



BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE

Brisbane Boys' College International Student Orientation Booklet 2024

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WELCOME TO BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE



Brisbane Boys' College is proud to have a long history of enrolling international students who have enjoyed success and contributed significantly to College life. We hope that you will embrace and involve yourself in the academic, co-curricular, service, and cultural opportunities available to you and that you will develop life-long friendships during your time at the College.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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SCHOOL FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Located just five kilometres from the Brisbane CBD in the inner western suburbs, Brisbane Boys' College is nestled in the hillside suburb of Toowong.

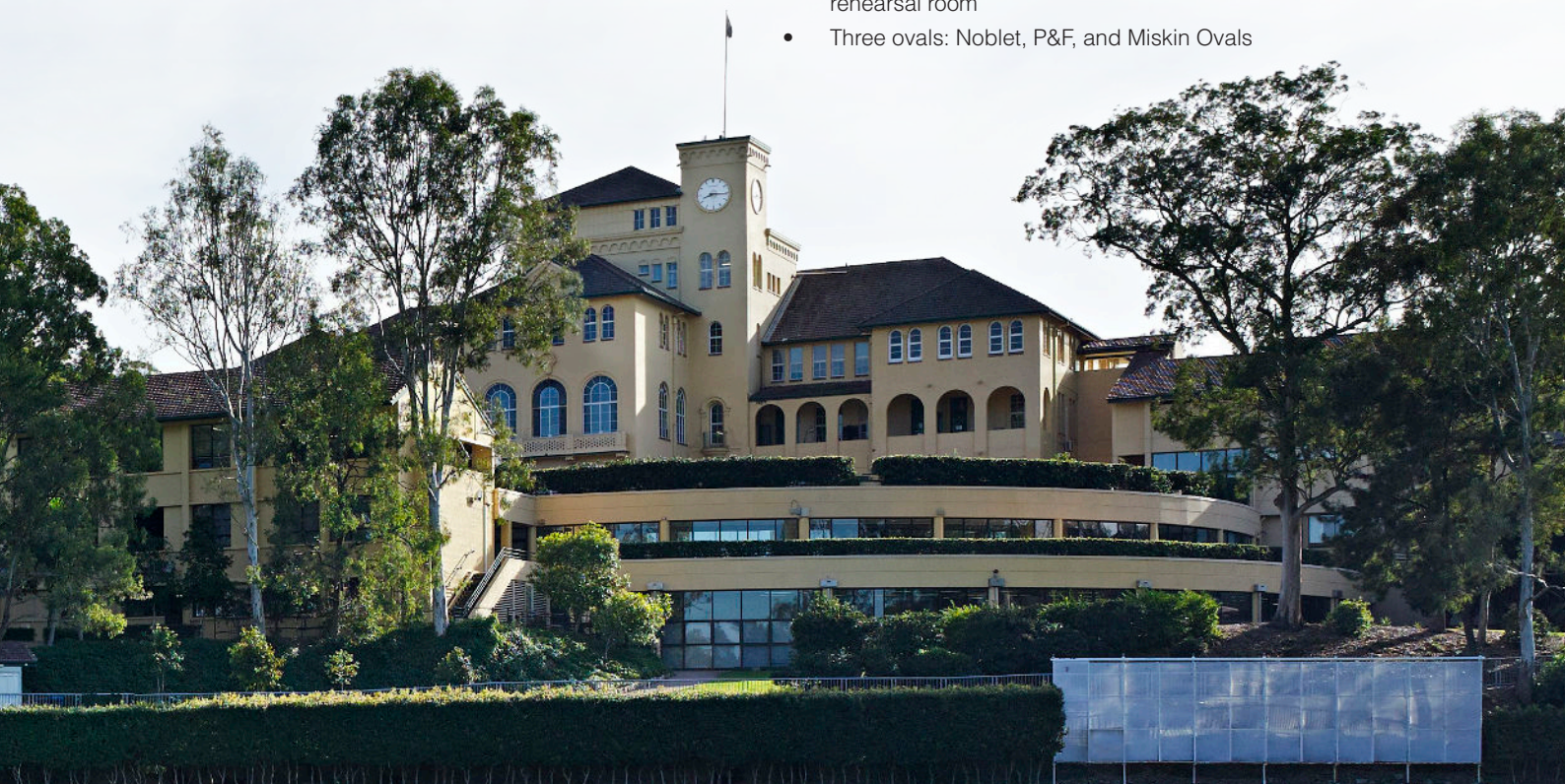
The College is in an ideal location, close to public transport terminals and the commercial shopping precinct of Toowong Village. Also located nearby is The University of Queensland, the state's largest tertiary institution; the Queensland University of Technology; and a reach from the Brisbane River, where the school's boatshed is situated.

