Cairns State High School

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Cairns State High School is located in the heart of Cairns – the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Our reputation for academic excellence complements our outstanding achievements in music, performing arts, visual arts and sport.

Our programs allow you to follow a broad range of academic and vocational pathways. We encourage you to be inquiring, knowledgeable and show a commitment to reach your potential as a global citizen.

As an IB World School with CIS International Accreditation, we meet international standards and are committed to continuing improvement.

We promote wellbeing and safety for all students and we are committed to diversity and international relationships.

We are proud of our long tradition of educating international students.

Special programs
- Centres of Excellence – chorale music, orchestral music, dance, technical theatre, drama, visual arts, soccer, hockey, basketball, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Aerospace studies
- Aquatic Practices
- Multimedia Studies
- Recreational and tourism studies
- Photography
- Euroka - Media Arts In Practice
- Extensive range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications

Extracurricular activities
- Centre of Artistic Design fashion parade
- Dance and drama evenings
- Swimming and athletics carnivals
- Instrumental music and school musicals
- Charity events
- Scuba diving courses (PADI certification)
- Work experience programs
- New Zealand ski trip
- IB Italy study tour
- Japan tour

School facilities
- Performing arts centre
- Swimming pool
- Recording studio
- Community hall
- Sports complex
- Science and Technology Centre
- Modern refurbished library

Tertiary pathways
- Links to all national Australian universities
- The University of Queensland (UQ)
- Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
- Griffith University (GU)
- James Cook University (JCU)
- Central Queensland University (CQU)

Languages
- Italian
- Japanese
- Chinese (Mandarin)