



Merrimac State High School



Year established	1979	Phone	(07) 5595 8666
Number of students	1284	Fax	(07) 5595 8600
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At Merrimac State High School we are located on 105,000 sq. m of land in the heart of the Gold Coast.

We welcome international visitors and diversity in our multicultural school and we value engagement within our school and local community.

Our international department is well-established and our staff engage with the local community to offer you high-quality and safe local homestays.

We focus on academic achievement to provide you with every opportunity.

We have close links with Griffith University, Bond University, Southern Cross University and The University of Queensland.

Our teachers are highly experienced and dedicated professionals who nurture and encourage you to achieve your potential.

Principal's welcome

I am proud of the excellent program we offer international students.

Merrimac State High School has achieved prestigious world-wide accreditation, from the Council of International Schools for our school international focus. We have a student population that welcomes international visitors. The staff have engaged the local community to offer high quality and safe local home stays, to compliment your son/daughter engaging in our high achieving academic programs.

The diverse mix of international students cared for in a school with strong emphasis on Respect, Responsibility and Reliability.

Situated close to shops, beaches, universities and quality public transport, Merrimac SHS offers an outstanding international experience.

I extend a warm welcome.

Three reasons to choose Merrimac State High School

1. Merrimac has strong Academic results.
2. Merrimac offers an extensive range of educational pathways and activities, supported by safe, high quality homestays
3. Merrimac is a multi-cultural school that values the differences and contributions that all of our students offer to create a wonderfully inclusive environment

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

- [Entry%20programs%20to%20Griffith%20University%20\(GU\)](#)

School facilities

- Robotics laboratory – we are the current world champions
- Confucius classroom

- Upgraded science laboratories
- Swimming pool
- Extensive sporting facilities and oval with land measuring 105,000 sq. m
- 17,500 sq. m of classrooms

Extra curricular activities

- Academic competitions
- School camps
- Kokoda Challenge
- World Challenge
- Debating
- Ski trip
- Surf camp
- International trips to Japan and China
- Marine studies to Heron Island on the Great Barrier Reef
- School trips to Cairns and Moreton Bay Island

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

- Chinese
- Japanese
- Spanish

Special programs

- Science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) Academy
- Academic Excellence
- Sporting Excellence
- Dance Excellence
- Master classes for academic achievement
- Direct pathways for university entry
- Leadership development programs
- Extension programs for high-performing students
- Instrumental music, stage band and jazz band
- Personal support for English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) learners

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.

