## CENTRAL QUEENSLAND Encoments Guide 2021



**Gladstone**Today

## **The Education Pathway**

Education is the single most important activity Central Queensland's children will pursue as they grow and develop into fully-grown citizens.

The school that they attend and the critical faculties they build up during their school-years will influence their outcomes in life to a significant degree.

With this in mind, choosing the right school presents a daunting task for any parent.

Fortunately, we are blessed with an abundance of excellent options across the region and we present them here in our special CQ Today schools feature.

Whether it is a focus on STEM education, sporting programs, community engagement or early-childhood education, the schools across CQ present a broad array of educational pathways.

Across the board, a focus on student well-being and curiosity, engaging learning-environments and high-quality instruction feature prominently.

Spiritual instruction and development is also a core concern, and whether it is a school dedicated to a particular faith stream, or a secular state-run enterprise, all place an emphasis on guiding students towards maturity and integrity of character.

The world today is characterised by rapid change and technological development, and this sense of movement and change will likely escalate as time progresses.

To meet this challenge, a central component of contemporary education must be to prepare students to thrive in highly fluid workplaces and develop a commitment to constant learning and growth. Only with this kind of agility will Central Queensland's students prosper in the world of today and tomorrow.



With this in mind, we believe our schools feature provides parents with a clearer understanding of the options available to them to prepare their children for a world in constant flux.

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## Embrace, empower

## Best of both worlds

Allenstown State School has a long history and proud tradition of providing quality educational experiences to Rockhampton students. Beginning in 1877, the school has undergone many transformations to stand as it does today, catering for students from Prep to Year 6.

Our school vision 'Embracing the past, Empowering the Future' reflects our commitment to delivering contemporary learning experiences, while valuing our past, to prepare our students for life and work in the 21st century. ICTS are an integral part of our teaching and learning with Touchboards in every classroom as well as access to ipads and desktop computers. At Allenstown State School, you will find committed and professional staff that know their students well and have high expectations for their social and academic success. Our curriculum programs reflect the Australian Curriculum and students access specialist teachers for physical education, music, instrumental music, and Japanese (years 5 and 6).

We have clear and positive expectations for our school community: Always Learning, Always Present, Always Respectful, Always Safe. To support our students to be successful, the school provides social and emotional learning programs throughout the year. Our sports programs play an important part of our school life. Students have swimming lessons two terms a year in our school pool. They also participate in athletics and have the opportunity to play interschool sports in the upper school.

#### For more information go to: https://allenstownss.eq.edu.au/

Allies Early Learning Centre is a place of play, wonder and exploration set in beautiful indoor and outdoor natural environments.

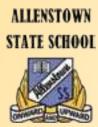
We offer families a rural, spacious feel in a convenient city location. Our dedicated team of Directors and Educators provide a second home for families which is warm, inclusive, fun, nurturing and supportive.

We value children-led learning activities based around play and children's interests and needs, an approach which we know drives the best engagement and outcomes. Our children graduate kindergarten as confident and capable individuals who know 'how' rather than 'what' to think and to feel ready for the next step of school.

In the past few years, Allies has expanded to offer new facilities which include healthy and delicious meals made by our dedicated onsite chef, larger natural outdoor spaces for all ages with purposebuilt areas for both our Kindergarten and OHSC programs as well as a special sensory area for children with particular needs for calming and restorative downtime.

Allies is also very proud to have an ingrained sustainability program where children are involved in all aspects of protecting the environment - caring for animals, watering gardens, recycling, worm farms, planting, collecting chicken eggs and producing their own fruit and vegetables. Based in Allenstown, Allies Early Learning is equally well known for supporting and connecting with our local businesses, charities and communities through a number of initiatives and events. We pride ourselves in offering a holistic learning program and welcome families to drop by and say hi and take a tour. We are now accepting enrolments for 2022!





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## **Teaching Students**

What sets Blackwater State High School apart from the crowd is that the teachers there do not teach only English, Maths or any other subjects. Instead, there is a shared understanding that the core business of schools isn't about teaching a curriculum, but teaching students.

Having transferred to the school in Term 2, Year 10 student Mia M. remarked that what's different about Blackwater from her previous schools is that "teachers here aren't just teaching for a job, but actually connect with students and care about them." Relationships are fundamental to how the school operates, underpinned by the Positive Behaviour for Learning ethos and the genuine belief that every student can succeed. Students at Blackwater State High are more than a face in the crowd or number in a ledger: they are each unique facets of our school community, respected and valued for who they are and how that diversity enriches us all.

That is not to say that Blackwater doesn't offer a rich – and continually expanding – curriculum. In fact, Principal Rebecca Godfrey just this year received a national award for her development of QSMART, a senior maths and science subject tailored to applications in the mining industry. Technologies teacher Locklan Hall has received the Peter Doherty Award for Excellence in STEM Education. 2022 is set to offer the most diverse opportunities for students yet, drawing from not only the expertise of staff but using invaluable industry partnerships to open new doors. Blackwater students are able to gain Certificate qualifications; gain entry to and begin studying Bachelor degrees; undertake work experience or school-based apprenticeships and traineeships in a wide range of fields; explore clubs like Art and STEM; engage in classroom



learning with real-world experts, such as BMA's Cameron Cocks; and, at the end of it all, become part of the school's impressive legacy of 100 per cent Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) attainment.

A young person's secondary education serves as their transition between childhood and the realities that await them in the adult world. Sometimes luck has it that this can be found in your own backyard. Blackwater State High School is open for enrolments – come join our community!'



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## **Small school feeling**

Established in 1907, Bluff State School has been an integral part of the Central Highlands' cluster of Small Schools. It is located between Dingo and Blackwater on the Capricorn Highway. We are a small school that focuses on teaching and learning through an Inquiry process using the P-6 Curriculum Planning model which is tailored to a multi-age setting.

