

# Brisbane Boys' College International Student Handbook

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## **Brisbane Boys' College - General Information**

Brisbane Boys' College was founded in 1902 by Mr A W Rudd, and is a founding member of the Great Public Schools' Association Inc (GPS). Brisbane Boys' College is an accredited Non-State School as defined by the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2017.* 

Situated five kilometres from the city centre, the School occupies a 13 hectare site nestled on the hillside suburb of Toowong in the inner west of Brisbane. Its idyllic location and extensive grounds are complemented by its beautifully landscaped gardens. From this central location, students have easy access to transport with bus stops and a railway station five minutes' walk away. Also located nearby is the University of Queensland, the State's largest tertiary institution and a reach of the Brisbane River where the School's boatshed is situated.

**Mission:** Each student will be nurtured and educated to develop his God-given talents to the best of his ability through balanced involvement in the academic, spiritual, service, sporting, and cultural life of the College.

**Purpose:** There is more than one way to thrive in BBC.

## The ESOS Framework, Education Services for Overseas Students Act, and The National Code

#### The ESOS Framework

The ESOS Framework ensures the provision of quality education for and the protection of the rights of overseas students. The Australian Government wants overseas students in Australia to have a safe, enjoyable and rewarding experience. Australia's laws promote quality education and consumer protection for overseas students. These laws are known as the ESOS framework and include the Education Services for Overseas (ESOS) Act 2000 and The National Code 2018.

A summary of the ESOS Framework is available on the Brisbane Boys' College website at: <a href="http://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/International-education-ensuring-quality-and-protecting-students-1.pdf">http://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/International-education-ensuring-quality-and-protecting-students-1.pdf</a>

## The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000

The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 is the primary Australian Government legislation governing international student education in Australia. The Department of Education administers the ESOS Act and provider compliance with the Act. <u>The Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000</u> (ESOS Act) governs:

- · the registration process and obligations of registered international education providers
- the <u>Tuition Protection Service</u>
- enforcement and compliance arrangements

## National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018

The National Code of Practice of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (The National Code) provides nationally consistent standards for the conduct of registered providers and the registration of their courses to support providers to deliver quality education and training to overseas students.

Important policies and procedures for international students have been incorporated into this Handbook, however for comprehensive information on the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018, refer to: <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L01182">https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L01182</a>

#### Sanction

Brisbane Boys' College acknowledges that should it not meet the obligations of *The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000* Framework, *The National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018*, *Queensland Education (Overseas Students) Regulation 2014* or supporting regulatory requirements, it may have its registration as a provider withdrawn. Accordingly, Brisbane Boys' College Staff are inducted in the Commonwealth and State CRICOS legislative expectations and requirements for student management as soon as practicable.

## **CRICOS Registration**

Registration details may be found at: http://cricos.education.gov.au/. CRICOS Provider No: 00491J

The following BBC courses, offered in English are registered on CRICOS:

Course Code	Course Name	Level	Duration (Wks)
084748E	Lower Primary, Prep to Year 3 Boys	Primary School Studies	208
084749D	Upper Primary Year 4 to Year 6 Boys	Primary School Studies	156
084747F	Secondary, Year 7 to Year 10 Boys	Junior Secondary Studies	208
004857G	Secondary, Year 11 & Year 12 Boys	Senior Secondary Certificate of Education	104

#### Student Visa

International students require a student visa and health cover to study in Australia for more than 12 weeks. You must abide by your visa conditions or your visa could be cancelled. For a full list of student visa conditions visit The Department of Home Affairs website at: <a href="https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/stud/more/visa-conditions/visa-conditions-students">https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/stud/more/visa-conditions/visa-conditions-students</a>. You can check your individual visa conditions in <a href="https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/stud/more/visa-conditions">https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/stud/more/visa-conditions/visa-conditions-students</a>. You can check your individual visa conditions in <a href="https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/stud/more/visa-conditions">https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/stud/more/visa-conditions/visa-conditions-students</a>.

