



Mackay North State High School

Year established	1964	Phone	(07) 4963 1666
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Our school is located near the world-famous beachside community of Airlie Beach and the popular Whitsunday Islands.

Enjoy weekends with your homestay family discovering our tropical highland rainforest and more than 30 sandy beaches. See wallabies at sunrise on the beach and platypus in our rainforest rivers. Swim in crystal clear rock pools and glide through the forest canopy on a flying fox cableway.

We have a reputation for academic excellence and outstanding achievement in music, performing arts and sport. Our school is well resourced so you can choose from many subjects and extracurricular activities.

Our community is very safe and welcoming and we value our friendships with international students.

We invite you to join our International Family.

Principal's welcome

Mackay North State High School has a proud tradition of educational excellence in the Mackay region. As a Band 11 school, we have an enrolment of over 1300 students. Our dedicated staff are committed to high quality teaching and learning across the school from Years 7 to 12.

At North we believe every student has the opportunity to succeed. We offer students a range of pathways as they progress from Junior Secondary to Senior Secondary, and we have high expectations of our students, whichever pathway they commit to follow.

Our school values of respect, resilience and confidence are embedded into all facets of school life at North High. From our school wide well-being programs to our programs of academic excellence our students are always encouraged to strive for their best.

The Mackay North State High School community is proud of the achievements of our students and our staff. Our dedicated leadership team work together to ensure that our school offers the very best education to all students.

Three reasons to choose Mackay North State High School

1. Access to the Whitsundays, Great Barrier Reef and rainforest areas
2. Friendly, safe and supportive community
3. Wide range of subjects and extracurricular activities with outstanding educational outcomes

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

- CQUniversity
- CQTafe
- James%20Cook%20University%20(JCU)

School facilities

- Health and physical education facilities include: a 25-metre swimming pool, extensive playing fields, a gym and a climbing wall
- Senior centre facilities include an auditorium and senior study room
- Junior secondary precinct provides indoor and outdoor educational and recreational areas
- Arts facilities include an art studio, performing arts area, music practice rooms and a dance floor
- Vocational education facilities include a commercial kitchen and training restaurant, and engineering and building workshops

Extra curricular activities

- The performing arts department sponsors many extracurricular activities for all students
- Modern dance
- School choir
- Bands and ensembles
- Music and drama performance and competitions
- The school's signature musical ensemble is the marching band; the largest school marching band in Australia with over 140 members. This band has represented Australia at the Sydney and Beijing Olympics, the Shanghai Tourism Festival, Disneyland and the Los Angeles Independence Day Parade

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 EQI 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 EQI 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. To find out more visit the [holiday programs page](#)

Languages

- Japanese

Special programs

- Marine studies – including boating and field trips to local beaches, Mackay Harbour, the Great Barrier Reef and the Whitsunday Islands
- A strong sporting program
- Excellence in music and art programs
- Highly regarded instrumental music program

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.