



# Atherton State High School

**Year established**  
1952

**Number of students**  
914

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At Atherton State High School, we have a reputation for providing high-quality educational outcomes; demonstrated by the accomplishments and initiatives we have implemented over 50 years. We continue to introduce improvements and technologies while retaining our historical values. Our co-educational school offers a diverse curriculum to allow you to develop an individual and flexible learning pathway to success. We were one of the first regional schools in Queensland to develop an International Program and we have a long tradition of welcoming students from overseas. We establish ongoing links with our homestay families to ensure that you enjoy a safe and happy life, as well as achieving study success.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school family.

## Three reasons to choose Atherton State High School

Our location offers access to the Great Barrier Reef, the Australian Outback and World Heritage listed rainforest. It is a highly regarded school with a diverse curriculum and flexible delivery. Our rural lifestyle is relaxed, but only a short drive to Cairns.

## Homestay

Homestay\* enables EQI students to truly experience Australia's famous lifestyle.

By living with an Australian host family, international students become part of the local community and have a fantastic opportunity to practise their English in a safe and caring home environment. International students often develop lasting friendships with their homestay families.

- Students have their own bedroom with study facilities, three meals a day, and access to transport to and from school, and to school activities
- Host families are carefully selected from within the school community and undergo a police check as required by Queensland law

Standard Homestay fees have been set and these are listed on the [EQI program fees page](#).

Read more about [accommodation and welfare](#).

\* Students enrolled in Primary School must live with a parent or close relative as defined by the Australian Immigration Regulations.

## University or vocational pathways

- James%20Cook%20University:%20access%20to%20university%20courses through%20an%20accelerated%20school%20program
- TAFE%20located%20on%20school%20grounds

## School facilities

- Fully equipped gym
- Agricultural farm
- Instrumental music centre
- School catering deck for functions
- Auditorium
- Large community hall
- Recording studio
- Outdoor stage
- Two large sports ovals

## Extra curricular activities

- Running Club
- Instrumental Music
- Swimming Club
- Horseriding
- Cricket team
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Rugby Union/League
- Lions Youth of the Year, Public Speaking
- STEM (Science, Technology, English and Maths) program
- And much more

## Holiday adventure programs

EQI holiday adventure programs are an exciting and safe way for international students to travel and sightsee during school holidays.

There's an adventure to suit every taste - from visiting city landmarks and riding camels on an unforgettable Australian outback adventure, to exploring ancient rainforests and swimming with turtles off Queensland's pristine white sand beaches.

All holiday adventures are fully guided and escorted by qualified Queensland Government teachers and staff to ensure student safety. These programs are open to international students enrolled in an EQI high school and additional fees apply. Find out more about our [holiday adventure programs](#).

## Languages

- Japanese (face to face and via Distance Education)
- All other languages are available through the school of Distance Education

## Special programs

- Aerospace Systems
- Certificate III in Aviation
- Senior Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Senior Coding
- Agricultural Science
- Equestrian Team
- Sailing Team
- Certificate II Animal Studies
- Certificate III Fitness

## Disclaimer

The information and data in this webpage is subject to change without notice. Before submitting your application, if you are interested in:

- a particular subject, sport, program or extracurricular activity offered by an EQI school; or
- particular school facilities;

please contact EQI or the school directly to confirm it will be offered and/or available in the year you intend to study.