



Queensland Government schools

A Guide for International Students

Queensland Department of Education International
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Why study in Queensland?

Beautiful one day, perfect the next

Queensland is blessed with abundant natural beauty, one of the most liveable climates in the world, miles of stunning coastline and a friendly and welcoming population.

Known as the 'Sunshine State', Queensland really is an amazing place to live, work, study and play.

Whether you are drawn to a beach lifestyle, a metropolitan city environment, a rural area or the rugged beauty of the outback, Queensland offers it all.

World-class study programs

Education Queensland International (EQI) offers a wide range of study programs for students aged 5—18 years. With nearly 30 years of experience behind us, we are proud of our world-class programs, facilities and support services for international students.

More than 90 accredited schools participate in our programs, providing international students with a strong foundation for future academic and career success.

Exceptional support services

The health, safety and wellbeing of international students is paramount. EQI provides exceptional quality support services at every stage of the program, including:

- › 24-hour emergency assistance and multilingual support
- › student counselling and guidance
- › homestay services
- › student welfare support
- › excellent student facilities.

About EQI

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

We provide education programs and services for international students, teachers and school leaders at Queensland Government schools and abroad.

EQI is a CRICOS registered education provider (00608A).

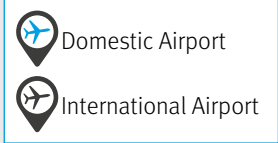
Choose your Queensland experience

As the second largest state in Australia, Queensland offers a diverse landscape. From large cities to small towns, beautiful beaches to bushland and the outback, there is a remarkable experience waiting for you.



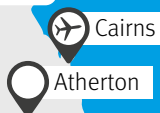
Queensland at a glance

- › capital city: Brisbane
- › second largest state in Australia
- › population 5.1 million
- › 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



Queensland

1,500km



Townsville

1,000km

Mackay

Rockhampton Yeppoon

500km

Bundaberg

Hervey Bay

Kingaroy

Sunshine Coast

Toowoomba

Brisbane

Gold Coast

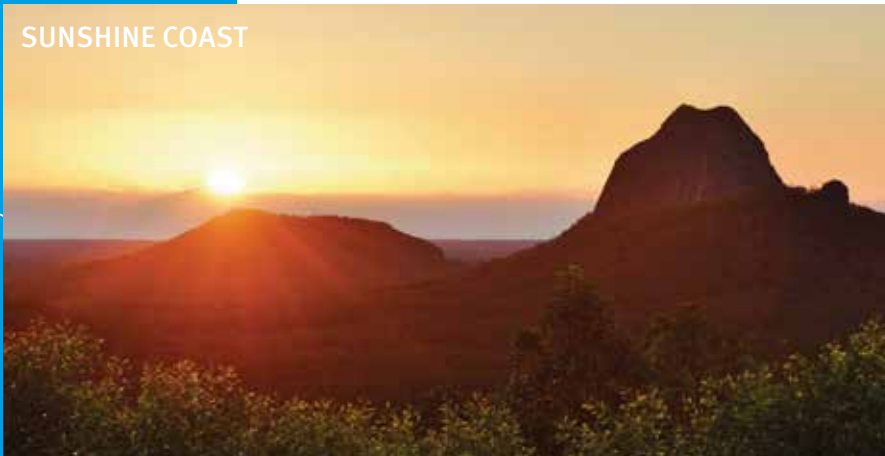
CAIRNS



☀️ 26°C—31°C Average temperature

Famous for its unique World Heritage sites — the Wet Tropics Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef — Cairns offers a relaxed lifestyle in a warm, tropical climate with lots of living space.

SUNSHINE COAST



☀️ 20°C—28°C Average temperature

Students and visitors enjoy the Sunshine Coast's relaxed lifestyle, dramatic hinterland, beaches and surf just a 90-minute drive from Brisbane.

BRISBANE



☀️ 22°C—30°C Average temperature

Brisbane is Queensland's capital city and a place where you can enjoy a lively city life, world-class sports venues, beautiful parks and year-round cultural festivals and events.

GOLD COAST



☀️ 21°C—28°C Average temperature

The Gold Coast is one of Australia's most dynamic and fastest growing regions. A popular tourist destination known for its surf culture and as a hub for business and investment, the Gold Coast offers students a unique study experience.

