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Group Study Tours

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Introduction

The Department of Education (DoE) welcomes international student groups visiting Queensland as part of our Group Study Tours program. At Education Queensland International (EQI) we have a dedicated team of professionals who specialise in managing short term group study tours to Queensland Government schools. For over 20 years, students from around the world have enjoyed exciting and academically rich study tour experiences in Queensland, Australia.

DoE creates opportunities for every learner to be successful by providing high quality learning and skillling focused on preparing students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to participate effectively in the global community. Queensland Government schools build relationships internationally so that our students can become successful global citizens.

International students are a very important part of Queensland’s education story. Study tour programs play an important role in creating lifelong international friendships forged in the formative school years.

Expanding opportunities for international experiences gives greater access to the benefits of global connections and encourages more of our students to engage internationally.

Safety, academic excellence, natural beauty and an outdoor lifestyle make Queensland a favoured destination for an overseas study experience. We are committed hosts to all our overseas student groups who visit one of our 400 plus accredited study tour host schools situated throughout Queensland.

We welcome your group to Queensland and are confident that they will have an exceptional academic experience and a memorable stay.

Thank you for making Queensland your choice.
The Queensland Advantage

Quality Assured Host Schools

EQI’s comprehensive training and accreditation system ensures Queensland Government schools are fully equipped with the skills and resources required to consistently deliver high quality study tour programs.

- Study Tour training seminars are delivered annually to accredit school-based coordinators.
- School coordinators attend regular networking and knowledge-sharing sessions.
- Focused cross-cultural information sessions are provided to school staff.
- Host families attend pre-arrival orientation sessions conducted by trained school coordinators.

Safe and Supportive Learning Environment

Queensland Government host schools provide an active learning environment for students to enhance their English language and academic capabilities. Students learn alongside their buddies in a safe and supportive setting which promotes the development of future global citizens.

Students benefit from a safe, caring and rich educational experience at school and throughout their stay in Queensland. Homestay families are carefully selected from within the school community. Stringent checks and approval processes ensure only qualified families are selected to host students.

World Class Education Facilities

Queensland Government schools offer extensive resources and state-of-the-art facilities to support innovation and 21st century learning. Experiential learning opportunities abound in contemporary teaching environments such as:

- integrated technology resources
- specialised science laboratories
- video conferencing and recording studios
- photography laboratories
- hospitality training facilities
- outdoor and environmental education centres.
Unique and Innovative Programs

Designed with flexibility and innovation, study tours to Queensland Government schools are customised to meet diverse group needs. Tailored to match the academic focus of the visiting group, specialised study tour programs provide students with a unique opportunity to enrich their studies in a globalised context.

Programs are offered at over 400 accredited schools across Queensland, including primary, secondary and P-12 colleges in metropolitan and regional areas. Many of these schools have been recognised for their excellence programs in science, leadership, sports, arts and music, and enjoy sharing their expertise with students from around the world.

Extra Support Services

As a trusted study tour provider for over 20 years, EQi offers the following additional support services:

• 24-hour emergency contact
• multilingual staff
• web-based tour management system for accredited agents
• pre-departure orientation for students and homestay families
• extensive resources designed to support school delivery of programs
• centrally coordinated programs by designated personnel.
Study Tours in Queensland Government Schools

Study Tour programs provide a unique opportunity for students to gain an invaluable insight into studying in a Queensland Government school. Groups of students from around the world can experience Australian culture while studying alongside Queensland students and staying in a host family environment.

With a strong emphasis on engaging and interacting with local students and the community, students have the opportunity to develop lasting international friendships and broaden their global perspective.

EQI has a long history of arranging successful, high quality study tour programs for groups of overseas school students. Representing over 400 host schools throughout Queensland, EQI offers a wide range of program options that can be tailored to suit the specific needs and focus of each group.

Study tour programs can range from half a day to twelve weeks in duration and combine exciting educational, tourism and cultural exchange activities. Specialised study tour programs designed to match the academic focus of the visiting group, provide students with a unique opportunity to enrich their studies in a globalised context.

Queensland Government host schools provide an active learning environment for students to gain confidence and improve their English language skills and academic capabilities. Interactive school-based activities teamed with educational excursions, encourage personal and academic growth of students as well as provide distinctive lifelong learning opportunities.

Study tours to Queensland Government schools build a strong foundation for better mutual understanding and friendship, strengthening intercultural relations by fostering participants as cultural ambassadors and future global leaders.

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**Quick Facts**

**Who can join?**
Primary and secondary school students aged 10 to 18 years.

**Group size**
Minimum 10 students and maximum 20 students per host school. Larger groups can be negotiated and may need to be hosted by more than one school.

**Accompanying adults**
An English-speaking escort must accompany each group at each host school to assist with supervision and student support.