#### **Visas for Primary School Students**

In July 2016, the Australian Government introduced a reduced visa grant period (covering two years of school studies) for primary school students. Students applying for Years Prep to 4 will be issued an offer for a three-year period only. Future years of study beyond the initial three-year visa grant period, would be conditional on the student applying for, and being granted further student visas for the remaining courses of study at the College. A visa can be granted to a student seeking to study five years in primary and secondary provided the primary component does not exceed three years. Therefore, a visa grant period of five years would be permitted to enable a student to progress from Year 4 in primary school to Year 9.

## **Enrolment Application Process**

Brisbane Boys' College will consider enrolment applications from students wishing to apply for a Student Visa, subject to compliance with minimum requirements and conditions set by the College, and with legislative requirements of the State of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia, including any requirements to undertake extra tuition to learn English to meet the English language proficiency standard needed to enter mainstream classes.

- 1. Applications for enrolment are completed in full via the online Enrolment Application Form <a href="https://enrol.bbc.qld.edu.au/enrolment/start">https://enrol.bbc.qld.edu.au/enrolment/start</a> and must be accompanied by the enrolment application fee
- 2. Initial review by **Admissions** to ensure all required documents are attached and application is complete
- 3. A secondary review by the **Deputy Headmaster** and **International Student Coordinator** to assess suitability for the College curriculum
- 4. If application review is successful, a **Letter of Offer (subject to successful interview), Written Agreement** and **Enrolment Contract** will be created and forwarded (this may include preparation recommendations)
- 5. Once the Offer is confirmed (payment of one semester of fees in advance and payment of the Confirmation Fee) a **COE** will be created and forwarded for your use in obtaining a student visa (500) for your son
- 6. Four to eight weeks prior to proposed commencement, the student will be invited to submit an AEAS that meets The College's language entry requirements / benchmarks (which can be found in the **International Student Handbook**), attend an online interview and provided with a reading text and writing prompt to be completed prior
- 7. If the interview is successful the enrolment will be confirmed with or without EAL conditions. If unsuccessful a recommendation will be made regarding further preparation.

## **International Student Entry Requirements and Written Agreements**

## **Entry Requirements and Documents**

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Students must be age appropriate to the year level for which they are applying. As this may vary depending on the year of entry required, please seek advice from the Admissions staff at the College.

Applications for enrolment must be made on the prescribed application form on the College website at <a href="https://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/join-us/international-admissions/">https://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/join-us/international-admissions/</a>. Only applications completed in full and accompanied by the prescribed documents and application fee will be considered.

Overseas students applying for enrolment at Brisbane Boys' College are required to supply the College with:

- Birth Certificate or Family Register or Passport Photo Page with student's personal details
- Student Visa Grant Notice including visa expiry date (if currently studying in Australia)
- Applicant's school reports for the past two years (if applicable), with certified English translations
  including academic and English levels achieved, accompanied by an explanation of reporting

standards & procedures at the current / most recent school

- Application Fee as indicated in the current schedule of fees (which is inclusive of GST, nonrefundable and includes the cost of pre-enrolment administration, diagnostic testing, and review of application).
- Copies of an AEAS English Language proficiency test
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) membership details (if currently studying in Australia)
- Copies of certificates, Statements of Attainment (e.g. Junior Graduation Certificate, HKCEE) if relevant
- A reference from a person qualified to support the student's application from their current/previous school (excluding short term enrolment at a language college) from Head of School, Director of Studies or Year Level Coordinator if requested (preferred only)
- Any specialist or Doctor's reports (if applicable)
- Letter of offer from another registered provider (if applicable)

Brisbane Boys' College will use this information to assess the suitability of the applicant to undertake the courses for which they have enrolled. It must be noted that following the assessment of an application, the College may recommend a year level other than the year requested on the enrolment application as more appropriate for the student. If this recommendation is accepted by the student/parents, then no change to the College's recommendation will be considered after the student commences.

The latest Brisbane Boys' College can accept an application for an international student is Semester 2 of Year 10 to provide students sufficient time to adjust prior to the commencement of Year 11.

Students assessed as not meeting the requirements for entry will not be offered confirmed places. Exceptions may be made for students accepted to undertake High School Preparation courses in Brisbane prior to attending Brisbane Boys' College. It is possible to package the English course with the student's primary course of study so that a student visa to cover both courses may be applied for.

