





"An Independent Public School"





Welcome to Ashmore State School's Information Session for Prospective Families

'The Queensland Department of Education trading as: Education Queensland International (EQI) CRICOS Registration Number 00608A.'

School Population (Staff and Students)

- Students - 904;
- Classroom Teachers - 37; Teacher Aides (many roles) - 16
- Specialist Teachers - Librarian, STEM Teachers, H.P.E. Teachers, Music Teachers, Instrumental Music Teachers, L.O.T.E. Teacher, R.E. Teachers
- Student Support - Inclusion Teachers, Support Teacher - Literacy and Numeracy, Chaplain, Guidance Officer, Student Enrichment Team, Speech Language Pathologist, E.A.L/D Teacher and Teacher Aide, Visiting A.V.T.s, Closing the Gap Teacher Aide
- Leadership Team - Principal, 3 Deputy Principals, Head of Curriculum, Head of Special Education, Business Services Manager
- Parent Liaison Officers, Tuckshop Convenor, P&C Administrative Assistant
- Office - Administrative Assistants
- Cleaners, Schools Officers - Facilities and Grounds, Crossing Supervisors








Attractive grounds - lovely shrubs and native trees; well-grassed, plenty of shade and seating; on-going regeneration plans and projects; Gardening Club; parent volunteers; Community Garden; Bush Tucker Garden (Indigenous shrubs)



Carmichael Centre

New buildings and facilities:
 New classroom block this term
 New synthetic surface: multi-purpose courts
 2 other new buildings - all classrooms
 Air-conditioning - all rooms
 Yarning Circle
 New outdoor learning areas
 Year 2 playground
 Synthetic grass with play equipment - P/1
 Lock-up bike area
 Covered areas to wait for parents
 Carmichael Centre (Resource Centre, Green Room, Dance Room, STEM Rooms, Meeting Rooms e.g. for SLP, Life-Skills Rooms, Conference Room)

New outdoor learning area

New teaching block

New teaching block



Extra-curricular activities - choirs, instrumental music lessons, bands/orchestras/ensembles, musicals, concerts, many clubs (e.g. Readers' Cup, "Fitter, Faster, Stronger", Chess, Gardening, Drama, Ukulele Club, Sunshine Club, Science Club), inter-school sport, dance groups, after school lessons (e.g. art, various sports).

Our choirs, instrumental music and dance groups perform regularly at assembly and special occasions, both at school and at other venues. They also compete at eisteddfods etc. (e.g. Dance Ed in the Spotlight)



Gardening Club operates during lunch breaks/before school.

We have a Community Garden, with a Gardening Club for the children before school.

Bush Tucker garden - to work in and visit



Clubs

Before school activities including "Fitter, Faster, Stronger" are enjoyed by all year levels. Teachers and parents assist. Other clubs include - Homework, Chess, Readers Cup, Creative Composers, Science, Kids Matter, Optiminds, Writers, Ukulele, Sunshine Club

Breakfast Club, organized by our School Chaplain, takes place once a week. Breakfast is also provided on special occasions such as before NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5. Our Chaplain also organizes lunchtime clubs e.g. "Supa Club".

There is also lunch-time "Pathways Club" and "The Club" overseen by our inclusion team



Special events are celebrated, with families encouraged to participate e.g. Easter Hat Parade, ANZAC Day, book fairs, end of term culmination days, Education Week and weekly assemblies, Grandparents and Special Friends Days.



Incursions and excursions including camps (Years 4, 5 and 6), take place during the year. Prep enjoys swimming lessons at a local pool, pirate show, Christmas show, plus many other incursions (with parent permission). All activities are based on the curriculum content for the term.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives are embedded in the curriculum. We have a Barna Jarjum leadership and mentoring programme for our Indigenous students. A Teacher Aide works with prioritized Indigenous students; and there is "Solid Pathways" - an extension programme. The school is beautified with Aboriginal inspired paintings, a bush tucker garden, edible garden and a Yarning Circle.



There are annual Sports Days and Cross Country events in which all year levels participate. There are weekly swimming lessons; a swimming carnival for the middle and senior students, as well as inter-school sports events. Families are welcome to attend sports days and fixtures, and assist if they wish.

Gifted and Talented Opportunities

- "Link It"
- Personalized Improvement Plan (PIPs)
- Extension programmes (e.g. Math)
- Membership in and involvement with "QAGTC"
- "Days of Excellence"
- "Tournament of Minds"
- "Optiminds"
- Individual Curriculum Plans
- STEM Cup Challenge (Griffith University)
- Single subject acceleration



Further points of interest:

- ❖ Pre-Prep Programme commenced in 2014
- ❖ Japanese classes for Prep to Year 6
- ❖ Buddy Classes
- ❖ ISP School (International Student Programme)
- ❖ Whole School Responsible Behaviour Plan
- ❖ "Link It" Programme
- ❖ Parent/carer involvement welcome!
- ❖ "Snack and Chat" sessions for parents
- ❖ Active P & C with social events for staff and families
- ❖ "P & C - O.S.H.C." - on-site before and after school care; and vacation care
- ❖ Community/ school partnerships - Smith Family, "Kids Hope", "Spark", "1-2-1" neighbouring high schools - Southport High, Benowa High, Keebra Park High (shared experts and visiting programmes)
- ❖ Personalized learning - with goal setting, parent/teacher/student meetings (student led conferences); 'kid-speak' assessment criteria sheets
- ❖ Whole school events e.g. Book Fair, Book Week, Education Week, Culmination Days
- Parent Information Sessions