Our smaller classes and lower teacher-student rations promote a more personalised level of learning opportunity for each and every child. Our teachers have a greater capacity to tailor differentiated learning to each child's unique needs, strengths, challenges and motivations.

School-Parent-Community Partnerships embrace our motto 'Learning Together' and promotes positive partnerships within our school environment and the broader community. We have a close connection with our local Ghungalu people who guide us with the inclusion of Indigenous Perspectives in our curriculum.

Our partnerships with cluster schools from Duaringa to Comet ensures the children also have opportunities to form friendship groups with students from other schools. We join together each term for science days, sports carnivals, year 5/6 transition to high school days and various commemorative occasions such as Anzac Day and NAIDOC week.

We offer our students a wide range of extracurricular programs to cater to their interests. We have a Tuckshop program that involves students cooking the menu items with ingredients harvested from our school garden and sourced from local produce. Our Digital Technologies and Arts program is held every Thursday for all students. Our Techie Club is held after school for students who



Bluff State School ensures have access to the best in education with that small school sense of belonging and being valued.

want to delve into the world of electronics, gaming and coding. Our students also learn Japanese online with the support of the School of Distance Education.

We offer an Early Year's Transition to School program through our Bluff Playgroup. It is a very popular program where children and parents gather every Tuesday from 9-11 am during each school term. The Playgroup is open to all children aged 0 -5.

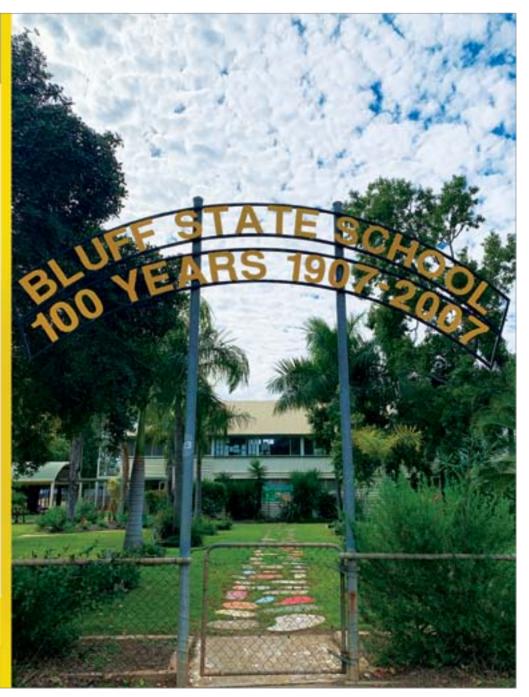
At Bluff State School we offer a learning experience second to none. Our gardens and grounds are beautifully maintained, our classrooms are very well resourced and our teaching staff have over 30 years' experience in education. Our students, staff, parents and the wider community of Bluff are a family. We ensure that all students at our school have access to the best in education with that small school sense of belonging and being valued.

If you are considering the small school experience for your child, please don't hesitate to contact our school on 4982 9167 or email Principal@bluffss.eq.edu.au for further information.

## Bluff State School

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## **Creating a culture**

Bouldercombe State School embodies a positive educational culture which instills inclusivity through their community and curriculum.

Members of the school community appreciate the fabric of the educational facility because everything is whole school inclusive; whether it's school camping trips, swimming programs and carnivals, athletics, presentations and more.

All of our staff members are fully committed to the well-being of your young students, creating a connection with families within the community to maintain a strong tradition of excellent education.

As you consider your child's future educational opportunities, make sure you consider Bouldercombe State School where your child will strive to achieve in a safe, friendly environment. Located on the Burnett Highway, you can contact the school directly on (07) 4912 4777. We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our school community.

#### Brief history

Before it became Bouldercombe State School, the last principal of then-called Crocodile Creek Provisional School was R.D. Butler. The Bouldercombe State School that we know today was completed and opened on 27 August 1900. At the dawn of a new era, its first principal was James Cleminson who was the grandfather of Clem Jones - a former Lord Mayor of Brisbane with an enrolment of 140 students. Throughout its history of providing excellent primary education, school numbers have increased which has resulted in the expansion of infrastructure. An additional building was erected on the site in the early 1970s before another structure was built which included a classroom and library having been installed in June 1985. In May 1988, an early educational unit was opened

### Our School is a Family Affair

Welcome to Bouldercombe State School, we are a Coeducation primary school, serving years Prep – 6.

Our school is one of the oldest in Queensland, with updated amenities including air-conditioning & internet in all rooms.

At Bouldercombe State School our motto "Strive to Achieve" reflects the strong commitment our teachers and the school community have in encouraging every child to reach their full potential.



For a school tour or to find out more about enrolling your child please contact us on **07 4912 4777** or www.bouldercombess.eq.edu.au

# Little school's big day of celebration

Our little school has reached 50 years of education!

From our modest beginnings as a two-room aluminium sheet building with 14 students not even connected to running water, we have become a centre for education for the Clarke Creek community that connects our students to knowledge and experiences from all over the world.

To help recognise this milestone, we are holding a family gathering at the school on Saturday, September 11.

There will be coffee, food, games, displays, market stalls, a jumping castle and activities for the kids, so come along and help us celebrate!

All past and present families, students, staff and interested people are more than welcome – the more the merrier!

Free camping will be available on the campdraft grounds next door and we are finishing the day with an outdoor family movie and barbecue.

We would also love to hear from people that may have photos, articles and other items of interest from their time at our school that they would be willing to share with us, so that we can share them with others.

Stories and memories for sharing can be videos, audio recordings, or just write them up and email them to the school.

For more information check out our Facebook event (search for Clarke Creek State School 50th Anniversary) or contact the school on 07 4938 9127 or by email at admin@clarkecreekss.eq.edu.au.



### Welcome to Clarke Creek!

The small school (and Kindy!) making a big difference in the lives of our amazing students.