## Minimum Academic and English Language Requirements

Brisbane Boys' College requires evidence that the applicant's academic ability and English proficiency is sufficient to successfully meet the entry and curriculum demands of the intended course. This is a requirement under The National Code. Part B Standard 2.

- 1. International students applying for enrolment at Brisbane Boys' College are required to supply the college with certified and translated copies of school reports from the previous two years together with an explanation of reporting standards and procedures at the student's current or most recent school.
- 2. To be considered for enrolment into the College, students at all entry levels must demonstrate grades equivalent to a pass/C grade or higher in core subjects in school reports provided
  - Where English is not the student's first language, students must demonstrate a satisfactory result in an approved English proficiency assessment taken prior to commencement; and where English is being studied as an academic subject at their current school, achievement must align with below entry benchmarks. Students will be required to undertake a language proficiency assessment during the Interview and a successful outcome is required for entry, unless student satisfactorily completes a prescribed course at a partner PSP or HSP provider.
- 3. If supplied, Brisbane Boys' College will assess evidence of English language proficiency presented by a student at the time of application, however will confirm the student's English language proficiency through additional diagnostic testing prior to entry to determine if entry requirements are met

## Brisbane Boys' College sets the following minimum English language proficiency test results: (testing is at the cost of the parents)

Year Level	AEAS Score (%)	IELTS	ISLPR (4 skills at)	NLLIA Bandscale
Prep – Year 1				1-2
Year 2 - 3				3-4
Year 4 - 6				4
Year 7	61-70	4.5		5
Year 8	61-70	4.5		5
Year 9	70	6	Level 2	5
Year 10	75	6+	Level 3	6

This is a guide only and student must be age appropriate across all macro skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking). Interview will determine success and all offers are determined on a case by case basis.

- 4. Where certificates of results for an accepted assessment of English proficiency are submitted with enrolment forms (e.g. IELTS, ISLPR or TOEFL), these certificates must be certified original documents unless provided directly to the College via the testing authority (e.g. AEAS assessment).
- 5. Students should note that if their language proficiency is below that outlined above, they may be required to undertake an intensive English language course before beginning mainstream studies.
- 6. If undertaking an intensive English language course before beginning mainstream studies, English language proficiency will be reassessed at the conclusion of the language course to ensure the student's level of proficiency is sufficient to allow them to commence their mainstream course.
- 7. Where EAL support has been listed as a condition of offer, additional testing will be completed following commencement to determine the frequency and structure of support to be provided.
- 8. All applicants will be required to undertake an English proficiency assessment prior to commencement unless student satisfactorily completes a prescribed course at a partner PSP or HSP provider.

## **Australian Education Assessment Services (AEAS)**

AEAS provide English language testing in centres all over Asia. Students may sit for AEAS testing offshore / onshore and nominate Brisbane Boys' College as an institution to receive the results. Details may be found at www.aeas.com.au.

## **Course Credit (National Code Standard 2)**

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• For students transferring from interstate within Australia into Year levels from Preparatory to Year 10, the College does not offer course credit and entry into any course will be subject to the assessment of each student by the College.

The Brisbane Boys' College *Entry Requirements for International Students* is available on the Brisbane Boys' College website.

#### Formalisation of Enrolment

#### **Written Agreements**

If the College has received an application for enrolment accompanied by the prescribed documents and application fee, a full assessment of the application will be conducted according to the international student entry requirements listed in this International Student Handbook.

If the student meets all entry requirements, Brisbane Boys' College may issue a letter of offer and enter into a written agreement with the enrolling student and their parents. In addition to the written agreement, the student will be issued a Student Enrolment Contract which must be signed by the parents as an indication of their acceptance of general conditions of enrolment, parental responsibility and payment of fees.

