

It all started with us! International House Queensland in Cairns was the first IH in Australia. The College has a long established reputation in providing the highest quality of courses in a warm and familiar atmosphere. Students from all around the world enjoy the schools reputation in quality teaching, caring homestay families and social programmes incorporating Cairns' natural beauty. The school opened in 1989 followed by our partner school in Brisbane in 2002.

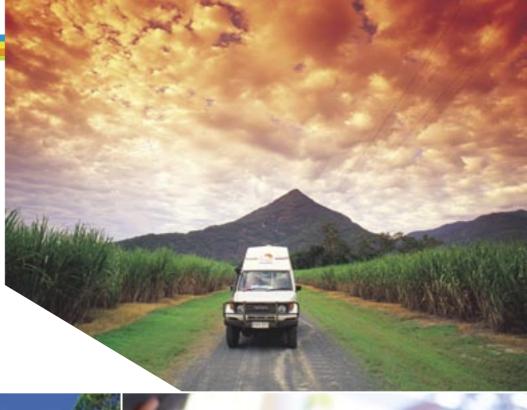
- Located in the centre of the city business area with major shopping facilities a short walk away
- Modern air conditioned building with bright classrooms and large computer rooms

- In house social club offering social activities and support services
- We want to help you do the following:
   Improve your ability to understand and use English

Understand and use the correct grammatical structures in English

Improve your speaking, listening, pronunciation, reading and writing

Prepare for your future study and career plans







- Cairns is a tropical city with a population of about 130,000 people
- Its tropical climate means temperatures range from 24C to 32C all year round

**CAIRNS** 

- Cairns is an exciting destination for students to experience Australian culture and natural wonders. The city is safe and friendly with thousands of visitors arriving each year.
- The city and suburb areas are flat and the main mode of transportation for students is by bicycle
- The city is the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, one of the seven natural wonders of the world,

- offering world class diving. We offer a fantastic programme which incorporates English & Diving
- The Daintree Rainforest is World Heritage listed and specially organised tours through the forest are frequent. A variety of excursions including travelling over the top of the rainforest by Skyrail (the largest cable car in the southern hemisphere) can be organised.
- Students often visit Aboriginal communities and sites to learn about their culture, history and art
- Cairns is an inexpensive place to live compared to other major cities in Australia

# WELCOME MESSAGE from the CEO

Welcome to International House Cairns. Travelling to Australia to study is such an exciting thing to do. It is a wonderful opportunity to improve your English, make new friends from all over the world and experience all the wonderful things that this country has to offer. While there is a serious side to your studies I hope that you will have a great deal of fun while you are here. Having fun will help you reach your study goals.

The staff at International House Cairns are professional and highly qualified – they have been extensively trained to ensure that your stay in Cairns is productive and enjoyable. I look forward to welcoming you to our school and to assisting you in achieving your goals.

# MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the standard of language teaching and teacher training in the Asia-Pacific region, and through shared study and experience, to break down the cultural and national barriers that exist throughout the world. In addition it is to create study pathways, services and opportunities for students between Asia and Australia, and to develop Queensland as a major study destination for international students.





THESE THINGS will have you talking about us

- Fun and friendly atmosphere
- We are the examination centre for Cambridge and IELTS plus offer TOEIC
- An extremely high percentage of students pass their exams after an examination preparation course
- Maximum of 12 students in Cambridge classes and maximum of 15 in other classes
- Easy transport around Cairns via bicycle or bus
- · Close to restaurants, shops, cafes and nightclubs
- Free internet and email access for students
- Great social parties and programmes
- Variety of Accommodation options available
  - Homestay, University Campus Lodges, share flats and houses
- Net Languages exclusive computer assisted language program on all our computers
- Academic Counsellors offering guidance for pathways to further studies



## LISTEN TO

# what our staff say

All our staff are experienced in teaching English to students from other countries. Many have taught in other countries and bring this experience into their classes. All of our staff participate in professional development training to ensure that they offer new and exciting methods of language teaching. Our teachers use a variety of modern teaching methods and techniques (books, pictures, videos, computers etc). This benefits our students with exciting, innovative and entertaining classes. Students receive an entrance test upon arrival and then are monitored with weekly progress tests. Upon completion all our students receive an International House Certificate/Report.

"I've worked for International House both in Australia and overseas and can say with confidence that it is one of the best language training centres in the world. The teachers are of the highest calibre and this is reflected in our students' progress. Cairns in particular is a great place to work, as well as study, because it has such a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Mark Falvo - Director of Studies

"I enjoy meeting overseas students and also helping them make sure their studies at our school and their stay in Cairns is a rewarding and memorable experience"

Tracey Miller - Office Manager



# LISTEN

"What a great place to work, and I should know I have worked here since 1995. Our aim is to provide the friendliest learning environment, we enjoy what we do and it shows in the students' great results!"