**Duration**
Minimum half day to a maximum 12 weeks.

**Availability**
Flexible start dates during Queensland Government school term dates.

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**Queensland Government School Locations**

- Sunshine Coast
- Toowoomba
- Cairns
- Townsville
- Brisbane
- Gold Coast
- Hervey Bay

**Australia**

**Key:**
- International Airport
Program Features

Study tour groups visiting Queensland Government schools will experience some or all of the following activities:

**School integration**
- visiting students join buddies in regular classes and share hands-on activities with local students
- as ambassadors of their country, visiting students can share their culture and learn about Australian society.

**School buddies**
- each visiting student has a school buddy, which can often be a member of the host family
- buddies provide the opportunity to develop lasting international friendships.

**Designated school contact**
- school-based coordinators are trained and accredited by EQI to ensure delivery of quality programs.

**Homestay**
- students experience daily life with a Queensland family in a safe and caring environment
- host families are carefully selected from within the school community by trained school personnel
- all adult host family members undergo a police check as required by Queensland law
- host families attend pre-arrival orientation sessions conducted by school coordinators
- host family member will accompany student to and from school
- students are provided with three meals per day.

**English lessons**
- lessons are designed to suit different English levels
- lessons are developed and delivered by qualified registered teachers
- conversational and/or specialised English lessons are provided to suit group’s focus area.

**Specialised lessons**
- innovative programs focused on science, leadership, sports, music and the arts can be arranged.
Excursions
- extend program learnings with educational and enriching activities
- explore Queensland’s natural beauty, including world famous beaches, rainforests, Great Barrier Reef and the outback
- meet Australia’s unique wildlife at Australia Zoo and other wildlife conservation facilities
- enjoy outdoor adventure programs at dedicated sports and leadership training centres, farm stay and camp facilities
- expand knowledge of the Australian environment with visits to environmental education centres
- visit exciting theme park and local tourism attractions
- experience Australian indigenous culture.

Welcome and farewell function
- on arrival students are warmly welcomed by school personnel and buddies and are provided with a school orientation
- on completion students join their new friends to celebrate and are presented with a Certificate of Participation at a farewell graduation ceremony.

School visits
- half and full day visits to Queensland Government schools can be arranged for groups wishing to experience a snapshot of school life in Queensland
- visits may include a welcome function, school orientation and integration into class with buddies or other activities arranged by the host school.

Sample Study Tour Program

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Specialised Programs

Tailored to match the academic focus of each group, specialised programs provide students with a unique opportunity to enrich their studies in a globalised context. Learning alongside like-minded Queensland students from experts in their chosen field, students can expand their knowledge and develop English language proficiency directly related to their academic focus area.

Designed with flexibility and innovation, programs combine a variety of school-based learning, hands-on activities, and visits to local centres of expertise. Programs are designed to include lessons and activities directly related to specific subject areas such as:

- global leadership
- science (including marine, agricultural, environmental and health sciences)
- excellence programs in sports, music, arts and creative industries.

With over 400 accredited study tour schools throughout Queensland, there are many specialised program options and host schools available to best complement the group’s academic focus area. Many Queensland Government schools have been recognised for demonstrating excellence and innovation in science, leadership, sports, arts and music, and enjoy sharing their expertise with students from around the world.

Queensland Government schools offer extensive resources and state-of-the-art facilities to support innovation and 21st century learning. Depending on the group’s specific requirements and program design, students may have access to contemporary learning environments such as specialised science laboratories, integrated technology, video conferencing and recording studios, and dedicated leadership training centres.

EQI draws on strong links with industry and other government departments to design programs rich in experiential learning opportunities. This includes interactive visits to local universities, health science institutes, outdoor and environmental education centres, and other dedicated educational facilities throughout Queensland.
The Queensland Government recognises the importance of introducing leadership concepts to students, to empower and prepare them for future leadership roles. This ethos is embedded in Queensland Government schools, which provide high quality teaching and skilling focused on preparing students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to participate effectively in the global community.

The Global Leaders study tour program develops students’ skills in leadership to shape our future global leaders. Students will experience inspiring and challenging learning activities focused on building self-confidence, communication, teamwork and problem solving skills. This program will provide leadership skills that will extend well beyond the study tour, forming a strong foundation for life-long learning and global citizenship.

This program is suited to students with high level proficiency in English. Specialised English lessons can be arranged to further enhance students’ English language proficiency and equip them with relevant terminology for future leadership roles.

EQI partners with premier education and training facilities, including local centres of leadership excellence, to deliver custom designed leadership study tour programs.

