



Education Queensland International

# A program guide for international students



# Why study in Queensland?

Queensland Government schools offer an outstanding education that supports your Australian study abroad dreams both academically and personally. Our quality assurance makes sure that as an international student, you are happy with the quality of your Queensland study experience.

With our diverse blend of cultures, landscapes and experiences, Queensland is the perfect place to learn and try amazing new things.

No matter which area you choose to live and study, friendly Queenslanders will be there to help you. We are outgoing with a happy attitude to life and very easy to talk to.

Australia is a multicultural country and studying in Queensland is an opportunity to meet people from a wide variety of backgrounds, hear lots of different languages and try food from all over the world.

Whether you are drawn to a beach lifestyle, a metropolitan city environment, a rural area or the rugged beauty of the outback, Queensland offers it all.

## World-class study programs

We offer a wide range of study programs for international students aged 6 to 18 years in primary and secondary schools. With 30 years experience, we are proud of our world-class programs, facilities and support services for international students.

More than 90 accredited schools participate in our programs, providing international students with many location choices around Queensland.

## Exceptional support services

The health, safety and wellbeing of international students is our top priority.

EQI provides exceptional quality support services at every stage of the program, including:

- 24-hour emergency assistance and multilingual support
- student counselling and guidance
- homestay services
- student welfare support
- excellent student facilities.

If you are searching for an outstanding school curriculum and one of the best performing education systems in the world, then you have found your destination – Queensland, Australia.

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) ranks Australia among the top performing countries in education, with students scoring well above the international average.

## World-class programs

Queensland Government schools provide a mix of academic, career development, sports and arts studies designed to encourage your full potential.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) courses are available in most of our schools and many offer special programs, such as marine science, agricultural science, performing arts or elite sporting programs.

All our school subjects are listed on the EQI School list web page. <https://eqi.com.au/find-a-school/eqi-school-list>

## School facilities

Our schools have extensive resources and facilities to support innovative learning including eLearning technology, computer, science and multimedia labs and academic, vocational, creative arts and sports facilities.

## Our teachers

Our teachers are highly-qualified professionals that recognise you have individual academic, social and emotional needs. You will be encouraged to explore your unique talents, develop a passion of lifelong learning and achieve your potential.

## About Education Queensland International (EQI)

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

We provide education programs and services for international students, teachers and school leaders at Queensland Government schools and abroad.

EQI is a CRICOS registered education provider 00608A.

# The Queensland education system

The Queensland Government school system for international students starts at Prep (6+ years of age).

Students complete seven years of primary school (Prep to Year 6) and six years of high school (Years 7 to 12).

Students can finish high school at Year 10 if they wish to pursue vocational training or employment.

Senior high school comprises the final 2 years, Years 11 and 12. The completion of Year 12 can then lead to university studies.

## School hours

School hours are usually Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm, but can vary slightly from school to school. Attendance at school is compulsory except in special circumstances, such as illness. Schools keep records of attendance which are reported back to EQI.

## Assessment

Schools have processes in place for continuous assessment of students' academic progress throughout the year. Assessment tasks contribute to final grades and may include:

- assignments
- written and/or practical examinations
- oral presentations.

## Fees

There are tuition fees associated with all of our EQI study programs. The pricing varies depending on which program you choose and for how long.

The fees cover all curriculum schooling and teaching costs as well as curriculum-related excursions.

Some non-tuition fees may also apply for items such as school uniforms and non-curriculum activities and these costs differ from school to school.

For detailed information visit [eqi.com.au/apply-now/fees](https://eqi.com.au/apply-now/fees) or contact your nearest education agent.