Trish Marshall - Principal Administrator



# **OUR COURSES**

#### GENERAL ENGLISH\*

(Beginner to Advanced Levels and Full and Part Time courses)

## CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION\*

(First Certificate, Certificate of Advanced English and Certificate of Proficiency)

# ■ IELTS\* or TOEIC EXAM PREPARATION

(Courses to prepare for these exams)

# INTUITION HOMESTUDY PROGRAM

(Live with your teacher in Homestay while you study in one to one or one to two lessons)

# STUDY TOUR PROGRAMS

(Specially designed courses to suit the client – available for groups of students aged 10 and older)

# CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

(A general English and activity program over the Christmas and New Year period)

## TEACHER TRAINING

(Specialist teacher training courses including the CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults) and teacher training courses specifically designed for non-native speakers)

## DIRECT ENTRY ENGLISH PROGRAMS\*

(Study English and proceed to futher study at Certificate, Diploma or Degree level at an Australian University TAFE or College. IH has direct entry agreements with many institutions and IH students will not require an IELTS test result for entry to courses at these institutions.)

# ENGLISH & DIVING

(An exciting course to receive the PADI Open Water Dive Certificate followed by English classes)

### TRAVELLING CLASSROOM

(A unique way to study whilst travelling through the Australian Outback)

## ENGLISH\* AND PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

(Study General English and then undertake a professional, corporate internship anywhere in Australia)

## ENGLISH\* AND CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

(Study General English and join Conservation Volunteers Australia in programs to preserve, nurture and protect the unique Australian environment, wildlife and heritage.

#### YOUNG LEARNERS' PROGRAM

(A study tour program designed for young learners aged 8-15. This is a fun and useful program to introduce young students to using English and to let them experience the culture and sights of Australia)

## PRIVATE TUITION

Private classes for individuals or small groups. Lessons are designed and delivered according to the specific need of the client and are available all year round.

Student Visa holders may only study full-time accredited courses marked \*



# OUR CLASSROOMS AND FACILITIES

Fully air-conditioned classrooms with direct access to outside balconies are equipped with teaching materials, tape recorders, TV's, videos and overhead projectors. There are two computer rooms (students have free internet & email access). There are two recreational areas including an outside terrace, which has a café selling food and drinks and an air-conditioned student's room. There is an in-house social club where you can book tours and social activities.





# **IH AUSTRALIA STUDY HOP**

- Students can combine courses at IH Cairns with courses at other IH schools in Australia
- IH Brisbane or IH Sydney
- Students doing the IH Australia Study
  Hop pay just one enrolment fee and one
  accommodation placement fee for study in
  one, two or three schools
- Long term students (those booking for 20+ weeks) can qualify for a one way airfare between Cairns and Brisbane
- For more information on IH Brisbane please see www.ihqld.com and IH Sydney www.ihsydney.com

#### STUDENT SERVICES

International House Cairns employs an experienced team providing students with excellent support. We offer wonderful homestay providers or alternative types of accommodation support and Counsellors are available for extra help with the day to day tasks e.g working rights, tax file numbers etc.

# Airport Transfer

When you book to live with one of our homestays, the host family will meet you at the airport. Cairns is a small city and students who prefer more independence can catch a shuttle bus or taxi into the city area.

## Accommodation

- The College encourages homestay accommodation as the most suitable 'learning' environment for students who want to maximise their experience
- Often students commence their stay in a homestay, which offers you a welcoming start to Cairns and provides a supportive and friendly base for your first few weeks of stay
- All of our families are carefully selected and have a genuine interest in meeting people from other countries

- For independent students there is a wide range of accommodation options available:
  - Share flats, houses and apartments students share with other students. Students will have to contribute to the cost of electricity/gas/water and telephone and will need to provide their own food and bedding in most cases.
  - University Campus accommodation (students live in single rooms with share facilities and all meals are provided in the cafeteria).
  - The Accommodation Department is always available to offer assistance with students who wish to share flats and houses.





#### Social Activities

- We offer the easiest booking service in town
- Our in-house Crocodile Club is open during school hours providing easy access to the best excursions, tours, flights and accommodation both locally and nationally
- There are group activities advertised weekly for students to travel together
- Playing soccer, volleyball or tennis
- Going out to a pub
- Snorkeling and Scuba diving
- Bungy jumping or skydiving
- Skyrail/Kuranda train trip
- The Crocodile Club offers adventurous tours for the young at heart and also promotes wonderful rainforest walks to meet all our students' needs.