Building your future

Endless opportunities and career pathways

Queensland Government schools provide an excellent standard of education that leads to flexible academic and career pathways.

Completion of Year 11 and 12 provides an internationally recognised high school qualification, the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

This qualification gives international students access to a wide range of options for further study and training for the career of their choice.

On completion of Year 12, students receive an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) which determines eligibility for university study.

Our schools offer a diverse range of subjects designed to nurture every student's potential, whether their interest is science, technology, business, languages, the arts or other areas.

Extracurricular activities are also encouraged to support physical health and social wellbeing.



Valeriia from Russia

Making career dreams come true

When she came to study in Australia at the age of 16, Valeriia studied the High School Preparation (HSP) program at Mitchelton State High School to enable her to study Years 11 and 12 at Kelvin Grove State College (Kelvin Grove SC).

She credits her physics teacher at Kelvin Grove SC for the inspiration to pursue a career in engineering.

Valeriia graduated from Kelvin Grove SC with the highest grade that can be awarded by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

She has now completed a prestigious degree in Electrical and Biomedical Engineering at The University of Queensland.



Diverse areas of study

Students can choose from a range of subjects to develop their individual skills, talents and support career goals.

Schools provide a blend of academic, vocational, sports and arts studies designed to encourage a student's full potential.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) courses are available in most schools including:

- › robotics
- › coding
- › drone technology
- › engineering
- › digital media
- › 3D printing
- › biotechnology
- › industrial technology
- › aviation.

Many schools offer specialised programs or expertise, such as marine science, agricultural science or elite sporting programs.



Excellent facilities

Queensland Government schools have extensive resources and facilities to support innovation and 21st century learning including:

- › eLearning technology
- › computer, science and multimedia laboratories
- › academic, vocational, creative arts and sports facilities.

The Queensland education system explained

The Queensland Government school system covers a total period of 13 years. Primary school commences with Prep (age 5 years) through to Year 6.

High school commences at Year 7 and finishes with Year 12.

Students can finish high school at Year 10 if they wish to pursue vocational training or employment. This is known as completing 'Junior high school'.

Senior high school comprises the final two years, Years 11 and 12. Completion of Year 12 can then lead to university studies.

School hours

School hours are usually Monday to Friday from 9 am to 3 pm, but can vary slightly from school to school. Attendance at school is compulsory except in special circumstances, such as illness. Schools keep records of attendance which are reported back to EQI.

Assessment

Schools have processes in place for continuous assessment of students' academic progress throughout the year. Assessment tasks contribute to final grades and may include:

- › assignments
- › written and/or practical examinations
- › oral presentations.

Fees

Tuition fees apply to EQI's study programs. Fees vary depending on which program you choose, and the duration of your study.

Tuition fees cover:

- › all curriculum schooling and teaching costs
- › curriculum related excursions.

Some non-tuition fees may also apply for items such as school uniforms and non-curriculum activities. For more information go to: eqi.com.au/study-options/fees



School term dates

2019

Term 1	Tuesday 29 January—Friday 5 April
Term 2	Monday 23 April—Friday 28 June
Term 3	Monday 15 July—Friday 20 September
Term 4	Tuesday 8 October—Friday 13 December

2020

Term 1	Tuesday 28 January—Friday 3 April
Term 2	Monday 20 April—Friday 26 June
Term 3	Monday 13 July—Friday 18 September
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October—Friday 11 December

2021

Term 1	Wednesday 27 January—Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April—Friday 25 June
Term 3	Monday 12 July—Friday 17 September
Term 4	Tuesday 5 October—Friday 10 December

2022

Term 1	Monday 24 January—Friday 1 April
Term 2	Tuesday 19 April—Friday 24 June
Term 3	Monday 11 July—Friday 16 September
Term 4	Tuesday 4 October—Friday 9 December

2023

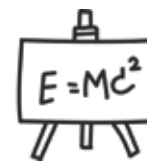
Term 1	Monday 23 January—Friday 31 March
Term 2	Monday 17 April—Friday 23 June
Term 3	Monday 10 July—Friday 15 September
Term 4	Tuesday 3 October—Friday 8 December

These dates are correct at time of printing. Please check term dates at <https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/calendar>

Queensland Education System



University and/or vocational education and training



High School

Year 7 to Year 12



HSP

Intensive English Program to prepare for high school studies



Primary School

Preparatory to Year 6

Choose the program that's right for you

PS Primary School

CRICOS Course Code: 082519A

Our primary school program gives young students a positive start to their early development and learning.

