



Queensland Government schools

Group Study Tours



Your journey begins now

The Department of Education (DoE) welcomes international student groups visiting Queensland, Australia as part of their group study tour program. At Education Queensland International (EQI) we have a dedicated team of professionals who specialise in managing and tailoring short-term group study tours to Queensland Government schools.

For over 25 years, students from around the world have enjoyed exciting and academically rich study tour experiences in Queensland, Australia. In our Queensland Government schools, students are equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to become successful global citizens. Every student is provided with equal opportunities to be educated, share experiences and explore the ways in which they can succeed in the global community.

Study tour programs provide a unique opportunity for students to gain invaluable insights into studying in a Queensland Government school. Groups of school students from around the world can experience the Australian culture, while developing lifelong friendships studying alongside Queensland students and staying in a host family environment.

Our academic excellence, safe and healthy lifestyle make Queensland the best study tour destination for international students.





Education Queensland International (EQI) is the trading name for the international branch of the Queensland Department of Education.

We are the third largest provider of international student programs in the Australian schools' sector and the national leader for Study Tour programs.

EQI Study Tours offers a wide range of short-term tailored programs for international students to study in a Queensland Government school.

Experience

Further your experience by building on the opportunities Queensland has to offer.

Our schools celebrate diversity and strive to create global citizens through an inclusive school environment, expanding the study of languages and developing students ability to communicate across cultures. By integrating into the school community, students will develop lasting international friendships.

Students will benefit from immersing themselves into the Queensland Government education system. A safe and supportive learning environment that allows future global leaders to thrive from Prep (primary) – Year 12 in metropolitan or regional school areas.

Study tour participants are provided with the opportunity to engage with high quality and inclusive learning environments that support the students to be critical and creative thinkers. Participants are encouraged to investigate different perspectives of the world and inter-culturally collaborate to positively grow their global mindset.

Educate

Queensland Government schools provide world class education and a supportive learning environment.

EQI works with accredited schools that offer world class education facilities in Queensland Government schools that have extensive resources and state-of-the-art facilities to support innovation and 21st century learning. Highly qualified and dedicated teachers are passionate about developing students' academic skills, values and knowledge.

Students have the opportunity to enhance their English language skills and academic capabilities by studying alongside their school buddies in a Queensland classroom environment. With a diverse range of academic and specialised programs to choose from students are given a unique opportunity to enrich their studies in a globalised context gaining a deeper understanding to fulfil their academic and personal potential. Programs are tailored to suit the specific needs and focus of each group and combine exciting educational, tourism and cultural exchange activities.

Explore

Explore the endless opportunities a Queensland Government Study Tour can provide.

Study tour participants are provided with the opportunity to collaborate and connect with Queensland students, explore the world and share their own unique experiences and cultures. Students are encouraged to investigate their surroundings for deeper personal development.

Safety, academic excellence, natural beauty and an outdoor lifestyle makes Queensland a favourable study tour destination for students. With over 300 accredited schools, Queensland is where your study tour journey starts.



Queensland at a glance


- > Capital city: Brisbane
- > Area: 1.853 million km²
- > Population 5.2million
- > Home to the Great Barrier Reef
- > 16 UNESCO World Heritage listed sites
- > Multicultural society
- > Relaxed and friendly communities
- > Warm, sunny climate and outdoor lifestyle
- > Stunning beaches and coastal areas

Australia





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
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 Rockhampton

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 Sunshine Coast

 Toowoomba

 Brisbane

 Gold Coast

 Domestic Airport

 International Airport

Developing Globally Competent Students

'A global competent individual has the capacity to examine the local, global and intercultural issues; to understand and appreciate the perspective and world views of others; to engage in open, appropriate and effective interaction with people from different cultures; and to act for collective wellbeing and sustainable development.' Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

EQI Study Tour programs in a Queensland Government school play a pivotal role in developing students' global citizenship, mindset, critical thinking, and ability to innovate. Programs will provide students with the opportunity to develop important skills to successfully problem solve and develop as an individual.

Global Leader

Corporate Social Responsibility

- › Strategic thinking and idea generation.
- › Identify global challenges.
- › Deep self-awareness and ability to lead necessary change.
- › Effective communication and understanding of cultural diversity.