The Letter of Offer and Written Agreement contains:

- Course Fees: The amount for the entire course.
- Course Duration: Including start date, end date and length of the course
- Course Description: The CRICOS code and name of the course
- Education Provider Code: BBC's CRICOS Code (00491J)
- Conditional Offer of a Place detailing specifications of the conditions
- Fees due with acceptance of offer and schedule of fees and payment methods
- College Refund Policy
- Links to other policies and resources
- · Conditions of continuing enrolment
- ESOS Framework
- EAL Support Program information
- Student Enrolment Contract

If accepting the conditional offer of a place, parents should return all pages of the Letter of Offer and the Written Agreement, confirming personal details as indicated, with Declaration (signed by the parent/s or legal guardian/s), and Student Enrolment Contract (signed by the parent/s or legal guardian/s), accompanied by the nominated non-refundable Confirmation Fee, and any other tuition fees required in advance as stated on the invoice provided.

On receipt of the signed Declaration, Student Enrolment Contract and fees in advance, the College will issue receipts, Confirmation of Enrolment documents (CoEs) and Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) letters (if applicable) required to apply for Student Visa.

#### **Student Enrolment Contract**

As mentioned above, also provided with the offer of a place, is a Student Enrolment Contract. It displays the names and details of the parents and the student; and the terms and conditions under which that offer has been made. It summarises the College's expectations and defines the partnership between the College and each family.

As the Student Enrolment Contract applies in full to Australian resident students or students who are not "student visa holders", it should be noted that for student visa holders, some sections of the Student Enrolment Contract may not apply. Where indicated by "refer to Written Agreement and or International Student Handbook", the higher authority of the Australian Government *ESOS Act* and *The National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (2018)* will be applied.

The terms of the Student Enrolment Contract in particular, do not take away the student's access to a complaint and appeal process; nor does it remove the right of a student to take action under Australia's consumer protection laws

#### **General Pre-enrolment Information for Students**

## **Academic Pathways**

Brisbane Boys' College provides a clear and coordinated academic pathway for boys from Preparatory to Year 12 (approximately 5 – 18 years of age). We value innovation in curriculum development and teaching practice within the context of boys' education. Students are assisted toward achieving their full potential:

- Through thorough assessment of a student's prior academic record and English language proficiency (if applicable) during the enrolment phase
- By providing guidance to students in choice of elective subjects to be studied
- Through periodic monitoring and reporting
- By one to one careers counselling available for Secondary students (see Student Wellbeing, Support and Counselling, below)
- Through the provision of appropriate teaching and learning opportunities

It is hoped that through this thorough and systematic approach to student selection and assessment of suitability, that students will be well matched to the course selected.

The Curriculum Overview information is available via <a href="https://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/learning/our-learning-environments/">https://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/learning/our-learning-environments/</a>. Supplementary course academic handbooks are available on request at any time prior to enrolment at the College. Other than at pre-enrolment stage, these are provided at the time of Year level specific subject selection. These are updated annually and accessible to all current students via the School portal, Highlands.

**Important note regarding VET qualifications:** International students at Brisbane Boys' College are <u>not</u> permitted to undertake Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications. While an international student can undertake more than one course concurrently, the course which has supported the visa application is considered their 'main course of study'. For students on a school sector visa, the enrolment in the main-stream school sector course, such as the Senior Secondary Years 11-12 (QCE) course, constitutes the student's main course of study.

In order to satisfy visa requirements, the overseas student must maintain a full-time enrolment load in their main course of study and must complete the course within the registered course duration (i.e. for a Senior Secondary Years 11-12 course this is two years).

## **Reporting Period and Reporting Structure**

The School Year is divided into two semesters each of two terms. One semester is equivalent to one study period. There are two main reporting periods (end of Semester One and Semester Two) at which time a comprehensive report is issued. An interim report is provided at the completion of Term One and Term Three.

The academic year commences in late January and concludes in late November or early December. Vacation periods occur between each term and Term dates are published on the College website: <a href="https://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/term-dates/">https://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/term-dates/</a>).

## **Graduating Qualifications for Students Studying in Queensland Schools**

## Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Overview

(Source: QCAA website)

The QCE is Queensland's senior secondary schooling qualification. It is internationally recognised and provides evidence of senior schooling achievements.

The QCE allows students to choose from a wide range of learning options to suit their interests and career goals.

To receive a QCE, students must achieve the set amount of learning, in the set standard, in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements.