## Job Club

- All students have free access to the IH Queensland Job Club
- The school places all suitable employment opportunities on the school notice board
- Full assistance is available with resume preparation; making application; booking interviews; applying for work rights on visas and applying for a tax file number
- Referral to employment agencie s is also available









# OUR STUDENTS ARE TALKING ABOUT US



# Yung-Chang - Taiwan

I think International House is good for our study. There are lots of good teachers and a lot of classrooms. I like my class because our teachers have lots of games, sometimes we can play games and watch video, maybe we can go out for teams, so there are some interesting things I like. It's very good for me!



#### Nadia - Spain

I first came to study in 1997. The reason I chose the school was the range of activities on offer such as English & Diving and the Travelling Classroom. I was so impressed by the quality and friendly atmosphere of the school that I decided to come back in 2002. I did a general English course and when I saw how professional and competent the teachers are I extende again to study the Cambridge Proficiency Exam.



#### Xavier - Switzerland

The teachers keep the courses interesting and constructive, they watch weekly for your progression. Furthermore they are always ready to give the extra help you would need. In the winter season, when down in the south the weather is cold and rainy, up here you can enjoy a relaxing atmosphere. It is a good place to mix studies and leisure time.



# Ayu - Japan

IH is a good school for young people like me. They will give you more help and the teachers will teach you different things to other adult students. The school environment is also very good. It's important for your study. The students are friendly and the teachers are patient and nice.



CLASS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.30 - 10.30am	General English				
10.30 - 11.00			BREAK		
11.00 - 12.00 noon	General English				
12.00 - 1.00			LUNCH		
1.00 - 1.45pm	Skills Class	Skills Class	Options	Options	Self-access
1.55 - 2.40pm	Skills Class	Skills Class	Options	Options	Self-access
2.45 - 3.45pm	Self-access	Self-access	Self-access	Self-access	Self-access

# When can I start my course?

Students can start any Monday for most courses. The exam preparation courses start on set start dates. These are listed on the courses and fee sheet attached to our brochure.

# What time are my classes each day?

Classes for most courses start at 8.30am and finish at 3.45pm. There is a morning tea break from 10.30am to 11.00am and a lunch break from 12 noon until 1.00pm. Cambridge students finish at 3pm and are welcome to stay for self access classes if they wish to.

# How many students will be in my class?

The average class size is 10 – 12 students. If you are doing a Cambridge Exam course the maximum number of students in the class will be 12. If you are doing general English the maximum number in the class will be 15

# What countries will my classmates be from?

Students come from all around the world to study at International House Cairns. We have students from Japan, China, Korea, Switzerland, France, Germany, Spain, Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, Sweden etc.

# If I stay in homestay are my meals included?

Your host family will provide breakfast and dinner Monday to Friday and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday if you are at home. Lunch is not included during the week so you will need to buy your lunch (the school has a café on the premises).



# Can I do further study after I have finished my English?

If your English language level is high enough and your academic record is good you can choose to go onto further study. In most cases you will need to do an IELTS test and gain the required results in this test for entry to some institutions. Depending on the course of study you do, you may be able to get credit for your previous studies.

IH has many direct entry agreements with Universities, TAFEs, Colleges and Schools – please ask the school directly for assistance with your application to these institutions. Where there are direct entry agreements in place, you will not be required to sit an IELTS test for entry. You will have to pass assessment at IH and get a report from IH to confirm that you are ready for your further study course.

## What sort of visa do I need?

If you are planning to study full time and for longer than 12 weeks, you will need to travel to Cairns on a student visa. If you plan to study for less than 12 weeks then you may travel on a Visitor or Working Holiday visa.

# How do I get to and from school each day?

Students usually rent or purchase a bike. The Crocodile Club can help you with the best option.

Alternatively there is a private bus company, with regular schedules around town.

# What do I do in my spare time?

There is so much to do in Cairns. Once you start your course you will make friends with other students and often you will do things together after class and on weekends.

The school arranges different activities each week – these include soccer games, volleyball games, pool nights, drinks at an Aussie Pub, tours to the reef/rainforest, horseriding, visits to Cape Tribulation – just to name some. When you start at International House Cairns, you will see all the different activities available on our notice board.

# Where can I send and receive emails?

The school has computer rooms set up for use by classes. The computers are then available for students to use during their breaks and before and after class. This service is free of charge. Wireless facilities are available throughout the school so students can bring their own lap top computers if they wish.



# INTERNATIONAL HOUSE QUEENSLAND ENGLISH LANGUAGE COLLEGE

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