All students from a non-English speaking background receive specialist English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) lessons so they can fully participate in classroom and extracurricular activities.

Primary school provides a strong foundation for future study.

Primary school age students must live with a parent or close relative for the duration of their study.

Program length	Two terms—seven years
Program entry	At the beginning of any school term (January, April, July, October)*
Age range	5–11 years
School year (s)	Prep—Year 6
Entry requirements	Prep: must reach 5 years of age on or before 30 June Year 1: must reach 6 years of age on or before 30 June Years 2–6: passing grades in core subjects for the previous two years
More information	eqi.com.au/primary

* Commencement in Terms 3 or 4 (July and October) in Year 6 is subject to approval due to end of year exams.

HSP High School Preparation

CRICOS Course Code: 078785F

EQI's High School Preparation (HSP) program is an intensive English language program that prepares students for mainstream high school studies.

Students build their English language fluency in different contexts such as mathematics, science, social studies and literature, so they can understand the language used in the mainstream curriculum.

The HSP program features:

- › 10-week modules
- › minimum 20 hours of instruction per week
- › six different levels so you can learn at the appropriate level for you
- › range of learning methods including text book, video, group discussions and practical activities
- › opportunities to make friends through learning activities, excursions and sports.

Program length	10–40 weeks, depending on student's English level
Program entry	At the beginning of any school term (January, April, July, October)
Age range	11–18 years
Entry requirements	Passing grades in core subjects for the previous two years
More information	eqi.com.au/hsp



Huynh (Harry) from Vietnam

When Harry arrived to study in Queensland he spoke very little English. Four months later, he had completed a High School Preparation (HSP) program which gave him the language proficiency he needed to join mainstream Year 11 classes. After graduating from high school, Harry followed his dream to study nursing at the Queensland University of Technology and is now fully qualified.

HS High School

CRICOS Course Code: [082520G](#) Years 7–10
 CRICOS Course Code: [082521G](#) Years 11–12

The High School program is designed for students seeking to graduate high school in Queensland and qualify for tertiary study in Australia or abroad.

Students can choose from over 70 schools throughout Queensland that offer a diverse range of academic, creative and sports programs.

Students who complete Years 11 and 12 receive the internationally recognised Queensland Certificate of Education and may be eligible for university study.

Program length	Two—six years
Program entry	At the beginning of any school term in Years 7–10 (January, April, July, October), at the beginning of Term 1 (January) in Year 11
Age range	11–18 years
School year (s)	Years 7–12
Entry requirements	Passing grades in core subjects for the previous two years Proficiency in English
More information	eqi.com.au/high-school

HS High School (Study Abroad)

CRICOS Course Code: [082520G](#) Years 7–10
 CRICOS Course Code: [082521G](#) Years 11–12

The Study Abroad program is a high school experience providing opportunities to pursue personal, cultural and academic goals.

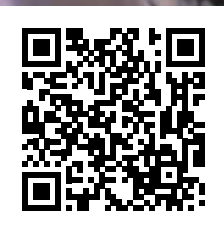
Schools are located all over Queensland, including options in regional areas that provide a unique lifestyle experience. Course fees may vary depending on the location and school you choose.

Students are welcomed into the school community, improve their English proficiency and learn about Australian culture before returning home to continue their studies. Study in Queensland is recognised by several education systems abroad.*

Program length	One term—four terms (3–12 months)
Program entry	At the beginning of any school term** (January, April, July, October)
Age range	11–18 years
School year (s)	Years 7–12
Entry requirements	Passing grades in core subjects for the previous two years Proficiency in English
More information	eqi.com.au/study-abroad eqi.com.au/regional-study-abroad

* EQI recommends that students verify credit recognition in their own country.

** Commencement in Terms 3 and 4 (July and October) in Year 12 is subject to approval due to end of year exams.



Watch her video
eqi.com.au/sunwoo

Sunwoo (Sunny) from South Korea

Sunny graduated from Kenmore State High School and is now studying a Bachelor of Medical Imaging at Queensland University of Technology. At high school she developed her English language, grammar and essay writing skills, and says studying in Queensland has given her the skills to go anywhere in the world she wants to go.