Our focus is on providing a wide range of learning experiences for all of our students, so that every child at Clarke Creek has every opportunity to succeed. We aim to provide a world-class education through building the capability of all our staff and we firmly believe that every child deserves the best, no matter what their postcode might be.

If you are thinking about moving into the area and are wondering what kind of educational opportunities are available for your children come and check us out! I would love the chance to show you around our fantastic school and to tell you about some of the work we are doing.

To make an appointment for a school tour/visit, please contact the school office on **4938 9127** during business hours.

See you soon! Daniel Hammond

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## Students at the centre of all we do

**CALLIOPE** State High School – Going From Strength to Strength in 2021

After opening in 2020 with Years 7 and 8, Gladstone's youngest high school will be growing in more ways than one next year. Not only will Calliope State High School have Year 10 in the mix for the first time, it will also see the completion of Stage 2 of their build, opening more learning spaces for students.

Calliope State High School may be less than two years old, but it is confidently establishing itself as a provider of high-quality education, centred on evidence-based practice. Principal Pete Stansfield says, "at Calliope State High School, our core business happens in the classroom, and our students are the centre of all that we do – day in, day out. The strength in what we do here is that we do it together, with students, their families and our broader school community. This is a community school. We educate our students together."

Indeed, the Calliope community is enjoying the fruits of the coordinated campaign for its own secondary campus. In less than 20 months, Calliope State High School has transitioned to a full BYOx program, with all students experiencing learning through modern platforms, capitalising on digital resources, hybrid learning platforms, and the development of 21st century capabilities. Outside of the classroom, the learning opportunities continue. Calliope SHS's Rugby League Program of Excellence is gaining momentum, as is the work being completed in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, The Arts, and Mathematics) field, evidenced through drones, HPV, robotics and 3D printing. Closing in on handball and basketball as the most popular activities at lunchtime is chess,



enjoyed by many students across all year levels and genders. In 2022, the school plans to introduce an Ag (agriculture) program, to build upon the farming expertise in the area with a modern, STEAM-focused outlook.

Also in 2022, the school will be educating four year levels for the first time, catering for students from Year 7 through to Year 10. As the school closes in on reaching full capacity, it will grow not only in student numbers, but also facilities. State 2 of the school build is set to commence before the end of the 2021 school year, with new classroom buildings to be erected around the school oval in preparation for its Senior school. Yes...there is no doubt that Calliope SHS is going from strength to strength, and is a school to watch in the years to come.

### 2022 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN CALLIOPE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

**Enrolment Interviews and Year 6 Transition Program during Term 4** 





Enrolment catchment link available https://calliopeshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments



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## How to stay safe in real life and online

**THE** Daniel Morcombe Foundation was established in honour of Daniel Morcombe to make Australia a safer place for all children. It was founded by parents Bruce and Denise Morcombe, after the tragic abduction of their 13-year-old son Daniel in December 2003, while he was waiting for a bus on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. The aims of the foundation are to educate children and young people about how to stay safe in physical and online environments and to support young victims of crime.

#### About Day for Daniel - Friday 29th October

Held annually on the last day of October, Day for Daniel is Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day, the objectives are:

- 1. Raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children
- 2. Educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to 'Recognise, React, Report'
- 3. Honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe
- 4. Raise funds to continue to produce and distribute free education resources

#### Register

Schools, early learning centres and businesses are encouraged to register and participate.

Schools and early learning centres, when registered, will receive the most up-to-date child safety education resources. Business and workplaces are encouraged to hold an event within their place of work to support the Foundation. These events can include, bingo, bake offs or even participating and raising money completing a My Walk as a team. Visit our website page, My Walk for Daniel, for more details.

#### Why do we wear red?

We ask people to wear red on Day for Daniel in remembrance of Daniel Morcombe. Daniel was wearing a red t-shirt on 7th December 2003 when he found himself in an unsafe situation.

Wearing red links Daniel's very real story to the importance of safety education. It provides a message of strength and hope that together we can make the world safer for all children as a legacy to Daniel and his family.

#### How can I educate?

The key child safety message on Day for Daniel encourages children to Recognise, React and Report if they ever feel unsafe. Child safety education does not need to be scary or risk- focused, but should highlight topics such as recognising body clues, understanding body ownership, naming private body parts and identifying adults who can help if a child feels unsafe.

It's important to ensure the information you are sharing is age and developmentally appropriate.

Check out the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's Keeping Kids Safe Resources, a range of education videos, activities, and other resources to help you 'keep talking'.

#### For children

There are lots of things our bodies do to let us know we might not be safe. These are called body clues. It's important we can recognise our body clues. Things like feeling sick in the tummy, our hands sweating or our heart beating faster are all clues we might not be safe.

If we ever find ourselves in an unsafe situation, we need to be able to react. This means to find a way, if possible, to become safe again such as, saying 'No!', running away, or screaming 'help'. Sometimes we even need to break a rule to become safe again.

If we ever feel unsafe it is really important to report it to a safety helper. Keep telling an adult in your safety network until someone helps.

#### How do I answer questions about Daniel?

During Day for Daniel, many children and young people may be curious about Daniel, what happened to him, and why we have a Day for Daniel. It is important children learn about Daniel without getting overwhelmed, scared, or sad. Day for Daniel is a day to be positive about learning to be safe.

#### For children

Daniel was a 13-year-old boy who felt safe every day. One Sunday at the start of the school holidays he went to catch a bus. Unfortunately, the bus broke down and by the time the next bus turned up Daniel was gone. Danie's situation went from safe to unsafe very quickly. Luckily, what happened to Daniel doesn't happen very often and there are lots of things we can talk about to help you stay safe. Daniel's family want to make sure all children know what to do if they ever feel unsafe at home, school, online or while in public. We have Day for Daniel so children all over Australia can learn what to do if they ever find themselves in an unsafe situation.

#### How can I donate?

Donations can be made to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation via our website or through fundraising events. Registering your family, business or workplace for a My Walk will create your own personal online fundraising page.