Suggested program components include:

- roundtable discussions with school leaders on pre-arranged topics
- designated task or assignment to be completed during the study tour (pre-arranged)
- specialised English lessons based on leadership topics and delivered by a registered teacher
- cultural presentations to foster participants as cultural ambassadors for their country
- full day excursion to Tallebudgera Beach Outdoor Education School for leadership and team building activities
- half day excursion to a local university to experience the Queensland university environment and meet with local students
- full day visit to Runaway Bay Sports and Leadership Excellence Centre for team building activities
- half day visit to a local primary school to practise leadership skills and interact with local primary school students.
## Sample Global Leaders Program

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Airport reception service and coach transfer to host school  
Meet host family and begin homestay experience (school or agent arranged). | Leisure time with host family |
| 2 Monday | Official welcome and school orientation  
Welcome morning tea with buddies  
English for Leadership Lesson (Global English) | Integration session (leadership through language and cross-cultural communication) |
| 3 Tuesday | English for Leadership Lesson (Personality Types) | Integration session (integration into school leadership related subjects and activities) |
| 4 Wednesday | Specialised Lesson (team building activities) | Integration session (Leadership in Sports) |
| 5 Thursday | Half day excursion – adventure activity | Integration session (leadership integration with local students) |
| 6 Friday | Full day excursion – visit local sights that demonstrate leadership in culture, arts, education, governance, environmental awareness |  |
| 7 Saturday | Leisure time with host family |  |
| 8 Sunday | Leisure time with host family |  |
| 9 Monday | Leadership and Team Building Day Visit Program at dedicated leadership and outdoor sports training centre |  |
| 10 Tuesday | English for Leadership Lesson (importance of international friendship and networks) | Integration session with local students |
| 11 Wednesday | Half day excursion to local university (Global Leadership Lecture) | Integration session (Leadership in Sports) |
| 12 Thursday | Half day excursion – walking orientation leadership challenge and problem solving activity | Integration session (with local students) |
| 13 Friday | Integration session with local students (visiting students arrange and lead cultural exchanges and displays with Australian buddies) | Farewell ceremony, lunch with buddies and presentation of certificates of participation |
| 14 Saturday | Full day excursion to local theme park (reward day for completing leadership training) |  |
| 15 Sunday | Host families deliver students to host school for a farewell function  
Coach transfer to international airport for departure |  |
The Queensland Government is committed to providing world-class education that nurtures excellence, fosters innovation and celebrates diversity. Advancing innovation and research in science education and practice in Queensland Government schools is crucial for cultivating students with the required scientific skills and knowledge for future economic growth.

Participating in an Elite Science study tour program will provide students with the opportunity to benefit from Queensland’s commitment to nurturing ‘Super Scientists’ of the future. Selected schools across Queensland offer innovative science programs, whereby students undertake advanced studies in a specific scientific field. Elite Science study tours are customised to meet the specific requirements of students wishing to further their scientific skills and knowledge in the following subject areas:

- chemistry and biotechnology
- health and biomedical science
- environmental studies
- marine science
- agriculture and horticulture.

Programs combine scientific research and practical activities in a variety of purpose built and natural learning environments. Many schools boast specialised science laboratories with world-class equipment, while others enjoy being near unique natural environments where students can further examine and expand their knowledge in marine and earth sciences. All programs are individually designed and hosted by schools which best match the visiting group’s desired educational outcomes.

Queensland houses a strong base of research infrastructure and world class institutions, attracting some of the best and brightest researchers in the world. Elite Science programs incorporate experiential learning opportunities and site visits to local institutions and dedicated learning centres directly related to the group’s focus area. School-based learnings are enriched by interactive visits to:

- local universities
- biomedical research and health science institutes
- CSIRO Science Education Centre (incursion activities)
- outdoor and environmental education centres (day visits and overnight camps)
- Currumbin Community Farm for hands-on environmental and agricultural studies (farm stay)
- Queensland Museum and Sciencentre
- wildlife conservation centres such as Australia Zoo, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and Reef HQ Aquarium.
Excellence Programs

Study tour programs tailored to meet the academic focus of the visiting group provide an ideal mix of academic excellence and cultural exchange activities. Students have the unique opportunity to broaden their knowledge and expertise in their chosen field, by studying alongside like-minded peers in an innovative Queensland school environment.

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

Study tour programs may be customised to match each group's specific academic focus, and delivered at a complementary host school demonstrating excellence and innovation in their desired field.

Focus areas may include:

• music
• arts and creative industries
• sports
• International Baccalaureate
• other key curriculum areas by request.

Excellence study tour programs integrate specialised academic and English lessons, cultural activities and theme-based excursions, with the aim of strengthening students' long-term academic performance and personal growth.

Students will also benefit from sharing their own learnings and talents with Queensland students and the wider school community through specifically arranged cultural activities. Programs often include joint performances, sporting and other cultural activities with local students. Learning and performing alongside Queensland buddies is a once in a lifetime experience, allowing the visiting students the opportunity to develop personally and academically.
All group study tours to Queensland Government schools are arranged through the Study Tours and Professional Visits division of Education Queensland International (EQI).

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