IB International Baccalaureate

CRICOS Course Code: [079324E](#)

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma program is a world recognised curriculum for high academic achievers that is offered in selected Queensland Government schools.

The IB curriculum accelerates academic subjects and enables students to adjust more easily to university study. It aims to develop students' thinking, communication, self-management, teamwork and research skills, helping them to become globally engaged citizens.

Students wishing to enrol in the IB program should have achieved high academic results in a range of subjects prior to entry.

Program length	Two terms, one academic year or the two year Diploma course
Program entry	Term 1 (January) or Term 3 (July)
Age range	15–18 years
School year(s)	Years 11 and 12
Entry requirements	High academic performance for the previous two years Proficiency in English
More information	eqi.com.au/ib

QA Queensland Academies

CRICOS Course Code: [078784G](#)

Unlike other Queensland schools, the Queensland Academies only deliver the IB Diploma curriculum. Students commence at the Academies at the beginning of Year 10 for an immersion IB preparation program.

Queensland Academy students benefit from unique partnerships with The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology and Griffith University, providing them with a smooth transition to university study. Teaching staff engage students in a strong research-based model of learning in collaboration with university and industry partners.

Program length	Three years
Program entry	Term 1 (January), Year 10
Age range	15–18 years
School year (s)	Years 10–12
Entry requirements	High academic performance for the previous two years Proficiency in English
More information	eqi.com.au/qa



Diveakssh from India

Diveakssh studied a full International Baccalaureate Diploma specialising in film and theatre at the Queensland Academy for Creative Industries in Kelvin Grove, where he discovered his passion for sound design. This led him to complete a Bachelor of Communication (Entertainment Industries) at Queensland University of Technology which has created multiple career opportunities.



Watch his video
eqi.com.au/diveakssh

HAP Holiday Adventure Programs

EQI's Holiday Adventure Programs are a fantastic way to make the most of your school holidays!

Discover historic landmarks and visit famous Aussie icons as you create friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

There are several tour destinations available each year.

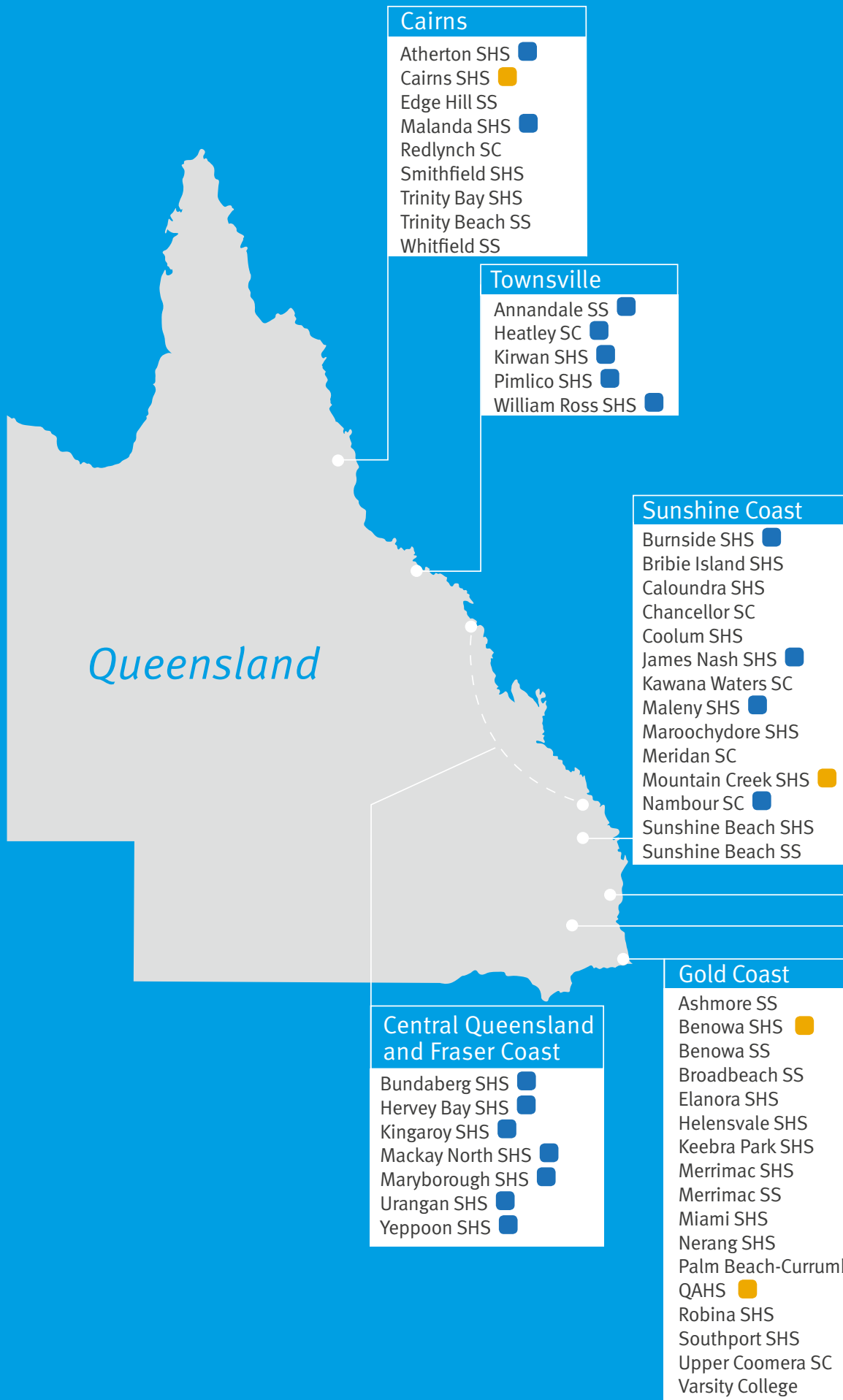
Adventure tours are very popular and book out quickly, so students are encouraged to apply early to secure their place.