Bruce and Denise Morcombe have been passionate advocates for child safety.



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## Shooting for the stars

"Astronomy compels the soul to look upward, and leads us from this world to another."

#### - Plato Philosopher

Emmaus College has a new Astronomy Club, giving students a chance to truly reach for the stars. The four telescopes were recently funded by the college's P&F association and have already been for there first orbit in the Emmaus college carpark.

The club plans to visit local primary schools around the region to share this out of this world resource with them. The hope is the club will help build a sense of community with local schools.

The 40 Astronomy Club students will learn the process for setting up the telescopes, view and learn to understand objects they see in the CQ night sky. On their first viewing students were over the moon to be able to see Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The students hope in future to radio call the space station, skype with NASA and hopefully hold an Astronomy camp.

Speaking with Year 11 student Daniel he said, "I didn't know much about Astronomy before, but Mr Barber was very passionate about it and it seemed like an interesting opportunity to have after school."

Taisharn (Year 11) said "The most exciting part of the night was when the telescope aligned with the moon." "You could see the bumps and detail on the moon which was really cool," Lauren (Year 11) said.

Students are certainly on a high after their first night on the telescopes and are all very excited to be visiting St Joseph's Park Avenue in a few weeks' time.

I guess these students really love astronomy to the moon and back.



Emmaus College's new Astronomy Club students are the proud recipients of four telescopes funded by the college's P&F association.



## Proud history, strong future

**GLADSTONE** South State School is a hidden gem of education. The school is a valued education facility which was established in 1898 where generations of families still attend the school to this day. South School is the second oldest school in the Gladstone City area and lies within the traditional country of Goreng Goreng of the Central Coast District within the Fitzroy-Central West Queensland Region. Gladstone South State School is a Band 8 school with an enrolment of approximately 380 students from the preparatory year to year six. Our numbers are increasing each year. Fifteen classroom teachers operate in single classes. Diversity plays a key area in the families who are enrolled at South where a fourth of the school involves students from language backgrounds other than English and our students from the Torres Strait Islands are well represented in a third of the student population.

Our South Team consists of a Principal, Deputy Principal, HOSE, Pedagogical Coach, Learning Support Teacher, Speech Language Pathologist, Guidance Officer and Advisory Visiting Teachers who all support the educational needs of the students. The school offers a range of curriculum programs from prep to year six. Our overarching curriculum guide is ACARA, we also adopt from Queenland's C2C planning.

So, what does South offer in this modern era? South can be described as a dynamic, authentic, innovative, caring and genuine school community. Our vision and values encourage the holistic growth of all students socially, emotionally and academically by catering for differentiated learning styles through a plethora of strategies to maximise each student's potential growth. All children are to be safe, responsible and respectful. The students are always



encouraged to follow our motto of Our Best Always and become resilient students in unison, doing their best every day. The school supports an inclusion model of co-planning and teaching and verified impairments.

Have a look at what South offers: Rotakids, Sports Excellence, Irish Dancing, Singing Choir, Auslan Choir, Robotics, Chaplain Club, Breakfast Club, Boot Camp to start the day, quiet Billabong Play, Handball Club, MiniLit and Macqlit Reading support, intensive Curriculum Support Programs, Social Skilling Programs including Rock and Water, South Stars Talent Competition, rotational Sport Competitions including Oztag, Netball, Touch, Soccer, Interschool Sporting Teams, Computer Club, Craft Club, our own Swimming Pool.

If a smaller school environment is what you are seeking, then you can't go past South.



### **GLADSTONE** SOUTH STATE **SCHOOL**

**Gladstone South State School** offer a dynamic, authentic, innovative, caring and genuine school community.

Our vision and values encourage the holistic growth of all students socially, emotionally and academically.

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## A century's worth of experience

**GRACEMERE** State School is the oldest state school in Central Queensland, opening in 1871. Gracemere State School's reputation for educating children to the very highest standards has been built up over 150 years since its beginnings in 1871. We value strong links to a proud history, whilst evolving into a contemporary school for 21st learners, providing modern facilities including access to 21st technology.

The School's core purpose, building a healthy and engaged community, is built on established traditions and high expectations with strong parent and community engagement and support. This is underpinned by our 4 school values: Always Present, Always Safe, Always Respectful and Always Learning.

As a professional learning community committed to continual improvement, our long established school motto, "Our Best Always" is evidenced in the daily learning of the students and the teaching of the school staff. Everyone is empowered through high expectations to nurture and inspire our students to do their best always. Though our vision "United in Success", staff share a common goal and direction towards developing life-long learners with a continued focus on student success and wellbeing for all. Through quality teaching and learning based on the Australian Curriculum, we aim to personalise the learning of every student to support the achievement of their individual learning goals. Students have access to high quality academic, language, arts, sporting, music and digital technologies programs with specialist teachers.

Our Wraparound Services Centre, which focuses on building student wellbeing, collaborates with community organisations to provide our parents with opportunities to learn about and access



programs that can assist their families. The school works with local Indigenous Elders and community groups to help our students achieve well academically and socially. Earlier this year we won the Education Category of the Premiers Reconciliation Awards for the work done developing students' understanding of the local community through the Darumbal Language and Culture program.

Our students are proud to wear their school uniform which is well recognised in the Gracemere and surrounding Rockhampton communities and provides children with a sense of belonging. We value parents as partners in their child's education and develop strong partnerships with all members of our community to support our students in their pursuit of excellence. I invite you to work in partnership with our staff to prepare our students for a lifetime of learning.

As Principal, I am proud of our great school, my door is always open. I believe by working and learning together, we can achieve great success as a school community.

The foundation of your child's future is constructed at Gracemere State School with its century's worth of experience in building strong and durable foundations. Come and join us!

