



Atherton State High School

Year established 1952
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Atherton State High School has a reputation as a provider of high-quality educational outcomes, and this is reflected in the accomplishments and initiatives implemented by the school over 50 years. The school continues to strike a sophisticated balance between the need to change with the times and the desire to remain true to its history and ethos.

The school offers a diverse curriculum in a coeducational setting to allow students to develop an individual and flexible learning pathway to success.

Three reasons to choose Atherton State High School

1. Our location offers access to the Great Barrier Reef, the Australian outback and World Heritage listed rainforest
2. It is a highly regarded school with a diverse curriculum and flexible delivery
3. Our rural lifestyle is relaxed, but only a short drive to Cairns

Special programs

- › High-quality academic programs – mathematics, chemistry, biology, modern history, physics
- › Certificate subjects in fitness, sport and recreation, including hiking, bushwalking and canoeing
- › International astronomy and astrophysics course
- › Agriculture subjects – agricultural science, animal studies
- › Music industry studies, visual art, art and craft, drama
- › TAFE campus co-located on the school site. Students are able to study hospitality and beauty

Extracurricular activities

- › Equestrian sports
- › Sailing team
- › Rainforest walks
- › Trips to the Great Barrier Reef
- › Sports such as hockey, cricket, futsal, judo and tennis
- › School encourages participation in local town festivals
- › Music academy – bands and local music competitions
- › School entry in local agricultural shows in poultry, cattle, goats and vegetables

School facilities

- › School gym with fitness equipment
- › School catering deck for functions
- › Airconditioned classrooms
- › Auditorium
- › Large community hall

- › School farm with animals
- › Recording studio
- › Outdoor stage
- › Two large sports ovals
- › Large shaded areas

Tertiary pathways

- › James Cook University (JCU) – access to university courses through an accelerated school program
- › TAFE located on school grounds

Languages

- › Japanese and other languages are studied via School of Distance Education