Program dates	April, June, September and December
Program length	1 to 2 weeks
Destination	Tour destinations vary each year
More information	eqi.com.au/holiday-adventures

“It’s definitely worth coming here because you can see a totally different environment, you can see the landscape of the outback of Australia.”

Johannes from Austria














Choose your school

EQI schools

Brisbane

Alexandra Hills SHS	Kelvin Grove SC
Aspley East SS	Kenmore SHS
Aspley SHS	Kenmore SS
Balmoral SHS	Mabel Park SC
Brisbane SHS	MacGregor SHS
Burpengary SSC	Mitchelton SHS 
Burpengary SS	Mitchelton SS
Calamvale CC 	Mount Gravatt SHS
Cavendish Road SHS	Murrumba SSC
Centenary SHS	North Lakes SC
Cleveland SS	QACI 
Cleveland District SHS 	QASMT 
Corinda SHS	Rochedale SHS
Craigslea SHS	Springfield Central SHS
Durack SS	Sunnybank SHS
Earnshaw SC	Sunnybank SS
Ferny Grove SHS	The Gap SHS
Holland Park SHS	Upper Mount Gravatt SS
Indooroopilly SHS  	Wellington Point SHS
Ipswich SHS 	Whites Hill SC 
Jindalee SS	Yeronga SHS
Kedron SHS	

Toowoomba

Centenary Heights SHS 

	High School Preparation (HSP)
	International Baccalaureate
	Regional schools
CC	Community College (Prep—Y12)
QACI	Queensland Academy for Creative Industries
QAHS	Queensland Academy for Health Sciences
QASMT	Queensland Academy for Science, Mathematics and Technology
SC	State College (Prep—Y12)
SHS	State High School (Y7—Y12)
SS	State School (Prep—6)
SSC	State Secondary College (Y7—Y12)

Support at every stage

EQI offers tailored advice at every stage of the decision-making process, from choosing your study program and school, to helping you settle in once you arrive in Queensland.

While you are here, you have access to a large range of support services including 24-hour emergency assistance and multilingual support.

Choosing your program

Our professional staff and agents can explain the wide range of options available to you. We work with you to understand the types of subjects that most interest you, and which schools will be best suited to you.

We can also answer questions about the different regions of Queensland, to make sure your Queensland experience is everything you want it to be!

Before you arrive

Before you leave home, you will receive pre-arrival information along with your Confirmation of Enrolment.