### GRACEMERE STATE SCHOOL



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# Working to ensure<br/>each student thrivesEnhancing digitalwellbeing with code

#### By Sean Fox

Ridgelands State School consists of a special school community where everyone works closely together to ensure each student is happy, safe and learning.

The rural educational facility has been providing quality education to generations of families, and has enjoyed maintaining strong ties within its local community.

We pride ourselves on the level of care offered to the school community, as well as delivering quality educational experiences to our students in a safe, stimulating and supportive environment.

Our school motto, "we care" encompasses our unified purpose of supporting each child to reach their full potential.

All of our staff are committed to delivering a high quality, high outcome educational experience for each and every student.

We encourage parents and carers to develop productive partnerships with our school to enhance their children's education.

Our school body prides ourselves on maintaining open and respectful communication between school and home.

Why should I enrol my children here?

Ridgelands State School features small class sizes, excellent resources, passionate staff and a welcoming environment to provide a personalised educational service to each student.

The school is committed to provide our students with a range of opportunities to help them develop social skills, communication, resilience, team work, self-direction, motivation and wellbeing.

Students can participate in a range of unique activities including the equestrian team, various interschool sports teams, the Years 5 and 6 Limitless Program, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 camps, excursions, swimming program, representative sport, small school cluster incursions and carnivals, to name a few.

We pride ourselves on putting the needs of each and every student first and help them reach their full potential.

On behalf of Ridgelands State School, principal Rebecca Raymont extends a warm invitation for new enrolments to call in and make an appointment for a guided tour to experience our learning environment.

#### A list of drawcards

- Our active P&C committee
- Community connections with the Ridgelands QCWA, show society and campdraft committees
- A weekly playgroup for children aged up to four years old



Students show off their skills in the field of robotics. 12 Issue 1, 2021

All Queensland students between Year 3 to Year 10 are welcome to participate in the Premier's Coding Challenge which was launched on Monday, 25 January.

An annual initiative, the program encourages an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in Queensland students.

Various technologies and digital services can impact people's mental, physical, social and emotional health, so developing skills to improve digital wellbeing is paramount in today's world; and who better to help raise awareness amongst Queenslanders than our budding developers and designers, aspiring engineers and young innovators.

This year's challenge involves coding an interactive and innovative digital solution to raise awareness of digital wellbeing. Winners receive prizes of coding and robotic kits (total prize pool of \$10,000). This process can include themes such as:

- Work and study life balance;
- Postural considerations of using technology;
- Personal security and safety online;
- Adhering to social media ethics and protocols.

Entrants can develop an app, game, animation or website, and they must submit a short video showcase with their entry.

Interacting with technology and digital devices have become part

## 2022 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR ALL GRADES

#### Our distinctive school offers:

- A proud tradition of being a caring, family orientated and supportive school community.
- A small, rural school atmosphere with a defined physical space of 3 hectares, imparts a community atmosphere and positive school spirit, whilst providing opportunities equal to that of a larger school.
- Experienced and dedicated staff, who work diligently to deliver engaging curriculum that challenges and inspires students.



### **RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL**

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Phone : (07) 4934 5518 Website: ridgelandsss.eq.edu.au Email: principal@ridgelandsss.eq.edu.au Principal: Ms Rebecca Raymont of everyday life. It is important to be aware of the impact it has on wellbeing such as mental, physical, safety and security.

We'd like you to help keep Queenslanders safe and healthy online by creating an interactive and innovative digital solution to raise awareness of digital wellbeing. Support your solution by providing tips and links to further information. Your solution could be an app, a game, an animation, or a website, and should be visually appealing and informative.

#### Students could address the following digital wellbeing issues: Mental health

- Healthy digital habits
- Work/study life balance
- Technology addiction

#### **Physical health**

- Screen time
- Postural considerations of using technology (ergonomics)
- eSports

#### Social health

- Netiquette protocols
- Appropriate use of social media
- Cyber bullying
- Online collaboration protocols

#### Emotional

- Personal security and safety online
- Digital reputation and footprints



Interacting with technology and digital devices have become part of everyday life.

Balancing our real and online lives

Entries will be assessed against a set of criteria by a panel of official judges.

### Primary (Years 3 to 6) entrants will submit an interactive game, app or animation:

- Create an interactive digital solution that educates users about digital wellbeing and provide links for users to access more information
- Create a video explanation of your digital solution

For more information or to view examples of previous winning entries, view the 2020 Premier's Coding Challenge Awards Ceremony at education.qld.gov.au





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## Small by Design

#### ROCKHAMPTON GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Rockhampton Girls Grammar School has 130 years' experience in providing a nurturing and learner-centred experience for girls.

The school is 'small by design', so that each student can pursue her personal aspirations in a safe, caring and supportive environment.

Small schools support the development of every student – academically, physically and emotionally.

The culture of small schools typically revolves around hard work, high aspirations, respect for self and others, belongingness, and the expectation that all students will succeed.

Girls Grammar is a good example of this. Our smaller classes and lower teacher-student ratios support a more targeted focus on every girl, improved instructional quality and academic success.

Teachers have a deep understanding of each student, providing greater opportunities to move flexibly through the curriculum in a way that suits the learners.

The lower student to teacher ratio at Girls Grammar also helps girls grow in confidence. Smaller classes can make participation less daunting, encouraging student engagement.

In small schools, relationships between students and adults are strong and ongoing.

At Rockhampton Girls Grammar School, students feel accepted and safe as they are known by all our staff, in and outside of the classroom. As they are known, students are less likely to slip through the cracks.

Small schools are conducive to individual care without sacrificing academic success.



Giving your daughters the best start of life in a safe environment.

They also offer an environment that fosters empathy, connection and positive wellbeing. The Rockhampton Girls Grammar School is proud to be a small all-girls' school and is committed to building on its history of providing an educational environment unlike any other school in Central Queensland.

## **Clever. Confident. Connected.**

#### ROCKHAMPTON GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Rockhampton Girls Grammar School is committed to developing the whole girl, giving her every opportunity to become clever, confident and connected.