## School term dates

2025	
Term 1	Tuesday 28 January – Friday 4 April
Term 2	Tuesday 22 April – Friday 27 June
Term 3	Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September
Term 4	Tuesday 7 October – Friday 12 December
2026	
Term 1	Tuesday 27 January – Thursday 2 April
Term 2	Monday 20 April – Friday 26 June
Term 3	Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October – Friday 11 December

These dates are correct at time of printing. Please check term dates at <https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/calendar/future-dates>



# Choose the program that's right for you

## PS Primary School

CRICOS Course Code: 082519A

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

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

Primary school provides a strong foundation for future study.

International Primary School students must hold a Student Visa, (Subclass 500)\* to start an EQI International Student Program.

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

To be eligible for the Student Visa, (Subclass 500) international students must be 6 years of age or older.

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

<b>Program length</b>	2 terms–7 years
<b>Program entry</b>	At the beginning of any school term (January, April, July, October)
<b>Age range</b>	5–11 years*
<b>School year (s)</b>	Prep–Year 6
<b>Entry requirements</b>	6 years of age or older Passing grades in core subjects for previous years are required. No minimum English language is needed for entry.
<b>More information</b>	<a href="http://eqi.com.au/primaryschool">eqi.com.au/primaryschool</a>

\*Students under the age of 6 can enrol in the primary program but they will not be able to hold their own student visa until they turn 6. Prior to that they must be enrolled as a dependant on their parent's guardian visa.

**Please note:** Prep is the first year of schooling in Queensland and local children must be 5 years by 30 June in the year of enrolment.

For more information please visit <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#Eligibility>

## HSP High School Preparation

CRICOS Course Code: 078785F

EQI's High School Preparation (HSP) program is an intensive English language program that prepares students for mainstream high school studies.

Students build their English language fluency in different contexts such as mathematics, science, literature and humanities and social studies (HASS), so they can understand the language used in the mainstream curriculum.

The HSP program features:

- 10-week modules
- minimum 20 hours of instruction per week
- three different levels (elementary, pre-intermediate and intermediate)
- range of learning methods including text books, videos, group discussions and practical activities
- opportunities to make friends through learning activities, excursions and sports.

<b>Program length</b>	10–40 weeks, depending on student's English level
<b>Program entry</b>	At the beginning of any school term (January, April, July, October)
<b>Age range</b>	11–18 years
<b>Entry requirements</b>	Passing grades in core subjects for the previous 2 years
<b>More information</b>	<a href="http://eqi.com.au/highschoolpreparation">eqi.com.au/highschoolpreparation</a>

## HS High School

CRICOS Course Code: 082520G Years 7–10

CRICOS Course Code: 082521G Years 11–12

The High School program is designed for students seeking to graduate high school in Queensland and qualify for tertiary study in Australia or abroad.

Students can choose from over 70 schools throughout Queensland that offer a diverse range of academic, creative and sports programs.

Students who complete Years 11 and 12 receive the internationally recognised Queensland Certificate of Education and may be eligible for university study.

<b>Program length</b>	2–6 years
<b>Program entry</b>	At the beginning of any school term in Years 7–10 (January, April, July, October), at the beginning of Term 1 (January) in Year 11
<b>Age range</b>	11–18 years
<b>School year (s)</b>	Years 7–12
<b>Entry requirements</b>	Passing grades in core subjects for the previous 2 years Proficiency in English
<b>More information</b>	<a href="http://eqi.com.au/highschool">eqi.com.au/highschool</a>

## HS High School (Study Abroad)

CRICOS Course Code: 082520G Years 7–10

CRICOS Course Code: 082521G Years 11–12

The Study Abroad program is a high school experience providing opportunities to pursue personal, cultural and academic goals.

Experience the full Aussie lifestyle with a shorter commitment from 1, 3, 6, 9 or 12 months. The program is an ideal opportunity to live in a different part of the world to study what interests you and trying new subjects while practising English.

Schools are located all over Queensland, including options in regional areas that provide a unique lifestyle experience. Course fees may vary depending on the location and school you choose.

