Queensland Government schools
International Baccalaureate Diploma

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endless opportunities
Your IB choices
Only schools with the prestigious IB accreditation can offer IB programmes. Queensland Government schools are regularly monitored and assessed so students are assured of an education that meets the high standards set by International Baccalaureate®. Education Queensland International (EQI) offers the following IB study options in Queensland Government schools:

- Two-year IB Diploma programme
- IB Study Abroad - from one semester to one year
- Most schools offer a pre-IB Diploma preparation pathway in Year 10 for students aspiring to study the IB Diploma

IB Diploma features

- Comprehensive and challenging two-year curriculum for highly motivated students aged 16 to 19 years
- Fulfils Australia’s national and state education system requirements
- Allows students to transfer from one IB school to another anywhere in the world
- External assessment and international comparison of results
- The quality assurance of International Baccalaureate®

Benefits for students

- Develops personal and academic achievement through a curriculum focused on social responsibility, critical thinking and international awareness
- Encourages students to think independently and drive their own learning to prepare for university study and a future career
- Enables students to apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios
- Builds cultural awareness through the acquisition of language skills and opportunities for international study and careers

Global connections

The IB programme offered by Queensland Government schools attracts students from all over the world. Local and international students study together giving them the opportunity to connect and learn about different cultures, and to participate in overseas activities. Links with overseas schools further enhances our students’ global understanding.

As well as building International friendships at school, as an IB graduate you can join the IB Alumni Network and participate in research, support development efforts and speak at international events.

For more information about the IB Diploma please visit eqi.com.au/ib
Study the IB in Queensland, Australia

Academic excellence, safety, support, competitive living costs and a healthy outdoor lifestyle make Queensland an ideal destination for international students.

Queensland Government schools offer you the best choice of study pathways, enabling you to achieve your academic, career and personal development goals in a supportive and healthy environment.

EQI has a dedicated team of professionals that specialise in supporting your needs as an international student. We look forward to welcoming you to Queensland, Australia.

Living with an Australian host family is a great way to experience Australia’s fantastic lifestyle, close to your school community. A safe, caring and supportive home environment enables you to focus on studying and developing your English speaking skills, while building lasting friendships with your homestay family.

Homestay families are often members of the school community, and some may have children at your EQI school. Families and their homes can vary but all are checked thoroughly to ensure they provide an appropriate environment for you.

There are many safeguards in place to maintain quality, and the school’s homestay or international student coordinator is there to support you throughout your stay.

Host families will help you to settle into their home and routine, as well as guide you through anything you do not understand.

EQI students also have access to 24-hour emergency assistance and multilingual support.

Joining a club is a great way to make new friends. Queensland schools offer a range of student clubs and activities to appeal to different interests. These will vary between schools but can include creative arts, technology, reading, languages, sports and music.

School takes place from Monday to Friday each week. School hours can vary, but generally, the day begins at 9am and finishes at 3pm.

The Queensland school year is divided into four terms and runs from late January to early December. There are short holidays between each term and a long summer holiday in December and January.

For more information about studying in Queensland visit eqi.com.au/for-students
Queensland is Australia’s ‘Sunshine State’, famous for its modern cities, warm climate and stunning natural environment. EQI offers the IB Diploma and preparatory/pre IB pathways in selected Queensland Government schools in Brisbane, Cairns, Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast.

For more information about EQI study destinations visit eqi.com.au/destinations
Cairns State High School (Cairns SHS) has strong traditions and a reputation for excellence and innovative practice. As an internationally accredited and IB World School, Cairns SHS demonstrates exemplary international standards and a strong commitment to ongoing improvement.

The school is located five minutes from Cairns’ central business district, 10 minutes from its domestic and international airports and just a short walk from the picturesque recreational precinct at Cairns Esplanade.

Cairns offers international students a first-class education and numerous opportunities for outdoor fun and adventure. The region has some of the world’s most beautiful natural environments such as the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest, and is internationally renowned for its expertise in marine science, tropical research and environmental studies.