Research indicates that relationships between students and staff are critical factors in the development and maintenance of healthy school cultures and academic achievement. Quality pastoral care is about all school staff enhancing the wellbeing of students through their relationships, interventions and the learning experiences they provide.

At Girls Grammar, our pastoral care program, called Care, involves staff, students and the wider school community. The program focuses on addressing the social and emotional wellbeing of each student through a personalised approach based on quality relationships between students and teachers.

The program is underpinned by an ethos of care and respect for all, with the ultimate goal to build the capacity of the school community to support each student to grow and develop and engage in meaningful and successful learning.

Dedicated staff support our students, academically, socially and pastorally. Our Care program includes guest speakers who run workshops on topics designed to support the girls' physical and mental health and wellbeing. Our Care program also offers a range of outdoor, fun social and sporting activities that enhance relaxation, facilitate physical fitness and provide socialisation.

Our small class sizes, experienced, caring staff and dedication to



At the Rockhampton Girls Grammar School, our pastoral care program, called Care, involves staff, students and the wider school community.

student wellbeing empower girls to pursue their passions, discover new talents and embrace opportunities.

We look forward to welcoming families, to discussing our quality approach to pastoral care and to showcasing the Girls Grammar difference!



Grammar School

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With our small class sizes, experienced, caring teachers and dedication to student wellbeing, there's never been a better time to be a Girl's Grammar girl.

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- Our services are rated as Exceeding the National Quality Standards.
- We have both Long Day Care and School Based Kindergarten options.
- We have a published Reconciliation Plan and work to embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, perspectives and traditions into our programmes.
- We have Qualified Early Childhood Teachers in each of our Kindergarten Programmes.
- Teachers from The Rockhampton Grammar School provide specialist lessons for Music, Art and Physical Education.

To find out more about enrolling your child in Kindergarten at The Rockhampton Grammar School Early Learning Centre, contact our Centre Director - **Adeina Shackleton** on **4936 0880**.

### Vacancies available in the 2022 School Based Kindergarten.



The Rockhampton Grammar School Established 1881

## 140 years of RGS

On February 1, 1881, at 11am, The Rockhampton Grammar School opened for the first time.

Through the gates that day walked 64 students – 33 boys and 31 girls. 140 years later, RGS now educates over 1350 students on the original Archer Street campus, known by many as 'the School on the Hill'.

From its humble beginnings as a one-building school on the (then) outskirts of town, The Rockhampton Grammar School has evolved to include several ancillary campuses, including a 76-acre outdoor education site in Emu Park, a rowing club along the Fitzroy River, a demonstration farm at Port Curtis, a research and working cattle station near Glenlee and a rugby facility alongside the Botanical Gardens.

The School's original building, School House, still stands proudly on the Archer Street campus. This building has been 'home' to RGS boy boarders since day one.

After 92 years of operating as a boys' school, girls returned to the RGS classrooms in 1977 and the School has proudly been a coeducational facility since. In 1990, RGS opened its primary school, and in 2007 the Early Learning Centre opened near the main campus which has grown to enrol over 200 children from six weeks to five years of age.

School Headmaster, Dr Phillips Moulds, remarked that while the face of the School has evolved over time, the founding spirit remains unchanged.

"In 140 years, much has changed at The Rockhampton Grammar School," commented Dr Moulds.

"Buildings have come and gone. Headmaster's have come and



The original School House still stands proudly on the Rockhampton Grammar School's Archer St campus today.

gone. But the sense of community and the ambition to provide a first-rate education to students has never wavered."

When asked about the future of the School, the Headmaster is optimistic.

"It is impossible to imagine what RGS will look like in another 140 years," Dr Moulds commented.

"However, I have full confidence in this school community – the trustees, the staff, the current families, the students – both past and present – that they will advance the School's mission so that we are a place to grow in character and scholarship for decades and centuries to come."



## Join us in 2022

Talk to us today about joining our thriving community Email registrar@rgs.qld.edu.au or phone 1300 GRAMMAR



The Rockhampton Grammar School

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## Young men of excellence

St Brendan's College, Central Queensland's leading Catholic secondary school for boys, has been educating young men since 1940.

We are a day and boarding school for boys from Years 7 to 12, located on a beautiful 300 acres only minutes to the beaches of Yeppoon and only a 30-minute drive from Rockhampton.

Our emphasis is on the development of the whole person and in particular the need to grow boys into respectful, confident and successful young men of faith.

A proactive Pastoral Care program and the Edmund Rice ethos underpins all endeavours and creates boys who understand and believe in service to the community in a spirit of justice and solidarity. The College is recognised nationally for its sporting prowess, and has abundant co-curricular opportunities, including music, cultural, agricultural and technology programs that are second to none in Central Queensland.

We have a strong academic program which offers multiple pathways for students to pursue tertiary education or move into trade-based qualifications, with a significant and renowned vocational education and training (VET) facility onsite. St Brendan's College has produced some remarkable academic talent and continues to advance by adding VET options and developing partnerships with local and Australian industry to offer the boys every possible opportunity to pursue their desired career pathway.

To further develop these opportunities and to attract more partnership opportunities the College recently broke ground on its new dynamic STEM hub to be completed in early 2022. This multimillion-dollar facility will offer a diverse learning environment. With Science Wet labs which align with senior science syllabus, breakout spaces and an opportunity to approach transdisciplinary STEM learning in a dynamic workspace with Flexible Learning Areas.

#### New initiatives introduced in 2021 are:

- a partnership school with QMI Inspired Design. This is an approach to learning that focuses on developing teachers' and students' creative confidence for innovation.
- Industry partnership with Advanced Manufacturing Gateway to

Schools Industry Program – Engineering and Manufacturing (Advanced Manufacturing).

