



William Ross State High School

Year established

1991

Number of students

920

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William Ross State High School is located in the tropical city of Townsville: gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Our world-class facilities include an aquaculture hub, industrial trade centre, a laser equipped design lab and commercial grade kitchens with a fully functioning café. We value academic excellence and vocational pathways.

Our school motto is 'Success through commitment' and we offer a diverse range of learning opportunities in a supportive welcoming environment with opportunities in the classroom and beyond. Field excursions include camps to local tropical islands and across North Queensland, with experiences of snorkelling with turtles, discovering Indigenous culture, and other events such as the Human Powered Vehicle competition.

Principal's welcome

Welcome to William Ross State High School.

Our school is an innovative academic school with an extensive range of curriculum providing high quality learning with a strong student support program.

William Ross delivers opportunities for international students to experience success and achieve productive outcomes across academic studies, cultural events and sporting activities.

Located on the south side of Townsville, our open North Queensland life-style offers students experiences and activities that extend their understanding of Australian culture and provide a unique life balance that will add to their personal development as global citizens.

Three reasons to choose William Ross State High School

1. A welcoming local community that embraces culture and diversity with established support systems, orientation programs and homestays for international students.
2. With a strong education focus, William Ross State High School has direct links university and industry pathway programs to prepare students for a career or further study.
3. A proud sporting tradition and programs that develop and support elite athletes to regional, state and national level.

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

- Tertiary%20and%20industry%20training%20pathways
- Pathway%20programs%20with%20JCU
- Vocational%20Education%20and%20Training%20(VET)%20Certificate%20courses

School facilities

- Aquaponics hub
- Industrial grade Trade Skills Centre
- Commercial kitchen with a fully functioning café
- Computer laboratories with 3D printing and AutoCAD design capabilities
- Performing arts centre and dance room
- Fully equipped school gym
- Film, sound and arts studio
- Confucius Classroom in partnership with QUT

Extra curricular activities

- Excursions and camps to local attractions, the Reef,
- Magnetic Island, Mungalla Station, Mungalli Falls
- Outdoor Education Centre and Billabong Sanctuary
- STEAM Lab is an opportunity to problem solve and develop solutions using a range of technical and design skills featuring drone programming, flight simulation, robotics, laser and 3D printing
- Immerse yourself in an Indigenous cultural experience
- Multicultural celebrations with music, food and dance
- Go digital with our student run radio station and green room facilities
- Community performances, dance, musicals and rock eisteddfod
- LOTE (Language other than English) competitions and events
- Swimming and athletics carnivals
- Inter-school sporting competitions

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

- Japanese
- Chinese

Special programs

- Marine Aquaculture
- STEAM Lab (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths)
- Engineering Excellence
- Language Ambassador
- Instrumental music
- Performing vocal group and orchestra
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
- Literacy and Numeracy support

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.