Students are welcomed into the school community, improve their English proficiency and learn about Australian culture, before returning home to continue their studies. Study Abroad in Queensland is recognised by several education systems abroad.\*

<b>Program length</b>	1 term–4 terms (3–12 months)
<b>Program entry</b>	At the beginning of any school term* (January, April, July, October)
<b>Age range</b>	11–18 years
<b>School year (s)</b>	Years 7–12
<b>Entry requirements</b>	Passing grades in core subjects for the previous 2 years Proficiency in English
<b>More information</b>	<a href="http://eqi.com.au/studyabroad">eqi.com.au/studyabroad</a> <a href="http://eqi.com.au/regionalstudyabroad">eqi.com.au/regionalstudyabroad</a>

\*EQI recommends that students verify credit recognition in their own country.



## IB International Baccalaureate

CRICOS Course Code: 079324E

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) is an internationally recognised qualification for high achievers who are ready to commit two years in Year 11 and 12 for an outstanding global qualification in preparation for university. The IB curriculum aims to develop your thinking, communication, self-management, teamwork and research skills to be one-step ahead for preparation to university.

The IB is one of the world's most innovative educational courses offered for 16 to 18-year olds and is globally recognised by universities for the holistic and rigorous education it provides.

The IB fulfils many national and state education system requirements and lets you transfer from a Queensland IB school to any other IB school in the world.

Did you know the IB also works in reverse? If you are studying an IB in your home country, you could spend 6 months or a year here in Queensland, experiencing an Aussie lifestyle and then return to your home country school and receive the full IB qualification after graduating.

Students wishing to enrol in the IB program should have achieved high academic results in a range of subjects prior to application.

<b>Program length</b>	2 terms, one academic year or the two year Diploma course
<b>Program entry</b>	Term 1 (January)
<b>Age range</b>	15–18 years
<b>School year(s)</b>	Years 11 and 12
<b>Entry requirements</b>	High academic performance for the previous 2 years Proficiency in English
<b>More information</b>	<a href="http://eqi.com.au/ib">eqi.com.au/ib</a>

## QA Queensland Academies International Baccalaureate

CRICOS Course Code: 082520G (Year 10)  
CRICOS Course Code: 079324E (International Baccalaureate)

The IB is also offered as a 3-year program for Years 10, 11 and 12 at the 3 selective Queensland Academies (QA) and unlike other Queensland Government schools, IB is the only program they deliver to international students.

- Queensland Academies Creative Industries Campus (QACI)
- Queensland Academies Health Sciences Campus (QAHS)
- Queensland Academy for Science Mathematics and Technology (QASMT)

Students commence at the Academies at the beginning of Year 10 for an immersion IB preparation program.

The IB curriculum aims to develop your thinking, communication, self-management, teamwork and research skills to be one-step ahead for preparation to university.

It is one of the world's most innovative educational courses offered for 16 to 18-year olds and is globally recognised by universities for the holistic and rigorous education it provides.

Partnerships with leading universities provide many benefits including credits toward second-year university courses, achieving additional tertiary rankings, industry experience and access to world-class resources and facilities.

<b>Program length</b>	3 years
<b>Program entry</b>	Term 1 (January), Year 10
<b>Age range</b>	15–18 years
<b>School year (s)</b>	Years 10–12
<b>Entry requirements</b>	High academic performance for the previous two years Proficiency in English
<b>More information</b>	<a href="http://eqi.com.au/qldacaemies">eqi.com.au/qldacaemies</a>

## HAP Holiday Adventure Programs

EQI's Holiday Adventure Programs are a fantastic way to make the most of your school holidays!

Discover historic landmarks and visit famous Aussie icons as you create friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

There are several tour destinations available and change each year but could include Sydney, Melbourne and the Great Ocean Road or central Australia including Uluru.

Adventure tours are very popular and book out quickly, so students are encouraged to apply early to secure their place.