- Agribusiness Gateway to Industry School Industry Partnership (AGISP).
- A proud foundation school for QLD ICT Gateway to Industry Schools Program.
- Certificate III in Aviation Remote Pilot and Certificate II in Electro-Engineering.
- Office of the Queensland Chief Scientist application for an Engaging Science Grant 2021.
- Partnership with CQUniversity to co-sponsor a PhD researcher in Sports Science to work at the College for the next three years, commencing 2021.

The boys commitment to academic excellence was demonstrated recently at an academic assembly where over 300 boys were presented with academic achievement awards.

Additional to this, The College Senior and Junior Rotary Quiz teams proved their academic prowess in the local Rotary Quiz taking out First Place in the Junior Division and runner up by 2 points in the Senior Division.

Our College community strives for excellence and has a reputation for producing friendly, hard-working and down-to-earth young men. Enrolments are drawn from the Capricorn Coast, from rural and regional Queensland and from as far north as the Torres Strait.

We are a diverse, vibrant and welcoming community founded on the values of the Gospel.

St Brendan's College is confident that in providing a well-rounded education in partnership with parents and families, the young men of the College will enter the world with the knowledge, confidence, values and skills to make a difference.

More than an education, we are proud that young men leave our College with a brotherhood and belonging for life.

We invite you to discover a snapshot of life at St Brendan's College by browsing our website and welcome you to visit and tour our College.



St Brendan's College's Senior and Junior Rotary Quiz teams proved their academic prowess in the the local Rotary Quiz. Senior team (back), Deklan Bulder, Jesse; Laverty, Tom Orgill; Junior team (front) Daniel Rees, Matthew Campbell and Riley McFarlane.



## MORE THAN AN EDUCATION

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### **ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE**

is a Catholic day & boarding school for boys from Years 7 - 12 located on a beautiful 300 acre campus in Yeppoon. Operated in the Edmund Rice tradition, the College is

### A LEADER IN BOYS EDUCATION

Working with parents to grow boys into young men of

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## Living, loving, learning, and leading

#### ST URSULA'S COLLEGE

FOR students of St Ursula's College, Yeppoon, the opportunities to live, love, learn and leadcommence in Year 7 and continue well past Graduation Day.

The only all girls Catholic Boarding and Day Secondary College in Central Queensland, St Ursula's Boarding students hail from regional and remote areas around Queensland and interstate.

St Ursula's Mission Statement and Values, Faith, Excellence, Respect, Hospitality, Simplicity, and Compassion, are complemented by four pillars - Live, Love, Learn, and Lead – that underpin Collegewide goals and planning.

"House Masses are one example of our Live pillar, where students and staff actively live out the teachings of Jesus Christ and practise the College's Presentation values," said College Principal, Mrs Deborah Ryan.

"Hosted by a different College House – Nagle, Madden, Kennedy, or Shiel – each term, House Masses are organised by the respective House Captain."

"Fr Matthew Moloney, the Capricorn Coast Parish Priest, truly engages each of us during Mass and encourages us to be kind and compassionate, to share Christ's love with each other," Mrs Ryan said.

"A practical extension of our College values is the work of the Justice Action Group and our HeadStart outreach volunteers, who spend time working on projects throughout the year that directly benefit people in need within the community."

"With every task they do, the girls always include a handwritten note, so that the recipient knows they are important, that they are loved, and to share faith with them."

Love for self and others, respect for the uniqueness of every person, and nurturing an ongoing sense of belonging are fundamental aspects of the College's Pastoral offerings.

Deputy Principal – Spiritual and Pastoral, Ms Deidre Pascoe, said the College's Wellbeing Team worked closely with each other to provide a network of professional support to students.

"Our Health Centre is staffed by a Registered Nurse and, in 2021, a second College Counsellor was employed so that students have access to professional assistance and support at every step of their Secondary School journey."

"Our College value of Hospitality promotes a sense of community; each student is part of the 'sisterhood' of St Ursula's."

"Year Level camps and Retreat Days are annual events in the College's calendar as they stimulate new and continuing friendships, and build self-confidence," Ms Pascoe said.

St Ursula's College equips students with the skills to be life-long learners; skills to develop and hone their individual interests, while encouraging excellence.

"We work with families to enable productive, respectful learning relationships that meet and respond to the needs of students and staff," said Acting Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning, Mr Mark Avery.

Opportunities to learn are not limited to on-campus experiences, with tours, field studies, and excursions offered to students from Years 7-12, dependant on subjects studied.

Interested students in Years 10-12 completing Vocational Education and Training (VET) Certificate courses recently attended a week-long tour of Brisbane and Cairns.

Organised by St Ursula's Registered Training Organisation Manager and Careers Advisor, Mrs Natasha Oldham, the VET Tour was all encompassing for students involved in Tourism, Hospitality, Business, Allied Health, Fitness, and Engineering courses.

"Much like the pathways we offer to our students, our VET Tour involved a variety of experiences that suited the students' respective interests," Mrs Oldham said.

Leading the way for students' interest in emerging areas, substantial renovations took place on campus in 2021 to create the Engineering and Construction Centre (ECC) and, in 2022, Capital works will commence for the Senior School Precinct, to be occupied in 2023.

Refurbishments to existing Boarding facilities occurred in late 2020 to create a specialised area for Year 7s and 8s, known as the Madden Centre.

As Principal, Mrs Ryan believes it imperative that students feel comfortable, self-assured and supported in their learning, and grow as young women of the 21 st century.

