**Website:** [uppercoomerasc.eq.edu.au](http://uppercoomerasc.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 1907



**Gold Coast**

## Extracurricular activities

- › Dance, drama, music, film, band, choir
- › Kokoda Challenge
- › Sports carnivals and competitions
- › STEM conventions and science shows
- › Creative arts workshops and excursions
- › Curriculum-related tutorials/Homework Club

## School facilities

- › Industry standard film and dance studios
- › Kitchens and barista facilities
- › Indoor sports centre and gym, outdoor courts and fields
- › Free equipment hire for students studying film or music subjects
- › STEAM Precinct: industrial workshops, Technology, Arts and Science Centre
- › Infrastructure to support bring-your-own laptops

## Special programs

- › STEM Academy: An innovative, academically challenging and inspiring learning pathway for students who excel in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- › Creative Arts Academy: A unique opportunity for students to access state-of-the-art facilities and expert teachers with real-world experience, and to be encouraged to excel in Film, Drama, Visual Art, Dance and Music
- › Sports Academy: Students develop skills and knowledge relevant to their chosen sporting pathway, focusing on each student's academic, athletic and personal development

# Varsity College

**Address:** 198 Varsity Pde, Varsity Lakes QLD

**Website:** [varsitycollege.eq.edu.au](http://varsitycollege.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 3400



**Gold Coast**

## Extracurricular activities

- › Debating, public speaking and mooting
- › Robotics
- › Orchestra, strings, stage band, choir, concert band
- › Inter-school sport
- › A range of extracurricular sporting options
- › Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme
- › World Challenge program
- › Kokoda Challenge

## School facilities

- › Specialist science laboratories and workshops
- › State-of-the-art learning centre
- › Interactive whiteboards
- › Personal devices for all students (Years 3–12)
- › Film and television editing, stage sound and lighting facilities
- › Sports courts, two ovals and a gym

## Special programs

- › ASPIRE Excellence programs including:
  - Academy of Mathematics and Science
  - English and Social Science Academy
  - Cultural (Music, Drama, Art and Media)
  - Sporting (Athlete Development Program, Basketball, Rowing, Football, AFL)
  - Chinese
- › Diploma of Business
- › One2One computer program (Years 4–12)
- › Ambassador leadership program
- › English as an Additional Language/ Dialect (EAL/D) support team

# Chancellor State College

**Address:** 164 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs QLD

**Website:** [chancellorsc.eq.edu.au](http://chancellorsc.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 3124



**Sunshine Coast**

## Special programs

- › Chancellor State College is partnered with Union Institute of Language (UIL) and is the only school on the Sunshine Coast to offer High School Preparation (HSP). The UIL Secondary School Preparation Program (SSPP) prepares students to enter junior or senior secondary school at the students' choice of registered EQI Schools
- › Australian and World Championship Robotics Programs
- › Marine Science and Aquatics programs including boating, house-boat camp and snorkelling on Lady Elliot Island (Great Barrier Reef)
- › Athletics and gym coaching before and after school, including track and field
- › Academy programs – athletics, football and touch football

## Extracurricular activities

- › Free surfing lesson as a welcome gift
- › International students school adventure camps program to iconic Australian locations – Lady Elliot Island, Kakadu, K'gari (Fraser Island), Sydney
- › Instrumental music program, ensembles, concert bands, orchestra and stage band
- › Specialist track and field coaches offer multi-disciplinary programs for elite athletes utilising world-class facilities

## School facilities

- › Indoor sports stadium
- › Purpose-built robotics labs
- › Performing arts centre
- › Music laboratory with recording facilities
- › Green room for film and television
- › Gymnasium
- › Olympic-sized swimming pool
- › Integrated HSP English Language School

# Kawana Waters State College

**Address:** 119 Sportsman Parade, Bokarina QLD

**Website:** [kawanawaterssc.eq.edu.au](http://kawanawaterssc.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 1800



**Sunshine Coast**

## Special programs

- › Aquatics Excellence program
- › Arts Excellence program
- › Football School of Excellence
- › Academic Curriculum Excellence program
- › Programs of distinction in the arts: drama, dance, visual arts and music
- › Vocational education and training in tourism, computing, arts, hospitality and construction
- › English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D)
- › Tutorial programs
- › Gifted and talented program

## Extracurricular activities

- › School camps/excursions
- › Leadership development
- › Musical dance and drama performances and excursions
- › International student excursions
- › Writers workshops and competitions
- › Football
- › Swimming and Athletics Carnival
- › School Sport Representative program

## School facilities

- › Aquatics centre, Olympic-sized swimming pool
- › Extensive sports facilities
- › Performing arts centre
- › Hospitality and catering rooms
- › International student centre

