



Malanda State High School

Year established

1963

Number of students

500

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At Malanda State High School (SHS), we take great pride in our strong academic values and deep sense of community. Malanda is located on the naturally air-conditioned Atherton Tablelands, 70km west of Cairns in Far North Queensland. Surrounded by tropical rainforest and World Heritage areas, Malanda is just a short distance to Sclerophyll forests to the west and a daytrip to the Great Barrier Reef to the east.

Our small school is recognised as a place to excel academically and where students also enjoy a rich and regular program of cultural, sporting and social activities.

Malanda SHS invites international students from around the world to experience our beautiful environment with its spectacular natural features, and we welcome the diversity and wonderful input you will bring to our school.

Principal's welcome

Welcome to Malanda State High School, a small school in a picturesque location that offers international students a unique and memorable Queensland study experience.

From our position in a thriving rural community on the beautiful Atherton Tablelands, we focus on both academic learning and a range of specialist subjects valued by our students, many of whom live and work on dairy farms and study all aspects of the agricultural industry.

Malanda State High School is a close and supportive school where strong community support and involvement contribute to our outstanding academic success and participation in community events across our region.

We welcome the diversity and wonderful input international students bring to our school enabling all students to learn from others and enrich their educational opportunities.

Mr Gary Toshach

Principal

Three reasons to choose Malanda State High School

1. Recognition as a school of outstanding academic excellence in a small, friendly, safe and close-knit rural setting
2. Individual care of all students through strong teacher/student relationships
3. A location surrounded by rich tropical World Heritage listed rainforests, volcanic lakes, waterfalls and abundant flora and fauna, including tree kangaroos

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

- Access to a variety of vocational courses including Certificate of Information Digital Media Technology, Certificate of Engineering

School facilities

- Science laboratories
- Gym and training centre
- Industrial quality workshops
- Large multipurpose hall for sports with a stage for school performances
- Large sports oval
- Hospitality kitchen and teaching facilities
- Computer research rooms
- Paddocks and pastures for cattle and goats
- Agricultural Trade Training Centre with yards and handling facilities
- Horticultural shade house
- Library with Distance Education Centre
- Tuckshop
- TAFE engineering and automotive facility

Extra curricular activities

- Japanese club
- Chess club
- Coding and robotics club
- Art club
- Cross-country running club
- Drama club
- Sporting competitions (rugby league, touch football, volleyball, cricket, athletics, cross-country, swimming)
- Instrumental music program
- School choir and band

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](#)

Special programs

- Embedded technology in Agriculture (drones, farm bots)
- Year 10 Extension classes in Mathematics and Science
- Global Tropics Future STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program
- Registered Training Organisation (RTO) offering vocational programs
- Senior community-based projects to support the local community members

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.