<b>Program dates</b>	April, June, September and December
<b>Program length</b>	1 to 2 weeks
<b>Destination</b>	Tour destinations vary each year
<b>More information</b>	<a href="http://eqi.com.au/holidayadventures">eqi.com.au/holidayadventures</a>



# Support at every stage

We offer tailored advice at every stage of the decision-making process, from choosing your study program and school, to helping you settle in once you arrive in Queensland.

While you are here, you have access to a large range of support services including 24-hour emergency assistance and multilingual support.

## Choosing your program

Our professional staff and agents can explain the wide range of options available to you. We work with you to understand the types of subjects that most interest you and which schools will be best suited to you.

We can also answer questions about the different regions of Queensland, to make sure your Queensland experience is everything you want it to be!

## Before you arrive

Before you leave home, you will receive pre-arrival information along with your 'Confirmation of Enrolment'. You can access information at [eqi.com.au/student-support/preparation-and-arrival](http://eqi.com.au/student-support/preparation-and-arrival)

You can also download 'Your Passport to Queensland', our mobile application (app) at [eqi.com.au/yourpassport](http://eqi.com.au/yourpassport)

The app prepares international students on leaving home, settling into Queensland and learning important safety tips for our cities, beaches and bushland.

## Support at school

Queensland Government schools understand the needs of international students and have a specialist support team at each school.

**International Student Coordinator:** provides academic and pastoral guidance to international students.

**Homestay Coordinator:** organises placement and ensures students have an enjoyable homestay experience.

**Guidance Officer:** provides specialist counselling and advice on academic pathways, career options and personal wellbeing.

## Arriving and getting settled

When you first arrive in Queensland, you will be met at the airport by a representative arranged by your host school. Contact your school coordinator to make arrangements for your arrival in Queensland.

You and your family will be provided with information about your Queensland school including details of school facilities and any school policies that you need to know.

## Accommodation options

Accommodation options vary according to your age and level of schooling.

- Students enrolled in the Primary School program must live with a parent or close relative\* as defined by the Australian Immigration Regulations.
- High school students can choose to live with an EQI approved homestay provider, a parent or legal guardian\*.
- EQI does not permit independent living even if the student is 18 years of age or older.

\* A parent, close relative or legal guardian is responsible for obtaining the necessary visa to stay in Australia, as required by Australian immigration regulations.

## 24-hour care

Further peace of mind is knowing you have a freecall 1800 QSTUDY (1800 778 839) support phone service in Queensland, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This number can also be phoned from overseas, remembering to dial the +61 first.

Our professional staff ensure that students are happy and confident, with first-class care so they can focus on studying and enjoying life.

All international students have access to 24-hour emergency assistance and multilingual support.

**1800 QSTUDY** (1800 778 839) is an after-hours service available before 9 am and after 3 pm on school days, and 24-hours a day during weekends, public holidays and school vacations.



# Choose your destination

Queensland offers a diverse landscape. From large cities to small towns, beautiful beaches to bushland and the outback, there is a remarkable experience waiting for you. Domestic and international airports are located throughout Queensland.



## Cairns

Cairns is a colourful, modern city, situated in a tropical paradise. The friendly people and the safe and relaxed atmosphere make it the perfect destination nestled between the Great Barrier Reef and World Heritage rainforests. As the gateway to the rest of the Tropical North Queensland region, it is an adventurous city that is a hub for scuba divers, snorkelers, reef cruises, all types of fishing, rainforest walks, outback 'bush' adventures, native bird and wildlife watching and tours of all shapes and sizes.

☀️ 26°C–31°C average temperature



## Sunshine Coast

Stretching for more than 60km (40mi) along the Queensland coast, you will enjoy living and studying near white sand beaches and clear waterways alongside lush rainforests and heritage-listed national parks and charming small villages. There is also the subtropical climate and exceptional nature experiences you'll enjoy all year-round.