CAMPUS

Our campus is bordered by and accessible from entry points on Moggill Road, Kensington Terrace, and Miskin Street, with the main entrance from Kensington Terrace. While the College was founded in 1902, the heritage-listed Administration building dates from the 1930s, when the school moved to Toowong from Clayfield, and is characterised by its Mediterranean arches and clock tower.

Other buildings on the site include:

- Detached Junior School
- Two libraries (Junior and Secondary)
- Purpose-built Middle School Precinct (Years 7 to 9)
- Specialist manual arts facility
- 25m heated swimming pool
- Eight tennis courts
- Sports complex containing two multigame courts (basketball, volleyball, indoor football, indoor cricket, badminton), a fully equipped Strength and Conditioning Gym, and a state-of-the-art Gymnastics Hall
- College Hall, an air-conditioned auditorium with a seating capacity of 700 people, including an art gallery and specialist facilities such as a recording studio and rehearsal room
- Three ovals: Noblet, P&F, and Miskin Ovals



BBC KEY STAFF AND CONTACT DETAILS

Below are some of BBC's key staff for international students. These people will play an important role in your enrolment and orientation process, along with many other teachers and staff members that you will meet once you arrive in Brisbane.

Headmaster and Deputy Headmasters		
MR ANDRE CASSON Headmaster	MR SCOTT MURPHY Deputy Headmaster	DR LEIGH HOBART Deputy Headmaster

Boarding Staff	Admissions Staff
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YOUR FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

So that you know what to expect on your first day at BBC, we have provided an overview of your orientation activities below.

Please note: boarding students are expected to arrive the afternoon before the start of term. Students should report to the Boarding House by no later than 3:00pm. Please ensure that you have contacted Mr Matthew McEwen (Director of Boarding) with your flight details (if travelling from overseas) or your local transport details.

Students commencing in **Term 1** will participate in Orientation activities with all new students run by your Heads of Year and Heads of House. You may also have attended an Orientation Day in late November, the year prior to starting, so you will be familiar with where to go on your first day. If you have any questions prior to your commencement, please call the Admissions Department on +61 7 3309 3658 or email admissions@bbc.qld.edu.au

Students commencing in **Term 2, 3, or 4** will undertake the below activities during their first day of school:

Activity	Your Year Team Leader will:
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrive at Main Reception (boarders included) <input type="checkbox"/> Receive your Welcome Pack, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Class timetable <input type="checkbox"/> A lock for your locker <input type="checkbox"/> Evacuation Procedures (included in this booklet) <input type="checkbox"/> Digital library access during Mentor Groups <input type="checkbox"/> International Student Handbook <input type="checkbox"/> Issuing of tablet/PC <input type="checkbox"/> Photography for Student ID <input type="checkbox"/> Meet your Head of Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Identify the relevant reception point <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss Evacuation Procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Introduce you to your House Tutor <input type="checkbox"/> Introduce you to the School Sergeant <input type="checkbox"/> Take you to collect your College Photo ID Card <input type="checkbox"/> Allocate your locker <input type="checkbox"/> Introduce you to a Buddy (another student in your year level who will help you out during your first few weeks at BBC) <input type="checkbox"/> Answer any questions you have

WEEK 1 OF TERM

PLEASE ENSURE THAT:

- I have provided a copy of my Visa Grant Notice to Student Admissions
- (If living in Australia with a parent) I have provided my current contact details to the College

ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES

I HAVE:

- Met my Head of Year/Assistant Head of Year
- Met my Head of House
- Received my timetable
- Been shown the location of my relevant reception point
- Met the School Sergeant
- Received my Student ID Card
- Received my tablet computer
- Received an orientation on how to log in to and use my computer
- Been allocated a locker and received a lock for my locker
- Met my Buddy
- Met my EAL teacher and understand that I must attend all scheduled EAL classes

I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HANDBOOK, WHICH INCLUDES POLICIES AND PROCESSES INCLUDING:

- Student Transfer Request Policy
- Complaints and Appeals Policy
- Course Progress and Attendance Policy

ADMISSIONS OFFICE STAFF HAVE EXPLAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO MY FAMILY:

- Refund Policy
- Overseas Student Health Cover
- Meeting attendance and course requirements
- Maintaining appropriate accommodation and welfare

Copies of the Student Transfer Request Policy, Complaints and Appeals Policy, and Course Progress and Attendance Policies can be found on our [website](#).

PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

BEFORE LEAVING HOME

- Visit [the BBC website](#) to learn more about your new school
- Make sure you have copies of all documentation with you when you leave home, including:
 - Passport
 - Visa Grant Notice
 - Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) letter
 - Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) letter if you will be a boarding student
 - Airline tickets
 - Health insurance details (if you purchased this yourself)
 - English translations of any prescriptions for any medication you are carrying
 - Confirmation of your transport arrangements from the airport to BBC
 - Your address in Australia if you are living with a parent/guardian or, if you will be a boarding student, the Boarding House contact details, which are:

Mr Matthew McEwen (Director of Boarding)
Brisbane Boys' College Boarding House
Kensington Terrace
Toowong QLD 4066 AUSTRALIA
+61 437 939 191, mmcewen@bbc.qld.edu.au

- Receipts of payments you have made, including tuition fees, health cover, etc.

ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA

A number of maps to help you find your way around Brisbane Airport are available on [its official website](#).

AT THE AIRPORT

All arriving passengers must have a valid travel document (passport) and complete an **Incoming Passenger Card** (this card is usually given to you on the plane; however, they are also available once you arrive at the terminal). You must hold a valid visa when entering Australia.

Below is an example of the **Incoming Passenger Card** you will have to complete before you enter Australia. The Australian Border Force has examples of this card available on their website. Please note, however, that all cards **must be completed in English**.

Incoming passenger card • Australia		PLEASE X AND ANSWER EVERY QUESTION – IF UNSURE, Yes X	
PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH WITH A BLUE OR BLACK PEN		▶ Are you bringing into Australia:	
▶ Family/surname		1. Goods that may be prohibited or subject to restrictions, such as medicines, steroids, illegal pornography, firearms, weapons or illicit drugs?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Given names		2. More than 2250mL of alcoholic beverages or 50 cigarettes or 50g of tobacco products?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Passport number		3. Goods obtained overseas or purchased duty and/or tax free in Australia with a combined total price of more than AUD\$900, including gifts?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Flight number or name of ship		4. Goods/samples for business/commercial use?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Intended address in Australia		5. AUD\$10,000 or more in Australian or foreign currency equivalent?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	State	Note: If a customs or police officer asks, you must report travellers cheques, cheques, money orders or other bearer negotiable instruments of any amount.	
▶ Do you intend to live in Australia for the next 12 months?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Meat, poultry, fish, seafood, eggs, dairy, fruit, vegetables?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
▶ If you are NOT an Australian citizen:		7. Grains, seeds, bulbs, straw, nuts, plants, parts of plants, traditional medicines or herbs, wooden articles?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have tuberculosis?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Animals, parts of animals, animal products including equipment, pet food, eggs, biologicals, specimens, birds, fish, insects, shells, bee products?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any criminal conviction/s?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	9. Soil, items with soil attached or used in freshwater areas e.g. sports/recreational equipment, shoes?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		▶ 10. Have you been in contact with farms, farm animals, wilderness areas or freshwater streams/lakes etc in the past 30 days?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		▶ 11. Were you in Africa, South/Central America or the Caribbean in the last 6 days?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
DECLARATION The information I have given is true, correct and complete. I understand failure to answer any questions may have serious consequences.		YOUR SIGNATURE _____ Day _____ Month _____ Year _____	
		TURN OVER THE CARD English	
YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IN AUSTRALIA		EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS (FAMILY OR FRIEND)	
Phone ()		Name	
E-mail		E-mail,	
OR		Phone OR	
Address	State	Mail address	
PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH		▶ PLEASE X AND ANSWER A OR B OR C	
▶ In which country did you board this flight or ship?		A Migrating permanently to Australia	Years _____ Months _____ Days _____
◆ What is your usual occupation?		B Visitor or temporary entrant	OR
▶ Nationality as shown on passport		▶ Your intended length of stay in Australia	
▶ Date of birth	Day _____ Month _____ Year _____	▶ Your country of residence	
		▶ Your main reason for coming to Australia (X one only)	
		Convention/conference 1 Employment 4 Holiday 7	
		Business 2 Education 5 Other 8	
		Visiting friends or relatives 3 Exhibition 6	
		C Resident returning to Australia	▶ Country where you spent most time abroad _____
Information sought on this form is required to administer immigration, customs, quarantine, statistical, health, wildlife and other currency laws of Australia and its collection is authorised by legislation. It will be disclosed only to agencies administering these areas and authorised or required to receive it under Australian law. Form 1442 Privacy notice is available from the department's website www.border.gov.au/allforms/		06151508	
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Once you have passed through the passport check, you will then collect your baggage and proceed to the customs areas where your bag might be checked.

You must declare all food, plant material, and animal products for inspection. If you have **something to declare**, walk through the **RED** aisle, and if you have **nothing to declare**, walk through the **GREEN** aisle.

LIVING IN BRISBANE



Brisbane at a glance



ELECTRICAL POWER POINTS

The Australian electrical current is 220 – 240 volts, AC 50Hz. The three-pin power outlet is different from some other countries, so you may need an adaptor.

TIME ZONE

Brisbane follows Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) throughout the year. Unlike Australia's southern states, Queensland does not observe daylight saving during summer. Be careful to check the time if travelling to or from another state in Australia.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

For all visa enquiries, please contact the Department of Home Affairs office. Telephone 13 18 81 or visit [the department's website](http://the_department's_website).