#### **Learning Options and Requirements**

To be awarded a QCE, students must have at least 20 credits in the required pattern, and fulfil literacy and numeracy requirements.

### Planning for a QCE

Senior pathway planning starts in Year 10, when schools work with students and their parents/carers to develop a Senior Education and Training (SET) plan or equivalent.

A SET plan helps students structure their learning around their abilities, interests and ambitions. It details what, where, and how students will study in Years 11 and 12.

## **Monitoring QCE Progress – Student Learning Accounts**

Brisbane Boys' College will create student learning accounts with the QCAA for each student from Year 10.

Year 10 and 11 students will be able to track their progress towards a QCE in their student learning account. Students can access their learning account via the myQCE portal on the QCAA website at: <a href="https://myqce.qcaa.gld.edu.au/">https://myqce.qcaa.gld.edu.au/</a>

#### **Tertiary Entrance and the QCE**

Brisbane Boys' College International students, when successful, are awarded a QCE at the end of Year 12.

All students who finish Year 12 receive a transcript of their learning account in the form of a Senior Statement, which is issued in December of the year they complete their Year 12 studies.

**Important Note:** To be eligible to receive the QCE, the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority requires students to be in attendance at school until the date specified at the end of Year 12.

All international students are eligible for the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), issued by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) at the end of Year 12.

The requirements for a QCE are different to those for tertiary entrance. See the Tertiary Entrance section of the QCAA website for more information on pathways to tertiary study (<a href="https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/australian-tertiary-admission-rank-atar">https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/australian-tertiary-admission-rank-atar</a>). Only those students who are eligible for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) equivalent will receive a Tertiary Entrance Statement at the end of Year 12.

#### **Fee Information**

The student's Written Agreement will outline all "tuition" and "non-tuition" fees required for the students' courses at the College in detail. The College Fees are reviewed annually and an updated 'Schedule of Fees' is made available on the College website each year under <u>Fees and Finance</u>. The College Council endeavours to set fees which will cover, as far as possible, all expenses.

The application fee paid when applying for a place at Brisbane Boys' College and the confirmation fee (except in very limited circumstances – see *Refund Policy for International Students*) paid when accepting a formal offer of a place are non-refundable and are paid by all students (international and Australian residents).

#### **Payment Options**

BBC requests all Fees, Levies and charges including Enrolment Fees, Tuition and non-tuition Fees be paid in Australian currency. Refunds will be paid in Australian currency (where possible).

The College provides a range of options for the payment of fees and charges. You may pay your fees by cheque (made payable to Brisbane Boys' College) or by Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard and AMEX Card) using the 'Payment Options' form available on the College website under <u>Fees and Finance</u>.

Direct Bank Transfer details will be provided on the Letter of Offer and Written Agreement.

## **Fee Summary**

#### **Tuition fees**

The tuition fees for overseas students are higher than the fees for Australian resident students because the College is not entitled to receive government grants for overseas students. There are also additional administration costs for overseas students.

#### **Tuition fees include:**

- Tuition fee for course delivery
- Levies including Technology levy, Campus Development levy
- QCAA fees

#### Non-tuition fees include:

- Boarding fees for students not enrolled as day students
- EAL or any other form of additional academic support listed as a condition of offer
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
- Uniforms
- Textbooks and digital resources as required
- Confirmation fee

## Please note:

- Textbooks: Costs vary widely for annual textbook requirements depending on the year level and in higher year levels, subjects chosen.
- Uniforms: Cost may be reduced by selecting good quality pre-used uniforms. A uniform list providing current new uniform items is available through the *College Shop*.

## The following are examples of services offered or additional expenses not included as tuition and non-tuition fees because they are elective:

- Study and other enrichment tours offered from time to time
- Academic tutoring
- Private music or private tennis coaching tuition
- Pre-season / seasonal sports camps (may attract an additional cost for high performance teams in each sport)
- For boarding students, personal spending money and costs for participation in recreational activities offered to boarding students is at the parent/s discretion
- Boarding parents must take into consideration extra costs for accommodation and care during term
  holidays if the student is not returning home during vacations; and air travel to and from Australia

#### **Sibling Discount**

Sibling discounts apply where brothers are attending the College at the same time or boys have a sibling at another PMSA School (Somerville House, Clayfield College and Sunshine Coast Grammar School) (refer to <u>Fees and Finance</u>).

