



Whitfield State School

Year established

1989

Number of students

860

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At Whitfield State School we are close to tropical rainforests, the Great Barrier Reef and some of Australia's most beautiful natural environments.

We are one of the larger schools in the Cairns area.

Our teachers use successfully proven teaching practices such as Explicit Instruction and Learning Consolidation to maximise student learning.

We teach structured programs across the school in mathematics, reading, writing and spelling to achieve high levels of literacy and numeracy.

Our school motto 'Each Striving for the Peak' shows our belief that every child can succeed.

We are immensely proud of our reputation for providing an excellent education in a safe, caring environment.

Principal's welcome

Welcome to Whitfield State School. Our school is one of the larger primary schools in the Cairns area and is set on a large site with ovals, beautiful gardens and a tropical rainforest plot. Close to both tropical rainforest tablelands and the Great Barrier Reef, our families and students reside close to some of Australia's most beautiful natural environments.

We are immensely proud of our school's reputation for providing an excellent education in a safe, caring environment.

Our teachers use proven, high-yield teaching practices such as Explicit Instruction and Learning Consolidation to maximise student learning. The school uses the Australian curriculum to deliver structured programs in Mathematics, English, Science, Geography and History, The Arts, Physical Education, Music and Technology. Both Japanese and Chinese languages are also taught in our curriculum.

Our school offers two Programs of Excellence:

The first is a Gifted Education program where high achieving students are accelerated through engagement with a strong academic curriculum.

The second is a sports program where there are opportunities for students to be extended and coached by regional and state coaches and compete at the highest levels

Our school has modern facilities and is well resourced. International student enrolments and visits by school study groups from overseas add to a rich learning environment. Whitfield State School has a large multicultural student population with students from 38 different countries.

Our school motto Each Striving for the Peak underpins our belief that every student has the potential to succeed. Our school provides a strong primary education, successfully transitions students to high school and supports all students to become high achievers.

Three reasons to choose Whitfield State School

1. Strong academic program with highachieving students accelerated within a Gifted Education Program. A large multicultural student population with students from 38 different countries. A high level of support is offered through a professional team

2. Student participation in Japanese and Chinese language programs
3. Opportunities to be coached by regional and state coaches in our excellence in sport program, including high-level competition

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

- Large undercover area and smaller undercover shelters
- Library/Technology Centre
- Two large sports ovals
- Student with Disabilities Centre
- Preparatory classrooms
- Instrumental Music Room
- Tuckshop serving healthy food, open every day for morning tea and lunch
- Multi-level Senior Learning Centre

Extra curricular activities

- Dance
- Drama
- Technology (Years 4 to 6)
- Active Student Leadership Programs
- Musical Marvels Cultural Performance Night
- Choral music program
- Cairns Junior Eisteddfod
- Islander Singing Group
- Students' Arts Festival
- Science on the Oval (SOTO) Program
- Annual Athletics Carnival
- International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

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

- Chinese (Mandarin) (Years 3 to 6)
- Japanese (Years 3 to 6)
- English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D)

Special programs

- Gifted and Talented Program
 - Actively identifies students who are gifted regardless of ethnicity, location, (dis)ability, gender or economic status
 - Improves student learning outcomes through innovative curriculum delivery
 - Fosters collaborative partnerships
- Excellence in Sports Programs (Years 4 to 6)
 - Provides expert coaching for identified students to further enhance skill development and knowledge in four chosen sports – Australian football (AFL), netball, football (soccer) and basketball
 - Encourages students to participate and represent Whitfield State School at inter-school, district, regional and state sporting events

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.