COMMUNICATION

Australia's country code is 61, and Queensland's area code is 07, but the zero is left off when calling from outside Australia. For example, to call Brisbane Boys' College Main Reception, call +61 7 3309 3500. Local calls from public pay phones are untimed and free of charge. Mobile, long-distance, and overseas calls are usually timed. Mobile phone network coverage is available across Australia, but coverage may be limited in some remote areas.

CLIMATE

Brisbane has more sunny days per year than any other Australian capital city, with temperatures remaining fairly stable across most seasons. Brisbane's sub-tropical climate makes it perfect for a range of outdoor activities.

	SUMMER			AUTUMN			WINTER			SPRING		
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Maximum temp °C °F	28.6	29.1	28.9	28.1	26.3	23.5	21.2	20.6	21.7	23.8	25.6	27.3
Minimum temp °C °F	19.8	20.9	20.8	19.5	16.9	13.8	10.9	9.5	10	12.5	15.6	18
Avg rainfall mm	126	158	172	139	90	99	71	63	43	35	94	97

CURRENCY

The basic unit of Australian currency is the dollar (AUD). There are 100 cents in one dollar (\$1). Australian dollar notes come in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100. Coins are issued in denominations of 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, and \$2. When paying with cash, prices are rounded up or down to the nearest 5 cents in shops and supermarkets. For example, you would pay \$1.95 for an item priced at \$1.97 but \$2 for an item priced at \$1.99.

BANKING

Australia has a range of choices when it comes to managing your money, from banks that cover the whole country to local credit unions and building societies. Here are some quick tips on setting up your bank accounts:

- You can set up a bank account before or after you arrive
- To open an account, you will need to have your electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), passport, Letter of Offer, and other forms of identification
- You can also read advice from the Australian Government's [Moneysmart website](#)

SHOPPING OPENING HOURS

Trading hours vary across Australia, but shops in tourist and city areas are generally open seven days a week until 6:00pm, with late-night shopping on Thursdays in suburban areas and Fridays in the city centre, when shops are open until 9:00pm.

COSTS OF LIVING IN AUSTRALIA

For information regarding the costs of living in Australia and other very useful information, please visit the websites listed below.

- [Study Australia](#)
- [Study Brisbane](#)
- [Department of Home Affairs](#)
- [Importing and Quarantine Information for International Students](#)
- [Brisbane Boys' College](#)
- [Overseas Students Ombudsman contact details](#)

Parents of boarding students should take into account additional costs for pocket money or recreational outings taken on weekends. Pocket money is at the parent/s' discretion.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Brisbane has many public transport options, including trains, buses, and ferry services. Timetables, journey planners, and information about tickets and fares are available from the [Translink website](#). Information is also available in [languages other than English](#).

THE CLOSEST PUBLIC TRANSPORT STOPS TO BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE ARE:

TRAIN – Toowong Train Station

BUS – High Street, Toowong, Stop 14A or Moggill Road at BBC, Stop 16

FERRY – Regatta Ferry Terminal, Toowong



In Brisbane, you can travel on most TransLink services using a Go Card. You 'tap' your Go Card on the card reader when you get on the bus/train/ferry, and you must tap your card again when you get off the bus/train/ferry. You can buy a Go Card at 7-Eleven stores, Queensland Rail Station ticket offices, [online](#), or [over the phone](#). Please visit [the Translink website](#) for more information.

GENERAL TRAVEL TIPS AND GUIDELINES

(source: <https://translink.com.au/travel-with-us/bus-train-ferry-tram/travel-tips>)

- Have your Go Card ready before boarding.
- To hail a bus, raise your hand to show that you'd like the bus driver to stop. Make sure you are standing in a visible location so the driver can clearly see you.
- To get off a bus, press the stop button well before your stop, at least 100 metres, to allow the driver to stop smoothly and safely.
- Offer your seat to passengers with special needs, such as seniors, people with a disability, pregnant women, and parents with small children.
- Do not place your feet or bags on seats.
- Keep doorways and aisles clear of bags and other items.
- Do not talk to the driver while the vehicle is in motion.