## **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)**

Medibank Private is the preferred provider for OHSC for the College. For information on Medibank Private go to *Medibank Private website*.

It is a condition of the Student Visa that overseas students maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). This should be arranged prior to the student commencing studies at the College and must be maintained for the period covered by their visa. The College will arrange visa length Overseas Student Health Cover on behalf of the student if requested and not already arranged. Medibank Private will provide each student with a membership card, clearly indicating that the student is covered by the OSHC. The cost will be included on the Fees and Written Agreement provided to each family prior to their son's commencement at the College or with the first statement of fees.

It is the responsibility of the student's family to seek a refund from the medical insurance authority in the event the student leaves Australia prior to the completion of his course or visa expiry, or any other circumstance (see *Refund Policy for International Students*).

## Student Orientation (prior to and on commencement)

Brisbane Boys' College is committed to supporting students to adjust to study and life in Australia, to achieve their learning goals and to achieve satisfactory progress towards meeting the learning outcomes of their course.

#### **Orientation Process**

Students will have access to the *International Student Orientation Handbook* and upon arrival at the College, they will undergo an orientation process with their Heads of Year or Classroom teachers. The International Student Coordinator and / or Boarding staff will meet with students in their first week/s at the College to ensure they are settling into school and Australian life.

The first point of contact at the College will be the staff of the Admissions Office. Prior to, or at commencement of studies, students will then be introduced to College staff who provide specific support services to them during their enrolment at the college. A table outlining which staff members undertake each of the roles and responsibilities in relation to overseas students is given to students prior to commencement, in their International Student Orientation Booklet (National Code, Section B, Standard 6).

## Living in Australia

Important websites for International Students:

- Study Australia: <a href="https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/">https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/</a>
- Study Queensland: https://www.studyqueensland.qld.gov.au/
- Department of Home Affairs: https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/
- Brisbane Boys College: <a href="https://www.bbc.qld.edu.au">https://www.bbc.qld.edu.au</a>
- Overseas Students Ombudsman Contact details: <a href="https://www.ombudsman.gov.au/contact-us">https://www.ombudsman.gov.au/contact-us</a>
- Foreign Embassies and Consulates in Australia https://www.dfat.gov.au/

If you require any further information please contact the Head of Admissions at <u>admissions@bbc.qld.edu.au</u> or by calling +61 7 3309 3545.

## Student Wellbeing, Support and Counselling

At Brisbane Boys' College, the wellbeing of students is a key priority for the school community. The School has a number of support tools in place to ensure students have readily available support. This is provided via:

- 1. Whole School Wellbeing Program
- 2. Academic and Career Counselling
- 3. Student Support Counselling

### **Whole School Wellbeing Program**

At Brisbane Boys' College, our wellbeing program is designed to develop self-efficacy in our students, to encourage boys to participate, become part of a team and take on leadership roles. Ultimately, it is about nurturing a boy's confidence and a strong sense of belonging to a community he will forever be a part of.

Our whole school student wellbeing model is grounded in the science of positive psychology, is inspired by Christian example and draws inspiration from the best pastoral care systems and evidence-based research from around the world.

This model provides a dual point of contact through Head of Year and Head of House. Together, these roles will oversee and lead the academic, intellectual, emotional, psycho-social, community, leadership and spiritual development of every boy.

#### Horizontal Wellbeing: Year Level Focus

The Year Level wellbeing structure ensures that we are addressing developmental themes appropriate to the age group and allows for year identity to remain strong.

Our staff know each boy individually and deliver purposeful and age-specific programs to equip students with much-needed skills to confidently navigate their way through their school years and beyond.

#### **Vertical Wellbeing: The House System**

The House is the place where the sense of who and what BBC is, resides. The Head of House (and the House System) is the keeper of the BBC flame and the champion of the BBC tradition within the community. The House system focuses on celebration and community at a whole-school level.