☀️ 20°C–28°C average temperature



## Brisbane

Queensland's capital offers relaxed charm and urban vibes with a dash of adventure. Brisbane is a city that lives up to its sunny potential with a strong focus on the outdoors – think BBQs, picnics by the river and nearby islands and national parks. Add to this an active cultural precinct, abundant wildlife and easy access to nearby icons like the Gold Coast and Great Barrier Reef. Brisbane's world-class universities and exciting career opportunities make it a great place to study and progress your career choices.

☀️ 22°C–30°C average temperature



## Gold Coast

From theme parks to shopping, surfing to ancient rainforest, you'll be glad you chose the Gold Coast. The star attraction are the beaches, including the world-renowned stretch of sand at Surfers Paradise. Beyond the beaches, discover friendly neighbourhoods, a terrific foodie scene and the Gold Coast's famous theme parks. Make sure you take a trip into the subtropical hinterland for rainforest walks and waterfalls.

☀️ 21°C–28°C average temperature



# Choose your EQI school



Queensland

## Townsville

- Annandale SS
- Kirwan SHS
- Pimlico SHS
- William Ross SHS

## Cairns

- Atherton SHS
- Cairns SHS
- Edge Hill SS
- Malanda SHS
- Redlynch SC
- Smithfield SHS
- Trinity Bay SHS
- Trinity Beach SS
- Whitfield SS

## Sunshine Coast

- Bribie Island SHS
- Burnside SHS
- Caloundra SHS
- Chancellor SC
- Coolum SHS
- Kawana Waters SC
- Maleny SHS
- Maroochydore SHS
- Meridan SC
- Mountain Creek SHS
- Nambour SC
- Sunshine Beach SHS
- Sunshine Beach SS

## Gold Coast

- Ashmore SS
- Benowa SHS
- Benowa SS
- Broadbeach SS
- Elanora SHS
- Helensvale SHS
- Merrimac SHS
- Merrimac SS
- Miami SHS
- Nerang SHS
- Ormeau Woods SHS
- Palm Beach-Currumbin SHS
- QAHS
- Robina SHS
- Southport SHS
- Upper Coomera SC
- Varsity College

## Capricorn Coast and Fraser Coast

- Hervey Bay SHS
- Mackay North SHS
- Maryborough SHS
- Urangan SHS
- Yeppoon SHS

## Toowoomba

- Centenary Heights SHS

## Brisbane

- Alexandra Hills SHS
- Aspley East SS
- Aspley SHS
- Balmoral SHS
- Brisbane South SSC
- Brisbane SHS
- Burpengary SSC
- Burpengary SS
- Calamvale CC
- Cavendish Road SHS
- Centenary SHS
- Cleveland SS
- Cleveland District SHS
- Corinda SHS
- Craigslea SHS
- Durack SS
- Earnshaw SC
- Ferny Grove SHS
- Holland Park SHS
- Indooroopilly SHS
- Ipswich SHS
- Jindalee SS
- Kedron SHS
- Kelvin Grove SC
- Kenmore SHS
- Kenmore SS
- Mabel Park SC
- MacGregor SHS
- Mitchelton SHS
- Mitchelton SS
- Mount Gravatt SHS
- Murrumba SSC
- North Lakes SC
- QACI
- QASMT
- Rochdale SHS
- Springfield Central SHS
- Stretton SC
- Sunnybank SHS
- Sunnybank SS
- The Gap SHS
- Upper Mount Gravatt SS
- Wellington Point SHS
- Whites Hill SC
- Woodcrest SC
- Yeronga SHS

## Legend

- High School Preparation (HSP)
- International Baccalaureate
- Regional schools
- CC Community College (Prep–Y12)
- QACI Queensland Academy for Creative Industries
- QAHS Queensland Academy for Health Sciences
- QASMT Queensland Academy for Science Mathematics and Technology
- SC State College (Prep–Y12)
- SHS State High School (Y7–Y12)
- SS State School (Prep–6)
- SSC State Secondary College (Y7–Y12)



# Building your future

## Endless opportunities and career pathways

Queensland Government schools provide an excellent standard of education that leads to flexible academic and career pathways.