Go Card reader at a train station



Go Card reader on a bus



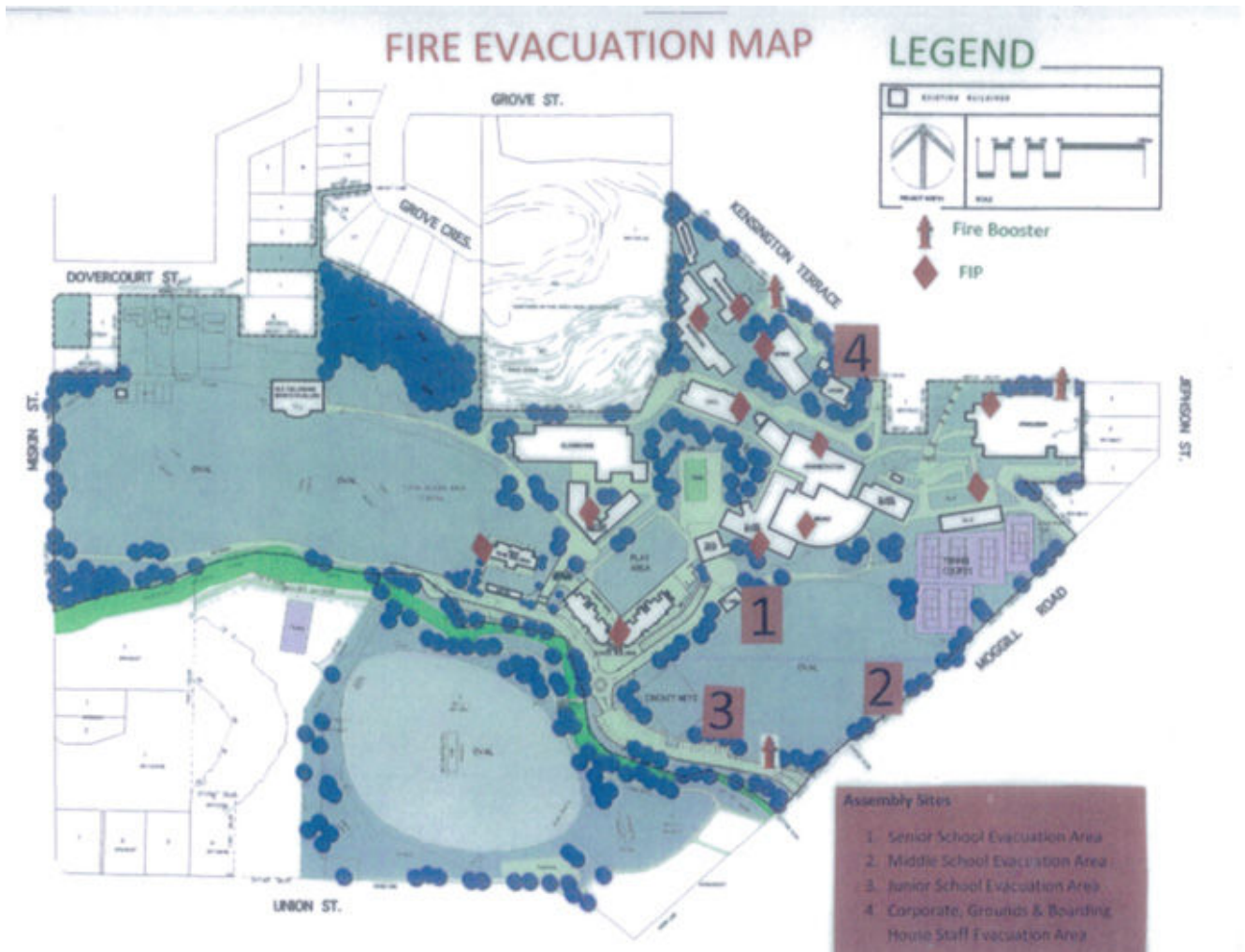
BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE CAMPUS MAP



LOCKDOWN AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

In the event a threat to staff and students requires the College to 'lockdown', staff will direct students to move quickly and in an orderly manner to their designated area. Drills are scheduled on a regular basis and are also attended by representatives of the local fire brigade and the College Health and Safety Manager.

Students are also made aware of the distinct alarm signal for lockdowns. A procedure has been developed for use during class time and also during breaks from class. In the event the lockdown alarm sounds, it is important that students follow the directions of the staff member supervising them and follow the procedures they have learnt in practice drills.



TERM DATES

Term dates are provided well in advance to allow you to plan your flights during holiday periods. Boarding students must remain at school until 3:30pm on the second last day of term and must return to the College before 8:00pm on the day prior to the beginning of term. Term dates are published each year on [the College's website](#).

SCHOOL UNIFORM – SECONDARY SCHOOL



Trousers	Mid-grey, cuffless, polyester/rayon long trousers
Shirt	Green BBC shirt with short sleeves and two buttoned pockets
Tie	Uniform tie
Belt	3/4-inch mid-grey leather
Socks	Mid-grey only
Shoes	Black lace-up leather school shoes
Pullover	Mid-grey with long sleeves and V-neck; green, white, and black trim
Blazer	Uniform blazer (worn in Terms 2 and 3 only, the colder part of the year in Australia)
Boater	Straw boater worn so as to cover the hairline
Hatband	Hatband attached to boater
Bucket Hat	Black bucket hat with BBC logo (outdoor activities)
Bag	Regulation crested bag

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) UNIFORM

PE shirt or House shirt	Black Canterbury-style shorts, regulation black bucket hat (outdoor activities), and lace-up sports footwear
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COLLEGE SHOP (UNIFORM SHOP)

A link to College Shop bookings is provided prior to arrival. The College Shop is located at the end of the internal road that leads to the Middle School Precinct, underneath the Tuckshop (see the map on page 11). The outfitting and purchase of uniforms for new students is **by appointment only** at the College Shop. On arrival, one of our parent volunteers will provide you with personal service and advice on requirements and quantities. All new families to BBC are required to contact the College Shop or Student Admissions to arrange a suitable time for a special uniform fitting appointment.