All boarders at the College are in Rudd House and brothers are always placed in the same House as their older siblings. Additionally, sons of Old Collegians are placed in the same House group as their fathers, except for those day boys whose fathers were boarders.

#### Wellbeing & Achievement

We know there is an inextricable link between wellbeing and achievement. Through implementing intentional, experienced-based wellbeing initiatives, we foster resilience, engagement and ultimately an optimal environment for academic success.

Our positive education framework, which is based on the science of positive psychology, places the wellbeing and happiness of each boy at the heart of our decision making.

Link to Wellbeing Program and Positive Education Framework: <a href="https://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/life-at-bbc/student-wellbeing/">https://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/life-at-bbc/student-wellbeing/</a>

#### **Academic and Career Counselling**

Brisbane Boys' College supports its students in a variety of ways. Information regarding entry to further study:

- Brisbane Boys' College maintains a dedicated <u>Careers Centre</u>. Our mission is to provide boys and parents with the best information, knowledge and skills to plan future careers and tertiary pathways.
- Boys are encouraged to meet with the College Counselling staff.
- Ongoing Study Skills advice is provided
- Academic Tutoring may also be accessed before and after school (Years 7 to 12).

## **Counselling for Health and Personal**

- The College Chaplains, College Counselling Staff, Heads of School, Heads of Year, Heads of House, Mentors and Classroom Teachers are all available to provide pastoral support to our boys
- A qualified nursing sister is available to provide on-site medical support 24 hours a day as required
- The College is located a short distance from the Wesley, Royal Brisbane and Mater Children's Hospitals for access to emergency medical assistance 24 hours a day
- Boarding Students also have access to a visiting General Practitioner and Physiotherapist and nearby dental and other health services. Please note, there may be additional payment required for these services not covered by the student's Overseas Student Health Cover.
- Emergency Evacuation and Lockdown Procedures have been developed for staff and students and will be practiced periodically during the school year. Further information on Emergency Evacuation and Lockdown procedures can be found in the International Student Orientation Booklet
- Extensive counselling services are available to students and their family in the event of a critical incident or other traumatic event (see *Critical Incident Policy for International Students*).
- Staff are available to assist and processes are in place where a student wishes to lodge a complaint or appeal against unjust treatment (refer to *Complaints and Appeals Policy for International Students*)

## **Brisbane Boys' College Policies**

## **Entry Requirements for International Students**

https://brisbaneboys.policyconnect.com.au/module/275/page/7cd079da-d158-40b7-82f9-007e279a81f1.md

#### **Student Progress, Attendance and Course Duration Policy**

https://brisbaneboys.policyconnect.com.au/module/275/page/468b6269-78f3-45c4-8cdd-e9ec46d34461.md

#### **Refund Policy for International Students**

https://brisbaneboys.policyconnect.com.au/module/275/page/cfd06f1c-1236-4504-ac7d-19a564535ff8.md

#### **Accommodation and Welfare Policy for International Students**

https://brisbaneboys.policyconnect.com.au/module/275/page/2c9d5acd-657b-4faf-b1da-9cee7fb07ae6.md

## **Critical Incident Policy for International Students**

https://brisbaneboys.policyconnect.com.au/module/275/page/c5cd23c8-3362-4d67-9b30-eac5c1019c59.md

## **International Student Transfer Request Policy**

https://brisbaneboys.policyconnect.com.au/module/275/page/a1f19149-6391-44d0-b6f7-4cef8d146498.md

#### **Complaints and Appeals Policy for International Students**

https://brisbaneboys.policyconnect.com.au/module/275/page/98015872-eb8b-499a-9dcc-74f19648ec79.md

## **Deferment, Suspension and Cancellation Policy for International Students**

https://brisbaneboys.policyconnect.com.au/module/275/page/0ce968a5-8288-43e3-b192-5f5a5ccd3e6a.md

## **Privacy Policy**

https://brisbaneboys.policyconnect.com.au/module/209/page/1dc84140-a9fe-48ed-802d-717546105af0.md

## **Education Agents Policy**

https://brisbaneboys.policyconnect.com.au/module/275/page/ffcadd44-f286-4585-a023-6da4e51fcb65.md





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