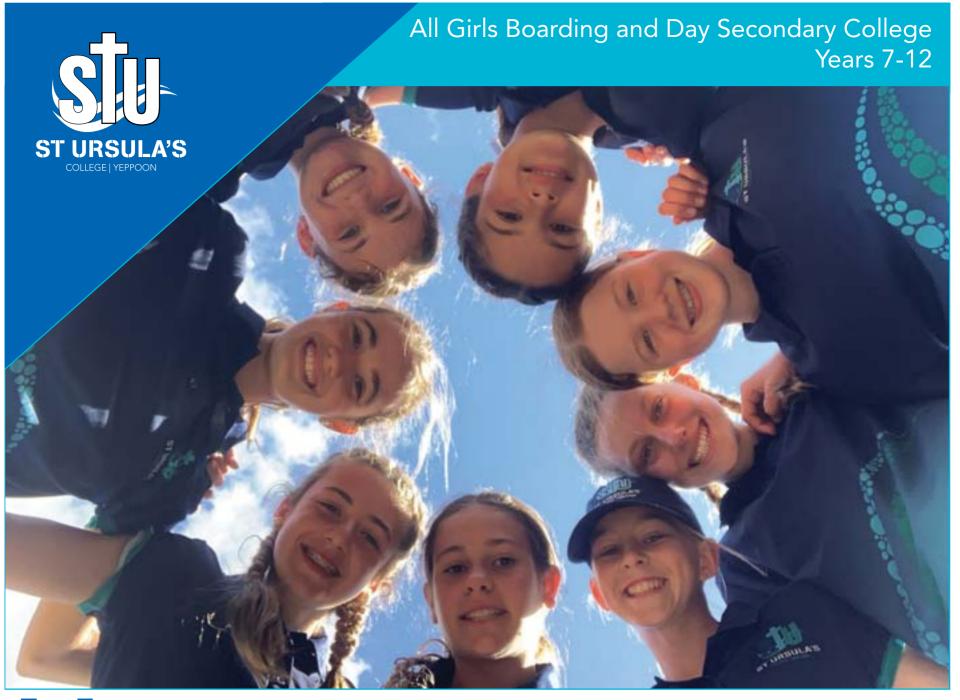
"All Boarding students are accommodated on campus; the Madden Centre is separate to the larger Boarding House, Yumba-Gy-You, as our youngest Boarders are adjusting to living on campus, as well as attending Secondary school for the first time," Mrs Ryan said.

"May we personally and collectively take to heart the values and strengths of Nano Nagle as we venture forward, continuing to live, love, learn and lead with her vision guiding us," Mrs Ryan said.

Enrolments are now open for 2023 and beyond. Please contact Business Development officer, Mrs Natalie Salisbury, on 4939 9600 or via natalies@stursulas.qld.edu.au for more information.



Mrs Deborah Ryan with the 2021 college leaders. 20 Issue 1, 2021



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## Live Love **Learn** Lead



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## Building resilience in young ones for life

THE Capricorn District Scout Group is active across the region, with Dens located in Yeppoon, Gracemere, South Rockhampton and North Rockhampton.

A united group focused on delivering a youth-led and adultsupported program, driven by programming and ideas created by youth members.

#### Scouts is for boys and girls aged 5 to 25.

- Joey Scouts are aged between 5 and 7
- Cub Scouts are aged between 8 and 10
- Scouts are aged between 11 and 14
- Venturers are aged between 15 and 17
- Rover Scouts are aged between 18 and 25
- Adult Leaders are aged 26 and over.
- It's Official! Scouting builds resilience for life.

Resilience enables people to thrive and take on all that life has to offer, including the inevitable challenges.

It's about knowing our strengths and calling on them when needed.

At Scouts, we empower young people to make decisions, take the lead and learn by doing.

We give them a safe space where they can work with others to plan and embark on their own adventures, indoors and out.

By building resilience in young people, we are empowering them to learn from their mistakes and understand that failing is ok -it's an integral part of the learning journey.



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To find out more about Scouting in the Capricorn District, visit www.cap.ccrscoutsqld.com.au.

## **Scouting is for everyone!**

Scouting has been integral in developing the skills of youth and adults for over 100 years. It is a worldwide Movement with more than 40 million Scouts participating in the most successful youth organisation. In Queensland more than 15,000 boys, girls and adults in Queensland participate in the fun of Scouts. Scouting encourages diversity and inclusion – it's truly education for life!

#### Visit the Central Coast Region Scout Groups Dens and learn how to join them!



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## Uni's best performance yet

CQUniversity has cemented its commitment to providing worldclass education and changing lives, with a top performance in the 2022 Australian Good Universities Guide (GUG) ratings.

CQUniversity upheld its five-star performance ratings across six key categories and is now also placed in the top 20 per cent of Australian universities for an additional three: Undergraduate Overall Student Experience, Undergraduate Teaching Quality, and Post-graduate Full-time Employment.

Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Nick Klomp said the 2022 results reaffirmed CQUniversity's commitment to providing world-class, transformative education.

"These are exemplary results and are a true testament to the high-quality of learning and teaching that we provide at the University," he said.

"It is also pleasing to see that regional universities are outpacing major metropolitan universities in several of these categories."

"At CQUniversity, we believe that higher education should be for everyone – no matter their postcode or educational background," Professor Klomp said.

"We have and will continue to welcome the highest proportion of domestic students from low socioeconomic or disadvantaged backgrounds.

"Our accessibility, flexibility, student support, and wide range of TAFE and university courses offered online and on-campus help our students be what they want to be.

"Our graduates are also some of the most sought-after in Australia, due to our reputation for work-integrated learning and

#### industry-aligned courses."

### CQUniversity gained a five-star performance rating in the following 2022 Good Universities Guide categories:

- Social Equity The proportion of domestic students enrolling at each university who come from low socioeconomic or disadvantaged backgrounds.
- First Generation The proportion of domestic students commencing a bachelor's degree whose parents' education is known and did not exceed Year 12.
- Undergraduate and Post-graduate Starting Salary The median salary of graduates from different universities.
- Undergraduate and Post-graduate Full-time Employment The proportion of graduates who were employed full-time four months after completing their course.
- Undergraduate Overall Experience The proportion of students who were satisfied with the overall quality of their educational experience.
- Undergraduate Teaching Quality The proportion of students who were satisfied with the quality of teaching they experienced.
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