

Merrimac State High School

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Year established: 1979

Number of students: 1287

As an internationally recognised school with an outstanding reputation, Merrimac State High School delivers world-class education built upon the core principles of respect, responsibility and reliability.

With multiculturalism at the forefront of our ethos, we warmly welcome international students and are proud to offer these students an enriching local homestay courtesy of our strong engagement with the school community.

Our school motto, 'Pride in Excellence', emphasises our unwavering pursuit of excellence, which we believe is best achieved when students, parents, teachers and community work together to deliver the best possible educational outcomes.

Through our selective entry programs, students are challenged in areas that extend beyond the classroom. This is based on the understanding that fostering student interests and offering opportunities for extension allow students to reach their highest potential.

Owing to our solid relationships with Griffith, Bond and Southern Cross Universities, as well as The University of Queensland, students are provided with flexible pathways to tertiary education, while our industry partners offer a diverse range of traineeships and school-based apprenticeships.

Located in the heart of the Gold Coast and readily accessible via public transport, Merrimac State High School boasts world-class facilities, a highly experienced teaching staff and a supportive school community; an environment in which students thrive.



Special programs

- Science, Technology, Enterprise, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Academy (Years 7–9)
- Academic Excellence (Years 7–9)
- Sporting Excellence (Years 7–9)
- Dance Excellence (Years 7–9)
- Direct pathways for university entry (Years 11–12)
- Leadership development programs (Years 7–12)
- Extension programs for high-performing students (Years 7–12)
- International program
- Instrumental music, stage band and jazz band (Years 7–12)
- Personal support for English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) learners (Years 7–12)

Extracurricular activities

- Academic competitions
- School camps
- Debating
- Ski trip
- Surf camp
- Cultural Immersion trips to China and Spain
- Marine studies to Heron Island on the Great Barrier Reef
- School trips to Cairns and Moreton Bay Island

School facilities

- Cutting-edge Robotics laboratory – World Championship winner
- Confucius Classroom
- Enhanced Science laboratories
- Infrastructure to support bring-your-own (BYO) laptops
- Dance studios and drama theatre
- Engineering workshops
- Boating facilities on campus
- Swimming pool
- Extensive sporting facilities including an oval, gymnasium, and tennis, netball and basketball courts

Tertiary pathways

- Entry programs to Griffith University, Bond University, Southern Cross University and the University of Queensland (UQ)
- Individual Career Pathways Counselling available with a Guidance Officer (Years 10–12)
- Tertiary Institution Student Recruitment Presentations to Year 12 cohort
- Year 12 Extension Tertiary Programs
- Student for a Semester – tertiary subjects studied while in Year 11 or 12
- Tertiary Student Experience Days
- Direct Entry applications to TAFE and local universities
- Individual Scholarship Application support
- Support with online applications for QTAC

Languages

- Chinese (face-to-face)
- Spanish (face-to-face)