School Features

- Modern and well-equipped facilities, including 10 science and 5 specialist computer laboratories, photography and practical arts rooms, a large auditorium, performing arts block, and a multi-purpose indoor and outdoor sports complex
- Partnerships with five schools in Italy and the Convitto Nazionale Paolo Diacono located in North East Italy provide annual study tours and individual exchanges, promote internationalisation and increased educational, social, cultural and linguistic understanding
- Sister school relationships in Japan and China
- Instrumental and vocal music programs with a symphony orchestra, bands and ensembles, chorale, novelty choir and additional vocal ensembles
- Pre-IB Academic Enrichment and IB Activity Days are held periodically for Year 8, 9 and 10 students to introduce them to the IB Learner Profile and the philosophy, structure and core elements of the IB Diploma. Additionally, students choose subjects in Year 10, which are directly linked to and prepare students for senior IB Diploma subjects
- Extensive links to tertiary education providers, including James Cook University, Central Queensland University, The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology and Griffith University.

"I came to Cairns SHS as an international student who aimed to become a wiser and better person. The IB Diploma Programme has laid out every step necessary for me to reach the top of my ambitions. I know that I am becoming a more internationally-minded person every day that I am in this programme, and I know that this will help me in the future, as I embark further into our globalising world".

NEIL
FROM THE PHILIPPINES

For more information visit cairnsshs.eq.edu.au
Mountain Creek State High School (Mountain Creek SHS) is one of the most highly regarded schools on the Sunshine Coast, with a reputation for outstanding achievements in academic, cultural, leadership, community and sports programs.

Located at the heart of the Sunshine Coast, close to Mooloolaba and 100km north of Brisbane, Mountain Creek SHS is a modern, innovative school with state-of-the-art facilities. Mooloolaba’s mix of beaches, harbour, parks, shopping and coastal panoramas makes it an ideal place to live and visit. Behind the beaches nestles the Sunshine Coast Hinterland which offers rural views, national parks with rainforest walking trails, native flora and fauna, and easy access to some of Queensland’s best known attractions.

School Features

- An IB Diploma programme that attracts students from all over the world, including China, Germany, Macau, Vietnam, India, New Caledonia, Japan, Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom
- An IB pathway for Year 10 students that enables transition into the IB Diploma
- IB Diploma results consistently above the world average
- IB Diploma support for students’ native languages
- Extensive sports facilities including two soccer fields, running tracks, athletics facilities, all-weather cricket pitch, netball, volleyball and basketball courts, 25-metre swimming pool, gym and dance studios
- Tuition in all woodwind, brass, percussion and string instruments, along with opportunities to join the school’s string ensemble, concert band and stage band
- Stimulating IB student experiences that, in the past, included environmental studies in Germany, educational and service trips to Cambodia, a World Challenge Expedition to Sabah and a language immersion experience in Argentina
- Three-day camp at Stanley River for Year 11 students involving water-based activities like canoeing, water quality testing, raft building, exploration of indigenous perspectives and survival activities
- An innovative orientation programme that introduces international students to the local community and environment including activities such as a surf awareness course at Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club, games, shopping and dinner at the beach
- Extensive links to tertiary education providers, including the University of the Sunshine Coast and The University of Queensland.

Chloe from Indonesia

“The IB Programme at Mountain Creek State High School was something I moved to Australia from Indonesia specifically to take. It set the school apart and invited me, along with my cohort, to take on a challenge that would bring us closer together and extend our knowledge beyond what you expect to get from high school.

Through the IB I’ve met incredible people, undertaken amazing community service opportunities, extended my critical and worldwide thinking skills, but most of all I have learnt the value of balance, kindness and hard work in cooperation with my friends.”
Calamvale Community College (CC) is a thriving multicultural school for Prep to Year 12 students in the large suburb of Calamvale, just 18km south of the city of Brisbane.

This thriving family-friendly community offers a wide range of amenities, good transport links and access to open space, nature, walks and wildlife at the Calamvale wetlands, Calamvale District Park and Karawatha Forest Park.