Completion of Year 11 and 12 provides an internationally recognised high school qualification – the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

This qualification gives international students access to a wide range of options for further study and training toward the career of their choice.

On completion of Year 12, eligible students receive an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) which determines eligibility for university study.

Our schools offer a diverse range of subjects designed to nurture every student's potential, whether their interest is science, technology, business, languages, the arts or other areas.

Extracurricular activities are also encouraged to support physical health and social wellbeing.



## Diverse areas of study

Students can choose from a range of subjects to develop their individual skills, talents and support their career goals.

Schools provide a blend of academic, vocational, sports and arts studies designed to encourage a student's full potential.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) courses are available in most schools including:

- robotics
- coding
- drone technology
- engineering
- digital media
- 3D printing
- biotechnology
- industrial technology
- aviation.

Many schools offer specialised programs or expertise, such as marine science, agricultural science or elite sporting programs.



## Excellent facilities

Queensland Government schools have extensive resources and facilities to support innovation and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning including:

- eLearning technology
- computer, science and multimedia laboratories
- academic, vocational, creative arts and sports facilities.

## Homestay

Where else would you want to live than with an Australian host family? They provide that fantastic opportunity to experience Australia's lifestyle first-hand and enjoy the familiarity of the school community. Of course, it is also a unique and highly effective way you can improve your English!

Homestay families are unique and living with an Australian family is one of the best ways to experience Australia's fantastic lifestyle close to your school community.

By living in a safe, caring and supportive home environment, you can immerse yourself in your studies, practise your English skills and develop lasting friendships with your homestay family.

Your homestay family will provide:

- three meals a day, seven days per week
- your own bedroom with study facilities
- assistance to find transport to and from school.



# Ready to apply? Here's what you need to do

## Program entry requirements

### Academic requirements

Students must meet the entry requirements to enrol in a course or program, and must provide current and accurate information to support their application, including: the minimum level of English language proficiency, and evidence of their academic qualifications.

You can find the entry requirements for each EQI education program at [eqi.com.au/apply-now/policies-and-procedures](https://eqi.com.au/apply-now/policies-and-procedures)

Note:

- Experienced staff will place each student in a year level which is comparable to the level of education they have already achieved.
- Students must achieve at least a pass or better in their core subjects in their own country.\*

\*There may be subject prerequisites that apply to placement in certain subjects, particularly at senior high school level.

### English language requirements

Students must provide evidence that they meet one of the following criteria:

- All subjects have been conducted in English for a minimum of two years at the relevant school level.
- Students have achieved a satisfactory result in an approved English language test (for example IELTS, ISLPR and Eiken).
- Students have successfully completed an approved intensive English course (for example the HSP program offered by EQI).

## Visa requirements

Students and relatives or legal guardians will need an appropriate visa. Please visit the Australian Department of Home Affairs <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>

## Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

The Australian Government requires that international students in Australia maintain medical cover through an approved OSHC provider or fall in one of the exemption categories <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500>

EQI can arrange OSHC on your behalf through Allianz Care, the EQI preferred provider of OSHC.

Alternatively, you can arrange your own OSHC. A list of eligible providers can be found on our website at [eqi.com.au/student-support/preparation-and-arrival/overseas-health-cover](https://eqi.com.au/student-support/preparation-and-arrival/overseas-health-cover)

## Application process

You can apply directly using forms on the EQI website, or you can use the services of an accredited education agent to help you choose the right program and complete the application process.

Download application forms here:  
[eqi.com.au/apply-now](https://eqi.com.au/apply-now)

Find an Agent near you here:  
[eqi.com.au/apply-now/find-an-agent](https://eqi.com.au/apply-now/find-an-agent)





## Contact details

For more information about our schools and international student programs please contact your agent or EQI.

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