Responsible Global Citizen

Overall Outcome

- › Sense of responsibility and contribution to local and global communities.
- › Respect and value cultural diversity.
- › Curiosity and desire to continue to learn more about the world.
- › Aware of individual impacts and responsible for their own actions.





Critical Thinker

Action

- › Identify and examine global challenges.
- › Communicate and consider all cultural perspectives.
- › Innovative, confident, collaborative, adaptable and reflective thinkers.
- › Creative problem solvers that are responsive to current and future global challenges.

Cross Culturally Integrated

Collaboration

- › Engage with opportunities to culturally share and accept knowledge.
- › Diverse critical thinking skills for integrated problem solving of global challenges.
- › International connections and acceptance of broader perspectives.
- › Strong sense of cultural intelligence to communicate collaboratively across cultures.


Program Features

Developing study tour participants academic capabilities and global understanding is a key priority of the study tour program in Queensland, Australia. EQI's program features can be uniquely tailored to meet the needs of each study tour group, enriching the experience for all participants.

Queensland Government schools, ranging from primary, secondary or Prep to Year 12 colleges, involved in the EQI Study Tour program have Accredited Officers who are extensively trained with the skills and resources required to deliver a high-quality service and program. Accredited Officers develop the program ensuring the academic outcomes of each individual group are achieved and the participants are provided with the best possible experience on their study tour.

Our regional and metropolitan schools provide several unique learning environments where the students can enhance their English language and academic capabilities. Students will develop lifelong friendships and enhance their cultural understanding as they learn alongside their designated host school buddies in a safe and supportive environment.





Welcome function: is an opportunity for our schools to officially welcome the group into the community and introduce students to their buddies.

Buddies: study tour participants are welcomed by their designated host school buddies. These buddies are thoughtfully selected from the school community and will support the participants during their study tour journey.

English lessons: based on participant's English levels, our teachers can deliver tailored English conversational lessons to meet the requirements of each group.

Specialised English lessons: tailored lessons can focus on key themes such as global leadership, Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM), marine science, environmental sustainability, sport, and music.

School integration: students will join regular classes and enjoy hands-on inquiry based learning and cultural activities. Many of our schools offer excellence programs in science, leadership, sports, arts and music, making them ideal destinations for groups interested in these subjects.

Excursions: student learning can be extended with educational and enriching activities included in the itinerary. There are many opportunities to explore Queensland's natural beauty including pristine beaches, rainforest walks and meeting unique wildlife along with experiencing world famous tourist attractions.

Participants can expand their knowledge on environmental impact through visits to Environmental Education Centres (EEC) and Outdoor Education Centres, to enhance their leadership and confidence and gain a deeper understanding of Australian indigenous culture.

Day visit

Half and full day visits to Queensland Government schools can be arranged for groups wishing to experience a snapshot of school life in Queensland.

Visits may include a welcome function, school orientation and integration into class with buddies or other activities arranged by the host school.

Farewell function: a highlight for the students to reflect on their study tour experiences and acknowledge their new found learnings. This is an opportunity for the host school and buddies to officially farewell their new friends. Students will receive their study tour participation certificate endorsing the learning outcomes achieved.

Homestay: Study Tour participants from around the world can experience Australian culture while studying alongside Queensland students and staying in a host family environment.

The accommodation, care and welfare of study tour participants is the primary priority for EQI and our host schools. Students are carefully matched with homestay families that have been specifically selected by the school's accredited officer.

Living with a Queensland host family is a great way to experience Queensland's fantastic lifestyle close to the school community. By living in a safe, caring and supportive home environment the students can immerse themselves in their studies, practise their English skills and develop lasting friendships with their homestay family.

1800QStudy:

Safety is EQI's number one priority. EQI works closely with our stakeholders and industry partners to continuously deliver safe, high quality and enjoyable study tour experiences for our visiting students.

EQI offers the 1800QStudy phone support service for the welfare and safety of study tour participants whilst in Queensland.

1800QSTUDY is a multi-lingual student support service available for the study tour chaperones (tour escorts) and EQI homestay providers after-hours, seven days a week.

The service provides advice and a process for managing and responding to incidents that involve international participants outside of school hours.

Specialised Programs

A unique and highly tailored program designed to meet the academic focus of the study tour. Programs are delivered by educational experts in Queensland Government schools for students with a higher level of English.