Calamvale CC is a ‘college of choice’ where students are educated to be creative, critical-thinkers, problem-solvers and confident citizens of the world.

As a student you will benefit from quality facilities and the opportunity to choose your academic and future career pathway – whether this is excelling in the sciences, creating artistic works, performing on stage, speaking other languages or applying cutting-edge technologies.

School Features

- A welcoming, multicultural school of 2,100 students from over 60 cultures
- Separate areas for prep, junior, junior secondary and senior students on campus
- Indoor sports stadium, ovals, performing arts theatre, creative arts precinct, modern library and canteen
- Support and wellbeing team - chaplaincy, guidance, speech language pathologists, learning and engagement staff and a school nurse
- Spanish (Years 11 and 12) and Mandarin Chinese language programs
- Vocal groups and an extensive instrumental music program with four bands and five string ensembles
- Sports champions in the Brisbane metropolitan region
- National championship winning cheerleading teams
- Sister school educational partnership with the Kaohsiung Municipal Kaohsiung Girls’ Senior High School, Taiwan
- Pathways and links to Queensland and interstate universities, including Griffith University research programs and supported pathways to The University of Queensland.

For more information visit calamvalecomcoll.eq.edu.au
Cleveland District State High School (Cleveland District SHS) is a coeducational school on Brisbane’s bayside and an established member of the Council of International Schools. The school offers a wide range of excellence programs and achieves particularly impressive results in creative arts and sports. In 2017, 98.5% of Year 12 students achieved a Queensland Certificate of Education (source: Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority).

Cleveland District SHS values intercultural understanding to broaden the experience and perspectives of students. International thinking is reflected in the school’s philosophy and promoted across the school community.

Located just 26km south east of Brisbane, Cleveland is part of the Redlands City region, a safe and friendly community set within beautiful hinterland and beach environments.

School Features

- Ideal location with easy access to the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and North Stradbroke Island
- A contemporary learning environment that features state-of-the-art computer laboratories, industry-standard film and media facilities, commercial grade kitchens as well as dance and music studios
- Excellence programs in languages, the arts, music and sport (Bayside Sport Academy)
- Classroom-based programs in French, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese with additional languages that can be studied through the school’s distance learning centre
- Extensive range of extracurricular activities including music ensembles and choir, debating and public speaking, drama and dance, photography, film and TV and environmental clubs
- Educational, cultural and sporting tours to Europe, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Borneo, United States of America, Japan, Taiwan, New Caledonia, China, and the Australian Snowy Mountains and Lady Elliot Island
- Links to Griffith University, The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology and Griffith University Conservatorium of Music that provide opportunities for early admission and enrolment.

“During the IB preparatory year at Cleveland District SHS I was encouraged to delve deep into my learning and was supported by my teachers and fellow students to challenge myself. Being surrounded by students who love to learn and teachers who love to teach creates a fantastic learning environment.

Commencing my International Baccalaureate Diploma has also opened my eyes to the world of possibilities that are out there. It has shown me what it is to be a global citizen and to strive to be one in everything I do.”

KATE
FROM AUSTRALIA

For more information visit

clevdistshs.eq.edu.au

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Queensland

CIS WE ARE AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL
Indooroopilly State High School (Indooroopilly SHS) has a strong tradition and reputation for outstanding student success. The school fosters high standards of academic learning and nurtures the abilities of each student to develop meaningful pathways to a globally-connected future.

Indooroopilly SHS is widely recognised as one of the most cosmopolitan schools in Queensland, with specialist staff, expertise and experience in the delivery of international student programs and language support. Its proximity to The University of Queensland has made Indooroopilly SHS the natural choice for the children of visiting international academics.

Indooroopilly is a family-friendly suburb just seven kilometres from the city of Brisbane, where you will find a blend of lively city life, warm climate and a relaxed and friendly lifestyle. Located on the doorstep to the Asia-Pacific and fast becoming a world leader in technology, research and innovation, Queensland’s state capital and ‘River City’ is the perfect place for students to build the foundations for a future career.