You can access information at eqi.com.au/for-students/before-arriving

You can also download Your Passport to Queensland, our mobile application (app) at eqi.com.au/yourpassport

The app prepares international students to leave home, settle into Queensland and learn important safety tips for our cities, beaches and bushland.

Arriving and getting settled

When you first arrive in Queensland, you will be met at the airport by a representative arranged by your host school. Transport from the airport is provided free to all international students arriving in Queensland for the first time.

You and your family will be provided with information about your Queensland school including details of school facilities and any school policies that you need to know.

Accommodation options

Accommodation options vary according to the student's age and level of schooling, as outlined in the table below.

- › Students enrolled in Primary School programs must live with a parent or close relative* as defined by the Australian Immigration Regulations.
- › High school students can choose to live with an EQI approved homestay provider, a parent or legal guardian*.
- › EQI does not permit independent living even if the student is 18 years of age or older.

* A parent, close relative or legal guardian is responsible for obtaining the necessary visa to stay in Australia, as required by Australian immigration regulations.

Accommodation options

PRIMARY							JUNIOR SECONDARY				SENIOR SECONDARY	ACCOMMODATION TYPE	
Prep	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Homestay
							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Parent-nominated carer
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Parent or close relative

Homestay

Discover what it's really like to live in Queensland by staying with a host family.

Your host family can show you the local area and provide a safe and caring family environment, letting you experience the Queensland lifestyle in a way that wouldn't be possible as a tourist.

EQI host families are carefully selected by school staff and hold a government-authorised permit (Blue Card) to host international students.

Homestay includes:

- › three meals per day, seven days per week
- › student's own bedroom with study facilities
- › assistance to find transport to and from school.



"I would like to express my gratitude to the family who have treated me like one of their own – they have been beside me, supported me, brought me great joy during my stay. I am honestly, truly, deeply thankful".

Nhi from Vietnam – Mountain Creek State High School

In-school support

Queensland Government schools understand the needs of international students and have a specialist support team at each school.

International Student Coordinator: provides academic and pastoral guidance to international students.

Homestay Coordinator: organises placement and ensures students have an enjoyable homestay experience.

Guidance Officer: provides specialist counselling and advice on academic pathways, career options and personal wellbeing.

24-hour care

All international students have access to 24-hour emergency assistance and multilingual support.

1800 QSTUDY (1800 778 839) is an after-hours service available before 9 am and after 3 pm on school days, and 24-hours a day during weekends, public holidays and school vacations.



How to apply

Program entry requirements

Academic requirements

- › Experienced staff will place each student in a year level which is comparable to the level of education they have already achieved.
- › Students must achieve at least a pass or better in their core subjects in their own country.*

*There may be subject prerequisites that apply to placement in certain subjects, particularly at senior high school level.

English language requirements

Students must provide evidence that they meet one of the following criteria:

- › Studies have been conducted in English for a minimum of two years at the relevant school level.
- › Students have achieved a satisfactory result in an approved English language test (for example IELTS, ISLPR and Eiken).
- › Students have successfully completed an approved intensive English course (for example the HSP program offered by EQI)

Visa requirements

Students and relatives or legal guardians will need an appropriate visa. Please visit the Australian Department of Home Affairs <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

The Australian Government requires that all international students in Australia maintain medical cover through an approved OSHC provider.

EQI can arrange OSHC on your behalf through Allianz Global Assistance, the EQI preferred provider of OSHC.