By offering flexible and innovative programs, students are able to extend their knowledge and understanding by working alongside like-minded Queensland students in global surroundings. Visiting students can access world-class state of the art education facilities and engage with contemporary learning environments which support innovation and 21st century learning.

A number of Queensland government schools have been recognised for demonstrating excellence in areas such as STEAM, leadership, environmental sustainability, and music. At these schools, EQI's specialised programs are rich in experiential and inquiry based learning models, integrating selected academic school-based lessons, focused English lessons, hands-on and cultural activities to strengthen the academic experience for each individual student.

EQI has a variety of highly educational and themed based excursion options available to enhance the students learning. These include outdoor Environmental Education Centres, universities, cultural art facilities and other designated educational facilities throughout Queensland.

Global Leadership

This study tour program develops students skills in leadership to shape our future global leaders. Students will experience inspiring and challenging learning activities focused on building self-confidence, communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills. This program will provide leadership skills that will extend well beyond the study tour, forming a strong foundation for life-long learning and global citizenship.

Key program components could include: Round table discussions, cultural presentations to foster participants as cultural ambassadors for their country and excursions to EQI partners premier educational and training facilities.

EQI will find a Queensland government school based on the visiting group's academic focus and desired educational outcomes.



Entrepreneurship

Students will develop the attributes that encourages them to think critically and apply knowledge creatively and innovatively. This program specifically aims to equip students with the skills needed to overcome challenges and thrive in a more globally connected world. Students will be encouraged to work creatively in solving problems and to develop ideas.

Key program components could include: Introduction to entrepreneurial skills, business development with aspirations to solve real-life problems.



STEAM - Environmental Studies

The environmental STEAM focused study tour program will empower students with the skills to succeed and adapt to the increasing complex, changing, technological world. Students will learn to have responsible interactions with the environment and key skills to innovatively lead a more sustainable future.

Key program focus areas: Environmental sustainability, marine biology, climate action, agriculture and microplastics.



STEAM - Technology

The technological STEAM study tour program enables students to keep up to date with the continual global advances in technology. It is important for students to be employable citizens of the future.

Key Program focus areas: robotics, coding, chemistry, technological innovation.



STEAM - Arts

The STEAM study tour program allows students to take thoughtful risks collaboratively while embracing the creative process. The students will be immersed in experiential learning, exploring their own creativity and innovation through self-expression of the arts.

Key Program focus areas: language, fine arts, manual arts, dance, drama and music.



Virtual Programs

EQI's range of virtual programs have been designed to take students on an education journey, providing participants with the opportunity to connect and explore, recognising the importance of global perspectives.

The EQI's virtual programs provide participants with the opportunity to develop the following skills:

- › **Leadership:** identifying own strengths and develop areas for growth
- › **Problem solving:** demonstrating that challenges have been undertaken, developing new skills in the process
- › **Critical thinking:** demonstrating how to initiate and plan a project
- › **Cross-cultural communication:** demonstrating skills and recognising the benefits of working collaboratively and internationally
- › **Global awareness:** demonstrating engagement with issues of global significance (project-based approach)
- › **Decision making:** recognising and consideration of the ethics of choices and actions.



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GLOBAL SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

The EQI Global Schools Challenge is an international competition providing high school students with a unique opportunity to partner with Queensland Government schools and present solutions to global issues.

Program features

Summit: participants have the opportunity to engage with plenary sessions, workshops and presentations as part of the two half-day summit.

Queensland Government partner school: international groups will be partnered with Queensland Government schools to form a team.

Virtual integration: with your Queensland Government partner school to develop your proposal.

Who can join?

Students aged 13 – 18 years old are eligible.

Group size

Minimum of 20 students and maximum of 35 students per group booking.

Supervising Adults

An English-speaking adult must provide support for the group.

Certificates

After program completion students will receive a Certificate of Participation.





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ACADEMY of GLOBAL MINDS

STUDENT MASTERCLASS SERIES

The EQI Academy of Global Minds provides overseas schools with access to video lessons produced by Queensland education, academic and industry experts. Participants will have enhanced learning opportunities through live virtual interactions with Queensland Government schools.