School Features

- New $1.9 million language centre, refurbished science laboratories, film, television and media editing suite, flight simulator, dance and art studios, performance and lecture theatre, and an extensive sports programme
- A wide range of extracurricular activities, including chess, mathematics, music, debating and public speaking, robotics, cultural tours and concerts
- Spanish and Chinese programs for IB students
- Instrumental and vocal music programme with five large ensembles and several smaller groups
- An IB pathway in Year 10 to enable students to prepare for the IB Diploma Programme
- Designated as a Spanish Academy by the Spanish Government, and a partner of the Confucius Institute
- Extensive links to tertiary education providers, including The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology and Griffith University.

“During my time in the IB Diploma Programme, I was encouraged by the course and my teachers to question the world and my place in it. The support of my teachers and fellow classmates resulted in a lovely learning environment; their willingness to help and their mutual love of learning made all the difference.

Now in university, I have found the attributes the IBD has fostered in me, such as critical thinking and learning independently, have not only aided me in making an easier transition to this next phase of my life but have also fostered skills that will serve me throughout life.”

Ethan
From Australia
Benowa State High School (Benowa SHS) has a reputation for delivering outstanding programs with an international perspective. The school is recognised by the Government of France as a bilingual French/English school, and is an accredited member of the Council of International Schools (CIS).

Benowa is located on Australia’s Gold Coast where you will find some of the country’s most beautiful beaches and rainforests. The local area offers modern city amenities and good transport links to Brisbane and Gold Coast airports.

The school is proud of the success of its alumni, among which are surgeons, Olympic athletes, Hollywood actors and gifted musicians.

School Features

- Modern purpose-built facilities, including dance studios, recording studios and science laboratories
- A Year 10 Preparatory pathway to support students’ transition to the IB Diploma
- French, Spanish and Japanese programs for IB students
- An award-winning music program that specialises in instrumental music and choral performance
- An exceptional drama and dance program
- Excellence programs in sport, languages and music
- An extensive student leadership model that includes Peer Mentors and links to local community service groups
- Sister school relationships with schools in Japan, France and the South Pacific
- Admission pathways to Australian universities.

"I was in the STEM excellence program at Benowa SHS and really enjoyed most parts of it and want to further my studies in the IB Diploma. I also want to do the IB Diploma to be prepared for university and gain valuable experience. I am enjoying the Year 10 Preparation pathway as I have great teachers and the subjects are really interesting. I am very excited to be part of the graduating group at Benowa State High School in 2019".

ARIANNA
FROM AUSTRALIA
IB details

Curriculum

The IB is an academically challenging and balanced education programme. IB Diploma students must study one subject from each of six subject areas and all of the core elements shown below:

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature
Group 2: Language Acquisition
Group 3: Individuals and Societies
Group 4: Experimental Sciences
Group 5: Mathematics
Group 6: The Arts

- Students may opt to study an additional subject from the sciences, individuals and societies, or language subjects, instead of a course in the arts.
- Most subjects are available at two levels. At least three (but not more than four) subjects must be studied at the Higher Level (HL) and the remainder at the Standard Level (SL).

SL subjects consist of 150 teaching hours over two full academic years. Over the same period, there are 240 teaching hours for HL subjects, as students must demonstrate a greater depth of knowledge, understanding and skill development.

Students are required to reflect on the nature of knowledge, and on how we know what we claim to know. Assessment consists of an oral presentation and 1600 word essay chosen from six topics issued by International Baccalaureate.

Students must conduct an independent, self-directed piece of research that finishes with a 4000-word paper to demonstrate their capacity to create, analyse and evaluate knowledge.

CAS requires students to take part in a range of purposeful experiences and activities that develop self-awareness, citizenship and leadership. The student can choose a CAS project that focuses on one, two or all three elements of CAS.

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

Students are required to reflect on the nature of knowledge, and on how we know what we claim to know. Assessment consists of an oral presentation and 1600 word essay chosen from six topics issued by International Baccalaureate.

Extended Essay (EE)

Students must conduct an independent, self-directed piece of research that finishes with a 4000-word paper to demonstrate their capacity to create, analyse and evaluate knowledge.

Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS):

Assessment

Examinations form the basis of assessment for most courses however, the IB utilises a range of methods to assess student knowledge, understanding and skills.

Students sit exams at the end of the study programme but also complete assessment tasks at school. For example, an essay may assess writing skills, while multiple-choice tests can be used to check information recall.

Both external and internal assessment is used, and student results are determined by individual performance against set standards and not by each student’s position in the overall ranking.

IB Diploma exam schedule

For more information visit www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/assessment-and-exams/
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**IB Diploma students must study six subjects (one from each group above) plus TOK, EE and CAS. Students must study a minimum of three (maximum four) subjects at the Higher Level.**

* Higher Level
** Standard Level
*** Subject to approval by the school; students may study their native language
**** If a student has no previous background in a particular language, they may study it as an Ab Initio subject. This provides basic knowledge of the language in everyday use, and the culture of the countries and places where it is spoken.

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**IB Diploma students must study six subjects (one from each group above) plus TOK, EE and CAS. Students must study a minimum of three (maximum four) subjects at the Higher Level.**

* Higher Level
** Standard Level
*** Subject to approval by the school; students may study their native language
**** If a student has no previous background in a particular language, they may study it as an Ab Initio subject. This provides basic knowledge of the language in everyday use, and the culture of the countries and places where it is spoken.
Eligibility and application process

Entry points

• Preparatory pathways can be commenced at the beginning of any term during Year 10.
• The main entry point for the IB Diploma is Term 1, Year 11 (Semester 1 coursework).
• Entry can be negotiated at other times during Year 11 if a student is transferring from another IB school and the subjects studied previously are available.
• Academic Enrichment and IB Activity Days (Cairns SHS) are held for Year 8, 9 and 10 students throughout the year to introduce them to the philosophy, structure and core elements of the IB Diploma.

Entry points

All students must demonstrate academic success in their previous two years of schooling.

Teacher recommendations in mathematics, science, social sciences, first language and an additional discipline of choice are also required.

IB Diploma results are reviewed each term to determine students’ continued eligibility for the programme. Non-continuing students may enrol in another high school academic programme.

Due to the high level analytical, comprehension, written and oral skills required in all subject areas of the programme, applicants may be required to attend a pre-enrolment interview or complete pre-enrolment testing.

Year 10 applicants must pass all their core subjects in the past two years of schooling and show they have:
- successfully completed High School Preparation (HSP) or an equivalent preparation course, or
- completed a valid and approved English language test, achieving the score outlined below, or
- completed a minimum of two years schooling in English.

In limited circumstances, EQI may allow an applicant to demonstrate English language proficiency by providing evidence that they have studied English as a subject for a minimum of two years and achieved satisfactory results.

• Applicants in Years 11 and 12 are required to demonstrate that they have achieved successful academic results in Years 9 and 10. The IB Diploma is delivered in English and applicants must confirm their English language proficiency at the time of applying by either:
  - submitting an approved English language test result of:
    - an Academic IELTS (overall) test score of 5.5, or
    - at least a General IELTS (overall) test score of 6 (or equivalent), or
  - supplying evidence of attending two years of secondary studies conducted in English.

How to apply

1. EQI recommends the services of a trained and accredited education agent to assist with your application. Please contact EQI for a list of agents in your country, or visit eqi.com.au/find-an-agent
2. Complete the EQI International Student Application form through an agent or direct at eqi.com.au/apply-now
3. Attach all the documents you are asked for in the application checklist
4. EQI recommends you read the Standard Terms and Conditions, available on our website, before you submit your application
5. Send your documents to EQI for processing (instructions are given on the application form) at least 3 months prior to your proposed commencement. Applications received less than 2 months prior to the proposed commencement date may not be considered. Please allow sufficient time for application processing and visa processing. Visa processing times vary for each country.

For further information, please contact the Australian Government department responsible for immigration and the relevant Australian visa processing office for your country.

Fees

For details of current and future fees, please visit eqi.com.au/IBfees
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