# Meridan State College

**Address:** 214 Parklands Blvd, Meridan Plains QLD

**Website:** meridansc.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 879



**Sunshine Coast**

## Extracurricular activities

- › International Aussie Adventure Program including our Learn to Surf program
- › Dedicated weekly international ESL classes
- › Day trips to Australia Zoo, Brisbane and Byron Bay
- › Music Tution/Concert Band
- › Photography/Art Club
- › Multiple Sporting Options
- › Aquatic Swimming Pool directly opposite Meridan SC

## School facilities

- › Indoor Sports Performance Centre with two full-size basketball courts and gym
- › Tennis courts
- › Performing Arts Centre encompassing dance studio
- › Two school ovals
- › Resource centre equipped with our IT help desk
- › Two science buildings with 8 science labs
- › Bring Your Own Device Program

## Special programs

- › International Marine Science Program
- › International UQ University Coral Watch Ambassador Program
- › Aquatic Practices
- › Sports and Outdoor Recreation
- › Dance
- › Music
- › Hospitality
- › Film, Media and Television
- › Industrial Technology and Design
- › Business and IT
- › Creative Arts/Photography and Graphic Design

# Nambour State College

**Address:** 1 Carroll Street, Nambour QLD

**Website:** namboursc.eq.edu.au

**Number of students:** 1600



**Sunshine Coast**

## Extracurricular activities

- › After school study program, homework club and tutoring
- › School dance and music performances
- › Instrumental music – strings, woodwind and percussion
- › Inter-school sports competitions
- › Academic competitions
- › Community projects, Rotary Interact Club, Lions Youth of the Year
- › School camps, leadership camp and excursions

## School facilities

- › Science laboratories
- › Technology centre
- › Performing arts hall and auditorium
- › Farm and agricultural facilities
- › Sports courts – tennis, basketball and volleyball
- › Sports grounds – soccer, rugby and athletics
- › Gym and swimming pool
- › Student Learning Centre

## Special programs

- › Accelerated studies for gifted students to work in higher year programs
- › Leadership programs (Years 4–12)
- › Excellence Program – Volleyball
- › Academy of Creative Arts (NACA)
- › Science Technology Engineering Art and Maths (STEAM) programs – Years Prep to 12 including robotics coding
- › Working school farm including dairy and miniature horse program, sheep and poultry
- › EAL/D support (intensive English program)

# Sunshine Beach State School

**Address:** 105 Ben Lexcen Dr, Sunshine Beach QLD

**Website:** [sunshinebeachss.eq.edu.au](http://sunshinebeachss.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 800



**Sunshine Coast**

## Extracurricular activities

- › Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program
- › Lunchtime and after school activity options
- › Student council
- › Sporting program – water polo, netball, rugby league, rugby union, soccer, AFL and cricket

## School facilities

- › Multipurpose court
- › School hall
- › Computer labs
- › Resource centre
- › Makerspace

## Special programs

- › Prep transition program
- › Bush playgroup
- › Arts program – choir, dance, instrumental band, strings, drama and performance
- › Exciting off-site camping and environmental skills programs
- › Camping program – leadership camps, class camps and music camps
- › Permaculture garden
- › Development sports programs
- › Surf education and swimming program

# Annandale State School

**Address:** Yolanda Dr and Oleander St, Annandale, Townsville QLD

**Website:** [annandaless.eq.edu.au](http://annandaless.eq.edu.au)

**Number of students:** 700



**Townsville**

## Special programs

- › Seven Steps to Writing Success
- › The Speech Sound Pics approach is used to teach reading, writing and spelling in the early years
- › EALD support program with TESOL trained staff member
- › Excursions to support the curriculum in Prep and Years 1, 2 and 3
- › School camps to support the curriculum in Years 4, 5 and 6
- › IMPACT (extension programs through the School of Distance Education)

## School facilities

- › Air-conditioned
- › Large school oval
- › Modern play equipment
- › Six computer labs
- › Modern library/resources centre

## Extracurricular activities

- › Inter-school sport program across the year – 3 Seasons of Sport (rugby league, hockey, netball, tennis, rugby union, soccer, touch football, Australian Football League, cricket, tee-ball, basketball)
- › Senior and junior choir
- › Instrumental music program: strings (Years 3–6), and woodwind, brass and percussion (Years 4–6)
- › Concert bands, orchestra ensembles
- › Opti-MINDS creative problem solving event, Lego competition
- › Life education
- › Swimming for Years 2 and 3
- › Challenge Games sports for students living with a disability
- › Eisteddfod performance competition
- › Student council activities