BOOKLIST AND STATIONERY ORDERS

Books are ordered through the supplier Champion – this information and a link are provided prior to arrival.

CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC

Brisbane Boys' College runs many different music ensembles in both the Junior and Secondary Schools. The College also has active Rock Band and Pipe Band programs. It is a requirement that boys learning an instrument join a performance ensemble.

Students audition for placement in an ensemble/choir and then are invited to join an ensemble/choir that meets their skill level. New students to the College will audition at the start of Term 1. Students must be undertaking regular lessons on their instrument to be eligible to audition for an ensemble.

ENSEMBLES

All students learning an instrument are required to participate in at least one of the Core Ensembles appropriate to their skill level. Ensembles may vary from year to year.

String (Core Ensembles)

Senior	College Strings
Intermediate	Intermezzo Strings, Hudson Strings
Junior	Acton Strings, Junior Strings

Strings (Extension Ensembles)

String Quartet, Cello Quartet, College Symphony

Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion (Core Ensembles)

Senior	Symphonic Band
Intermediate	Wind Ensemble, Concert Band
Junior	Junior Band

Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion (Extension Ensembles)

Big Band, Stage Band, Brass Quintet, Saxophone Quartet, Clarinet Quartet, Senior Percussion Ensemble, Intermediate Percussion Ensemble, Junior Percussion Ensemble

Vocal (Core Ensembles)

Senior	Camerata
Intermediate	BBC Singers, Camerata
Junior	Colla Voce, Camerata

Vocal (Extension Ensembles)

Collegians, Camerata
(for Middle and Junior School Students)

BBC Rock Bands

BBC Pipe Band

No. 1 Band
No. 2 Band
No. 3 Band
Pipe Band Development Program for Learners



Students who are successful in their auditions must maintain their membership in their Core Ensemble to be a member of an Extension Ensemble.

Students who have lessons outside the school are also encouraged to participate fully in the Ensemble program.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SPORTS

- Athletic Development
- Basketball
- Chess
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Debating
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Sailing
- Strength and Conditioning
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

CREATIVE ARTS/MUSIC

- Acton Strings
- BBC Singers
- Big Band
- Brass Quintet
- Camerata
- Cello Quartet
- Colla Voce
- College Strings
- College Symphony
- Collegians
- Concert Band
- Hudson Strings
- Intermediate Percussion
- Intermezzo Strings
- Junior Band
- Junior Percussion
- Junior Strings
- Pipe Band
- Rock Program
- Saxophone Quartet
- Senior Percussion
- Stage Band
- Symphonic Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Individual Instrumental Tuition
- Theatre Production
- Theatresports



COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

- Robotics

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- Art Club
- Film Crew
- Readers Cup
- STEM Club

SERVICE

- Amnesty International
- Coffee for Cambodia
- The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award
- Inter-School Christian Fellowship
- Interact
- Koala Club
- Domestic and International Tours



FOOD AT THE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP (CANTEEN)

The BBC Tuckshop is open for breakfast, morning tea, and lunch. Boarding students are provided with all essential meals. Online ordering is available for all students. Secondary School students (Years 7 to 12) can use their existing Student ID Card as a debit card to make over-the-counter purchases at the Tuckshop.

GENERAL STUDENT GUIDE

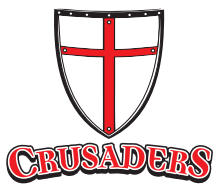
It is important that a student's appearance should always be clean, neat, and tidy. His behaviour should not cause offence to others. The school uniform (to be worn in strict accordance with the requirements laid down in the clothing regulations) is to be worn to all school functions unless otherwise directed, including sporting fixtures. Hair is to be traditionally cut; it should be kept clear of the collar and ears and tapered to the shape of the head. Should a boy choose to wear his hair in a shorter style, it is not to be shorter than a '4-blade'. A student's hair is to be one length all over. Fringes are to be kept above the eyebrows. The cutting of lines in hair (tracks) is not permitted. Hairstyles that do not adhere to these guidelines are not acceptable, nor is bleached or dyed hair. Visible body piercings are not acceptable. Boys are to be clean-shaven daily.

COLLEGE HOUSES

Junior School Houses

There are four sporting Houses in the Junior School – Crusaders, Knights, Gladiators, and Vikings.

Various House competitions are held throughout the year, and the overall winning House is awarded the Martens' Trophy, the BBC Junior School Interhouse Shield. Competitions include Basketball, Chess, Choral, Cricket, Cross Country, Football, Public Speaking, Rugby, Swimming, Tennis, and Track and Field.



