



# James Nash State High School

**Year established**  
1977

**Number of students**  
1010

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Since 1881, Maryborough State High School has exemplified excellence in education. Our school community is proud to be a part of the outstanding 139-year commitment to educating students, both in terms of academic outcomes and their development as lifelong learners.

Today, Maryborough State High School offers a flexible learning environment exemplified by our students having opportunities to engage in a variety of academic, sporting, cultural and community programs.

As a vibrant part of the World Heritage listed Fraser Coast area, the town of Maryborough is steeped in history, and just a short drive to Hervey Bay provides the stepping off point to Fraser Island, the location of some of the world's best whale watching encounters.

## Principal's welcome

My name is Jackson Dodd and I am proud to be the Principal of James Nash State High School located in the picturesque rural landscape of north Gympie. James Nash State High School is a large and welcoming secondary school campus set in native bushland, with over 1200 students from ages 11 to 18. As an international school, we welcome new students from across the world each year to experience authentic Australian education and culture.

Our school's location in south-east Queensland gives visiting students the opportunity to make the most of white sandy beach and country landscapes; both of which are right on our doorstep. Our town has a rich gold mining history (dubbed 'the town that saved Queensland' when gold was discovered in 1867) with many heritage buildings still standing today. International students visiting James Nash will have the opportunity to experience everything from the bush to the beach. I am personally very proud to live in and represent such a diverse corner of the world.

James Nash is a place where we welcome new visitors and friends. Our school recognises that a quality education is a significant ingredient in a successful life and we invest heavily in the quality of our teaching. This, coupled with a diverse curriculum, extensive extra-curricular activities and a strong value set continues to prepare well-rounded young adults for the next phase of their lives.

Join us on the learning journey as we engage, empower and excel.

## Three reasons to choose James Nash State High School

1. A range of extra-curricular opportunities; including participation in the award-winning Programs of Excellence (competitive rugby union and Academy of Creative Arts), after school and weekend sport, competitive chess, local arts and culture competitions, as well as opportunities to volunteer and participate in renowned events such as the Gympie Music Muster.
2. A location in beautiful south-east Queensland – 40 minutes from world-class Noosa, a short ferry to World Heritage Listed Fraser Island and 2 hours' drive north of Queensland's capital city, Brisbane.
3. A diverse and technology-integrated curriculum where students are given the opportunity to study according to their interests and skillset;

including advanced, independent and 'flipped' learning.

## 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.

## School facilities

- Offering two campuses the school mixes tradition with innovation
- New State-of-the-art Performing Arts block
- New covered outdoor sporting fields
- Trade Training Centre
- Fully air-conditioned classrooms
- Hair salon training facility
- Commercial kitchen and restaurant facilities
- Refurbished and modernised classrooms
- Local History Museum

## Extra curricular activities

- Rowing (only school on the Fraser Coast)
- Maryborough Technology Challenge, Human Powered Vehicle 24-hour race
- Fraser Pop – a pop culture festival organised and managed on-site by Diploma of Business students
- Hockey, soccer and rugby teams
- Community events and representation
- School play
- Music and The Arts showcase

## 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
- Coding

## Special programs

- Soccer Academy (only regional school with links to Brisbane Roar Football Club, as well as partnership with Liverpool FC)
- Honours program (Years 7–9)
- Hockey and Rugby Academies
- Coding as a language
- Diploma in Business
- Large range of nationally recognised training courses on offer at the school

## 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.