ENROLMENT INFORMATION

International Students Program

Mitchelton State School
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Mitchelton School has an outstanding 95-year historical commitment to educating students which is expressed both in terms of academic outcomes and the development of life-long learners. In 2016, we will celebrate our 100 year anniversary bringing together staff, students, parents and community members who have contributed to the fabric of Mitchelton State School over the last century.

Mitchelton State School has been involved in International Education for over a decade and has provided many international students with a quality education and a wonderful cultural experience. Our school also participates in study tours hosting students in our school from a variety of countries on short term stays.

A commitment to developing lifelong learners is at the heart of our purpose at Mitchelton State School. Each child is encouraged and supported to discover and fulfill their unique potential within an academic program that aims to develop a broad knowledge base, higher order thinking skills and dispositions that promote intelligent behaviour.

Our academic curriculum is complemented by a broad educational offering of cultural, sporting, personal development and service programs which the students are encouraged to explore widely. These pursuits are considered an equally important element of their overall growth, learning and socialisation, in addition to contributing to the many happy and enjoyable store of school memories we hope they will gather during their time at Mitchelton. As educators and lifelong learners ourselves, we aspire to a learning culture that is never complacent. We constantly review and develop our programs, practices and facilities, seeking that optimal blend of tradition and innovation.

Whilst you will find extensive information about Mitchelton State School’s offerings on our website, I encourage you to visit the School, whether it be on Open Day or on a personalised tour with a member of our administration staff, in order to fully appreciate the warmth and vibrancy of our learning community, and how we can best serve the educational needs of your children.
Our School Day

8:30am  Students arrive at school and prepare for the day

8:45am  Bell - go to classroom

8:50am  Bell - lessons begin

10:50am Bell - Morning Tea

11:00am Bell - play time

11:25am Bell - finish play time and return to class

11:30am Bell - lessons recommence

1:00pm  Bell - lunch

1:10pm  Bell - play time

1:25pm  Bell - finish play time and return to class

1:30pm  Bell - lessons recommence

2:50pm  Bell - school finishes
Mitchelton State School is within walking distance to Brookside Shopping Centre and the Blackwood Street shops. Banks, real estate, grocery and pharmacy services can be found at these locations.

Public transport is easily accessible in the Mitchelton area. Mitchelton train station is located in Blackwood Street, with trains departing regularly for the Brisbane CBD. Bus services travel along Samford Road, Blackwood Street and the Brookside Shopping Centre bus station.

To assist you in planning your journey, please use the website www.translink.com.au/journeyplanner

For regular travel on public transport it is recommended to purchase a ‘Go Card’. Information on Go Cards can be obtained at www.translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/go-card
A lot of Australian children play sport. While you are here, you may like to join a sporting team. Teams usually train once or twice a week and play competitive matches on Saturday or Sunday.

Some of the local sporting clubs include:
Mitchelton Soccer Club
   Osbourne Road, Mitchelton
West Mitchelton Rugby League Club
   Prospect Street, Mitchelton
Arana Leagues, Rugby League Club
   Dawson Parade, Arana Hills
Arana PCYC (basketball, badminton, boxing, martial arts)
   Olearia Street West, Everton Hills

Information about the Mitchelton area can be found at:

There is always something happening in Brisbane. You can find out more information about what's on at:
www.southbank.qm.qld.gov.au
www.visitbrisbane.com.au
Communication

Mitchelton State School provides information to families about upcoming events through our school newsletter, Mitchie Message Stick. You are able to subscribe to receive this newsletter online by clicking on the link on our school website:

www.mitcheltss.eq.edu.au

You can also find us on FaceBook or follow us on Twitter.

Information and permission letters for specific class events will be sent home with students when required.
# Student Support

**WHO SHOULD I TALK TO?**

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We also have a number of school staff who are able to assist with social and emotional issues and concerns about learning. Students may be referred on to the school Chaplain or Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy, after an initial meeting with the class teacher or Deputy Principal.
Starting a new life in a new country can be exciting and fun. There are also feelings of anxiety and uncertainty. The school learning environment in Australia may be very different to your home country.

At Mitchelton State School students often undertake learning activities in small groups and are encouraged to discuss their own ideas within the whole class environment. Students are encouraged to develop independent thinking skills and critically analyse information and research.

Teachers and students will move from their regular classroom to other facilities in order to utilise a range of physical learning spaces as required. At times, this may include lessons in outdoor learning environments.
These are some ideas to help keep you safe while living in Australia:

- When travelling students should not accept lifts in cars from unknown persons. If you are unable to walk to your destination, use public transport or a licensed taxi.

- Always tell an adult where you are going and when you expect to return.

- If you have a mobile phone, add emergency contact phone numbers for school and EQI.

- Cross the road at traffic lights or identified pedestrian crossings where ever possible.

- Wait for cars to stop before crossing the road.

- When online, do not reveal your personal information to people.

- Remember that the Police are here to help you. Ask for help.
Emergency, Medical and Wellbeing Contacts

Phone support  13 HEALTH  ph 13 43 25 84
Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital  (07) 3068 1111
      501 Stanley Street, South Brisbane
Prince Charles Hospital - Adult & Children’s Emergency
      627 Rode Road, Chermside
Health Services information line  (07) 3837 5986

Ambulance  000
Non-emergency 13 12 33

Fire  000
State Emergency Service  132 500

Police  000
Ferny Grove Police Station  (07) 3872 1555
Queensland Police Headquarters  (07) 3364 6464
Cultural Advisory Unit  (07) 3364 3934

DIAC  131 881
Caxton Legal Centre Inc  (07) 3214 6333