Secondary School Houses



Birtles

Colours: Azure Blue, White, Gold



Knox

Colours: Red, White, Black



Campbell

Colours: Yellow, Black, White



McKenzie

Colours: Orange, Black



Cole

Colours: Purple, Black, White



Rudd

Colours: Gold, Black, Green



Flynn

Colours: Blue, Red



Wesley

Colours: Light Blue, Gold, Black, White



Hamilton

Colours: Royal Blue, Black, White



Wheller

Colours: Red, White, Black



BOARDING AT BBC

Boarding students will be emailed a copy of their Boarding Handbook containing a lot of useful information that will give you a good idea of what to expect when you first arrive. Information in this handbook includes:

- Introduction to boarding staff
- Academic support
- Pastoral care programs
- Settling in
- Routine
- Homework
- Valuables and security
- Catering
- Clothing and uniforms
- Bed linen and laundry
- Communication
- Facilities
- General rules
- Health
- Leave and travel

HOME SICKNESS

It is important for students to realise that they are likely to feel homesick from time to time. It is quite normal and nothing they should feel embarrassed about. Getting involved inside and outside of the classroom can help you to settle in more quickly.

If you are feeling like you may need support in any way, please seek help. The Director of Boarding, boarding staff, the House Mother, nursing staff, student counselling staff, chaplains, Heads of Year, mentors, teachers, and our student leaders are there to help. Often, discussing the problem with someone not directly involved is of great assistance.

SEEKING ASSISTANCE AND REPORTING INCIDENTS AND ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING ABUSE

Students have multiple pathways to make a complaint, including Child Safeguarding-related complaints, at Brisbane Boys' College. These include:

- disclosing concerns about the conduct of a staff member that they consider inappropriate to a Child Safeguarding Officer, who are our 'stated staff members' for the purpose of Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 (Qld). The [Child Safeguarding Officers](#) can be found on the [BBC website here](#).
- disclosing child safety incidents or concerns, including abuse or other harm to themselves or of any other child, young person, or student aged 18 or over, to any staff member, Volunteer, or Contractor. This might be done:
 - ◊ verbally
 - ◊ in writing
 - ◊ through electronic means (such as email), or
 - ◊ indirectly (such as in written assignments, in artworks or in any other way)
- disclosing child safety incidents or concerns, including abuse or other harm of themselves or of any other child, young person, or student aged 18 or over, anonymously using the [Child Safeguarding Report form, which is located on the BBC website](#).
- by contacting [Kids Helpline](#).

WEEKEND AND VACATION ARRANGEMENTS – BBC INTERNATIONAL BOARDING STUDENTS

Do you intend to stay in Australia during a vacation period this year or spend a weekend with a family friend or relative during the school term?

- ! If students intend on staying with an approved relative during weekend or vacation periods, BBC is required to approve the suitability of these living arrangements/accommodation and ensure all relevant members of the household (18 years or older) hold a 'blue card', which is certified permission to work with children under 18 years of age.
- ! As the blue card and homestay approval processes can take up to two months to complete, the Boarding House must be given details of any requests with sufficient notice (by the end of Week 1 each term) to complete the process and for blue cards to be issued.



If you do not provide these details in time to complete the necessary checks, **your request will not be approved.**

Where boarding students are released into the direct care of their parents, the welfare provisions under Standard 5 of the National Code do not apply, and the school's welfare responsibility can be suspended. The school's welfare responsibility resumes from the date when the parents have advised that they will no longer be onshore to directly supervise their son and their son has returned to the care of the College. Please note that the Boarding House is not open during the vacation period.



Boarding students should (where possible) return home during school vacations. In the event that a boarding student is not able to return home during school vacations or if the student wishes to spend a weekend or vacation with a family member or family friend, the College may approve the following arrangements:

OPTION 1: WEEKEND/VACATION WITH AN APPROVED RELATIVE IN AUSTRALIA

- An 'approved relative' in this case refers to a grandparent, great-grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, or cousin over the age of 21 years. Where there is a request for a boarding student to spend vacation time with an approved relative (as defined above), a blue card will be required. Any household residents who are not approved relatives and who are aged 18 years or older will also be required to hold a blue card.
- **Details of any approved relatives living in Australia who the student may spend weekend or vacation time with should be given to the Director of Boarding by the end of Week 1 of each term, so that the appropriate processes can be followed.**

OPTION 2: WEEKEND/VACATION PLACEMENT WITH FAMILY FRIEND

- Students may apply to stay with a family friend or BBC family during weekend or vacation periods, provided the living arrangements/accommodation have been approved by the College and all members of the household (aged 18 years or older) hold a blue card.
- **Students may nominate two families to complete the blue card and homestay approval processes and be listed as leave hosts on REACH.**
- Further requests for leave with non-family hosts outside of these two approved families will be considered on an individual basis and only when sufficient time has been allowed for working with children checks to be completed and the living arrangements/accommodation to be approved by the Director of Boarding.

