



Merrimac State School

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Year established	1917	Phone	(07) 5569 1555
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At Merrimac State School we are located on the beautiful Gold Coast with abundant wildlife in our very natural environment.

Our school is located between the Gold Coast Hinterland and the beach with the dual benefit of a country feeling in a city location.

We provide a quality education in an airconditioned, technology-centred environment.

Our experienced and highly qualified teachers work with your child to ensure that we meet their individual learning needs.

We teach the Australian Curriculum including English, mathematics, science, technology, humanities, health and physical education.

Our students and their parents greatly value our Sister School relationship with Katsuragi Elementary School in Japan.

Principal's welcome

Welcome to Merrimac State School. Our school is renowned on the Gold Coast for its outstanding natural setting, with an array of wildlife and bushland. We welcome families from our local area and indeed across the world. Merrimac children work together as a safe, respectful community of learners. Our caring teachers set high academic expectations for every child. We encourage the children to be self-managed, resilient and culturally aware. Our learning environment is air-conditioned, allowing everyone to be cool in summer and warm in winter. We offer a challenging and engaging curriculum including science, technology, sport and music. The classrooms are very well resourced and the teachers and students have access to a wide range of digital resources. Merrimac State School is an excellent choice as the school best placed to educate your child. We will work together to help them achieve their personal and academic goals.

Three reasons to choose Merrimac State School

1. Welcoming school in a natural bushland setting
2. Air-conditioned classrooms with interactive whiteboards
3. Comprehensive curriculum catering for the individual learning needs of all students from Prep to Year 6.

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

- Language centre
- Performing arts centre
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) space
- Multipurpose centre
- Information Communication Technology Centre
- Oval

- Sports courts - tennis, basketball, netball

Extra curricular activities

- Lunchtime clubs - chess, skipping, handball, kedama
- Music ensembles
- Active afternoon school sports
- Harmony Day celebrations
- Under 8s Day
- Wellness Day
- Before school fitness program
- Before school tennis

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 (Prep to Year 6)

Special programs

- Active Student Council and Student Leadership Program
- Kids Matter Program
- Peaceful Kids
- Robotics
- English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) program
- Instrumental music program
- Junior and senior choirs, strings and concert band
- Environmental focus
- Performing arts
- Camping program for Years 4 and 5
- Biennial school trip to Canberra (Years 5 and 6)
- Sports carnivals - athletics, swimming and cross-country
- Intra-school and interschool sporting programs
- International Sister School program with a Japan trip every 2nd year
- International study tours

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.