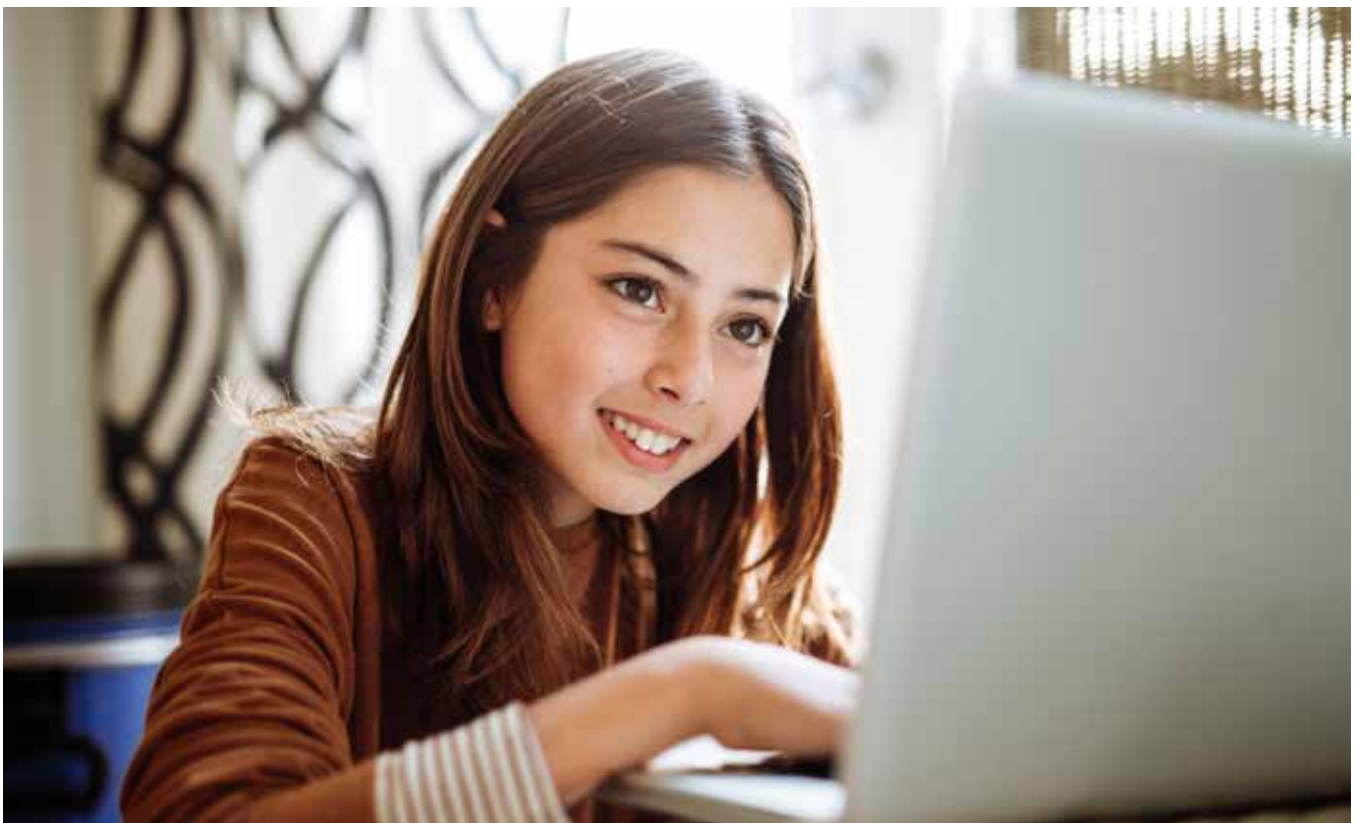
Alternatively, you can arrange your own OSHC. A list of reputable providers can be found on our website at eqi.com.au/oshc

Application process

You can apply directly using forms on the EQI website, or you can use the services of an accredited education agent to help you choose the right program and complete the application process.

Download application forms here:
eqi.com.au/apply-now

Find an Agent near you here:
eqi.com.au/apply-now/findanagent



Group study tours

Study tours are a unique opportunity for your school group to study alongside local students and stay with a host family to experience Australian culture.

Each program is designed to meet your specific needs and provides exciting educational, tourism and cultural exchange activities.

We also offer specialised tours focused on a particular subject or activity like science, sports or the environment.

Tours can include:

- › School integration - join regular classes with the support of a designated “buddy”, one of our local students
- › Homestay - live with a local family
- › English lessons
- › Educational and sightseeing excursions
- › Sporting and musical activities.

Tour length	minimum half day, maximum 12 weeks
Age range	10–18 years
Group size	10–20 students per host school



Professional visit programs

EQI can organise short-term professional visits and seminars for groups of overseas officials and teaching professionals. Programs are highly customised and offer a flexible combination of seminars, site visits and training.

With access to Queensland Government schools and government officials, visiting delegates gain first-hand knowledge and develop an extensive network of contacts within the Queensland education sector.

Programs are organised through accredited Study Tour and Professional Visit agents.





Contact details

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