Program features

Gold package: the foundation level into each stream. The gold package provides an introduction to the topic consisting of one video lesson and one interactive virtual session with a Queensland Government school. The gold package must be purchased prior to purchasing the platinum package.

Platinum package*: allows students to delve deeper into the stream topic with two additional video lessons and one additional interactive virtual session per stream.

Interactive virtual session: students will be able to discuss their new knowledge and work through a variety of activities with Queensland Government students during their interactive virtual session.

** To purchase the Platinum package of lessons 2 + 3, the Gold package must already be purchased.*

Who can join?

Streams suitable for primary, secondary school (junior and senior high school) students aged 10-18 years old are available. Please refer to the stream overviews for age suitability of each stream.

Group size

Minimum of 10 students and maximum of 25 students per group booking.

Supervising Adults

An English-speaking adult must provide support for the group.

Certificates

After completing the Gold or Platinum package, students will receive a certificate of participation.



The Culture of Queensland



Environmental Sustainability



Cultural and Global Leadership



Entrepreneurship

Getting to Queensland

Group Study Tours to Queensland Government schools can be arranged in conjunction with an agent accredited by EQI. EQI works with many accredited agents, including education agents and tour operators'. Agents promote our programs internationally as well as provide advisory and travel services to assist students interested in an EQI Study Tour. Accredited agents are important partners to EQI, and an integral part of a successful study tour.

EQI Support

The EQI Study Tours team works collaboratively with our accredited agents and schools providing world class support and industry guidance. With over 25 years experience the professional EQI staff are well equipped to design a tailored study tour program. Our key focus is to ensure that students' academic, cultural and global competencies are reached in an encouraging environment whilst on a high-quality program at a Queensland Government school. EQI is available to answer questions and provide guidance and support to ensure students enjoy all that Queensland has to offer.

Program Selection Steps

Remember: EQI Study Tour team is available to support your journey every step of the way. If you have any questions you can contact: StudyTours.EQI@qed.qld.gov.au

1 Queensland

Each Queensland region has unique programs to offer due to the local industries and distinct environment on offer.

Queensland has multiple major metropolitan and regional airports, allowing your Study Tour group to fly into your destination of choice.

2 Program

The EQI Study Tour team will be able to develop a tailor made program given the following:

- > Group name
- > Arrival/Departure dates
- > Study Tour duration (Day Visit, Two Day Visit, Study Tour)
- > Age and number of Study Tour participants and escorts

3 Add Optional Extras

Add optional extras to enhance the Study Tour experience.

- > Study Tour focus: English, Cultural, STEAM, Specialised Programs, Leadership, etc.
- > On ground transfers
- > Homestay Accommodation
- > Excursions and more

4 Quote & Confirm

EQI Study Tours team will be able to provide you with a quote and sample program itinerary.

All there is to do is to book your program!



Build your future with EQI

Endless opportunities and career pathways

The Department of Education International (DEi), trading as Education Queensland International (EQI), provides education programs, services and experiences for students and teachers in Queensland and globally. EQI develops and promotes programs for international students who want to study at a Queensland Government school and provides the opportunities for Queensland students, teachers and school leaders to undertake educational and cultural immersion experiences and professional development internationally.

Educate, experience and explore your way through Queensland

- 1 Come on a Study Tour
- 2 Educate and further your academic and cultural experience
- 3 Continue to explore the opportunities available to you in Queensland HSP, Primary, Middle High Schools and Vocational training and university options

“Welcoming international students for study tours creates a climate of opportunity and understanding where our students widen their horizons and learn about others, as well as learning more about themselves and our own Aussie culture”.

Principal, Queensland Government School



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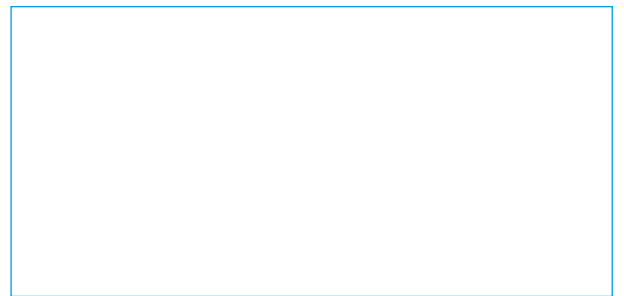
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