OPTION 3: CLAYFIELD COLLEGE VACATION HOMESTAY PLACEMENT

- Arranged by the Clayfield College Homestay Officer and for vacation periods only (not weekends).
- Homestay hosts and members of the household 18 years or older will be blue card holders.
- The Director of Boarding should be contacted for details and application forms.

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL) SUPPORT

Support

BBC's English as an Additional Language (EAL) Program offers support to new and existing students from experienced and qualified staff. The mainstream curriculum provides the platform for the teachers to scaffold their lessons to cater for the EAL learners. The focus is on providing the students with a sound understanding of the content and the expectations of assessments.

Tracking Progress

Regular academic reviews are linked to visa conditions (where appropriate). These academic reviews are conducted every term. EAL staff regularly liaise with classroom teachers regarding all students' progress. If a boy is 'at risk', parents are contacted, and an interview is arranged so a plan can be designed to assist a student with their academic studies.

Tutorials

The EAL boys must attend before/after school tutorials for their first semester at BBC. Tutorials provide extra support for all the core subjects and an opportunity for students to have more guidance with their assessments.

Exiting EAL

At the end of every semester, all EAL students are tested to ascertain whether they have reached the BBC benchmarks and can exit EAL. Reaching the benchmarks means the students can achieve in the mainstream without support. Once a student exits EAL, they are monitored closely to ensure they are achieving at the mainstream level.

CONDITIONS OF YOUR STUDENT (SUBCLASS 500) VISA

For a full list of conditions, please visit the [Home Affairs website](#). You can find your individual visa conditions in [VEVO](#).

Condition number	Who this applies to	Description
8105	All students	<p>You cannot work more than 48 hours per fortnight when your course is in session (other than work which has been registered as a part of the course). A fortnight means any period of 14 days commencing on a Monday and ending at the end of the second following Sunday.</p> <p>You can work for more than 40 hours per fortnight during recognised vacation periods offered by your education provider.</p> <p>You cannot start paid work until you have started your course in Australia.</p>
8202	All students	<p>You must remain enrolled in a registered course. Note: A registered course is one that is on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).</p> <p>You must maintain enrolment in a registered course that is the same level as, or at a higher level than, the registered course for which you were granted a visa.</p> <p>You must maintain satisfactory attendance in your course and course progress for each study period as required by your education provider.</p>
8501	All students	<p>You must maintain adequate arrangements for health insurance during your stay in Australia.</p> <p>Note: Under policy, you must maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).</p>
8516	All students	<p>You must continue to satisfy the requirements for the granting of your student visa. This means, for example, that you continue to have sufficient financial capacity to support your study and stay in Australia.</p>
8532	All students	<p>If you are younger than 18 years of age, you must have accommodation and support, and your general welfare must be maintained in accordance with the guidelines of the registering authority for the duration of your stay in Australia.</p> <p>You must not change your welfare arrangements without the written approval of your Education Provider.</p> <p>If your Education Provider has provided dates for which your welfare arrangements are approved, you must not travel to Australia until that welfare period commences unless accompanied by a parent.</p>
8533	All students	<p>You must tell your Education Provider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the address where you live in Australia, within seven days of arriving in Australia if you change the address where you live, within seven days of the change if you change Education Providers, within seven days of receiving the electronic Confirmation of Enrolment certificate or evidence of enrolment

THE FAIR WORK OMBUDSMAN'S TOP FOUR TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Tool or Resource	Description	Links to resources
General information for international students	The Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) has tailored information on its website for visa holders, including international students, covering basic workplace relations information, common issues faced by students, such as unpaid work and the FWO's arrangement with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection that could give you some protection even if you're in breach of your visa conditions.	www.fairwork.gov.au/internationalstudents Unpaid work Student Placement and Internships
Record My Hours app	The Record My Hours app assists workers in easily recording and storing their hours of work. The app is free to download on Apple devices, and was developed with young and migrant workers in mind. It's available in 18 languages and automatically detects the language settings on a user's smartphone.	www.fairwork.gov.au/app iTunes store
Anonymous Report	An online interactive form that allows members of the community to report a workplace concern anonymously. Information provided to the FWO helps it plan its current and future education and enforcement activities. The report is available in English and 16 other languages .	www.fairwork.gov.au/tipoff www.fairwork.gov.au/inlanguageanonymousreport
In-language content	The FWO has updated and expanded the Language Help section of its website to better meet the needs of migrant customers. The website now delivers professionally translated information in 30 languages . The updated content includes downloadable resources and more detailed topic-based information to address the common questions asked by migrant workers. It also includes in-language video resources in 16 languages .	www.fairwork.gov.au/languages

WELCOME TO BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE

In every endeavour you undertake at Brisbane Boys' College, you will be encouraged and challenged to achieve excellence, fulfil your potential, and to make the most of your talents. We hope you will embrace the many opportunities available to you, be inspired by your teachers, and forge lifelong friendships with other students.







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