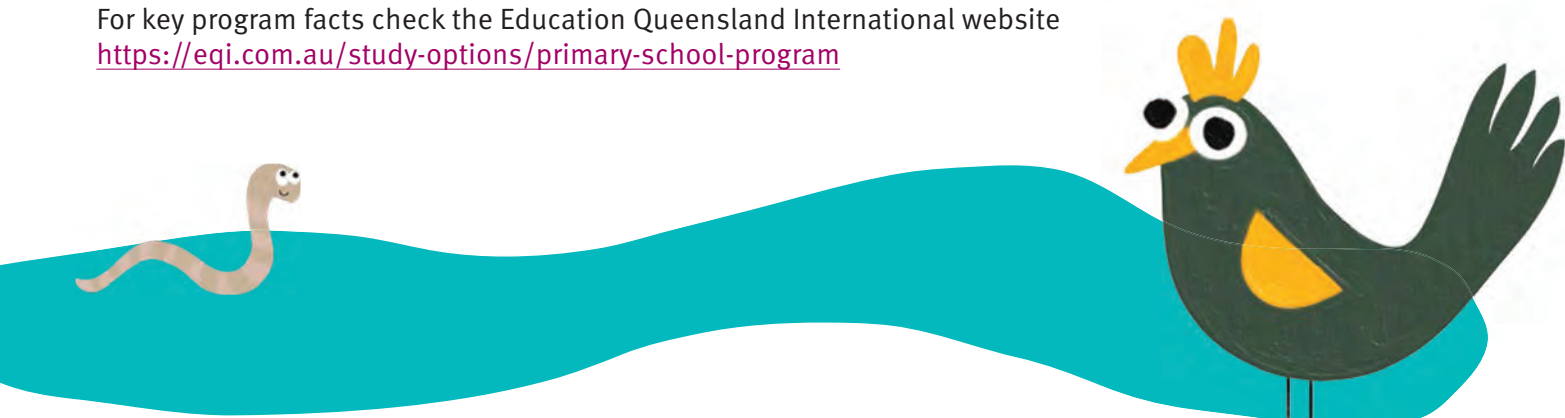


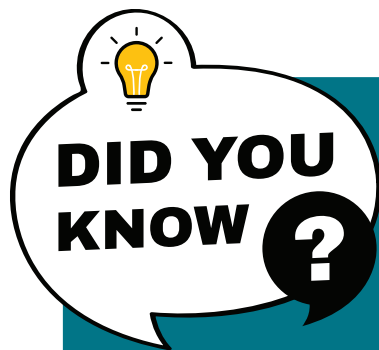
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9:15 - 9:30					Narrative links/typing		
9:30 - 9:45	Writing groups				Spelling		
9:45 - 10:00					Handwriting/typing		
10:00 - 10:15	Maths	Reading groups	English	Science	Reading groups		
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11:45 - 12:00	Spelling	Spelling	Maths rotations	Spelling	Dance & golf excellence	Catch up time & laptop skills	
12:00 - 12:15	Science	Typing		Physical education			
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2:00 - 2:15	Emotion management	Emotion management	Spelling	Italian	Drama		
2:15 - 2:30	Handwriting	Handwriting					
2:30 - 2:45	Humanities & Social Science	Humanities & Social Science	Humanities & Social Science	Music	Arts links		
2:45 - 3:00							

\*This is just one school's year 4 sample. Other schools could have different subjects.

If you need more detail on the course structure, learning resources, and learning outcomes <https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/>

For key program facts check the Education Queensland International website <https://eqi.com.au/study-options/primary-school-program>





Most schools have a second-hand shop that sells school uniforms to parents including dresses, shirts, trousers and skirts.

Many areas of Brisbane have communities to make you feel welcome as you settle in to your new home.

There are many different nationality/cultural groups with their own specialty grocery shops and restaurants located through Brisbane and Queensland.

Multicultural festivals are celebrated through Queensland including the Lunar New Year.

Many rental apartments provide 24-hour security, reception staff, doormen or buzz-in entry.

Colleges offer the primary school program as well as high school Year 7 to 12. Primary school students are located in a separate area on the same campus – perfect if you have high school students as well.

Public transport information can be located here <https://jp.translink.com.au/plan-your-journey/journey-planner>

Students bring their own morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea. There is an onsite food shop available at all schools.



**Caitlin and Olivia from South Korea really enjoyed their time in Brisbane.**

In primary school there are so many new adventures to experience. Olivia tried stargazing for the first time, learning golf and the violin and top of the list was snorkelling with a turtle in the ocean.

Memories that will last forever for Caitlin are the many fishing trips with her family, swimming, tennis and learning all about Aussie Rules football.

Both girls agree that these new experiences provided the opportunities to be involved at school and experience a new level of self-esteem - Olivia even won a swimming carnival trophy which was her first ever.

In the classroom, rather than reading text books Olivia loved that at her school, studying with a laptop and freely expressing her own opinions was encouraged.

They both agree that choosing to study in a Queensland Government primary school was the best decision the family ever made and that although studying in a foreign country is not easy at first, in Australia no one will judge you.



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