

TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BOARDING

# BOARDING PROGRAM



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MR TIMOTHY KELLY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

We are proud to say that boarding life has always been an integral feature of Townsville Grammar School since the School first opened its doors in April 1888. The boarders hold a special place at the School, and have throughout the years. Townsville Grammar School has a full-time boarding community and a very strong commitment to boarding families.

Boarding students bring so much richness, diversity, honesty and humour to the life of the School. Irrespective of whether they arrive as Year 7s or enter as older Year 11s, or whether they are from a rural cattle property in Western Queensland or from cosmopolitan Hong Kong, our boarders quickly become a part of our family. Whilst at the School, our boarders are encouraged to grow as people, apply themselves as scholars and immerse themselves in sport, drama, music and community service. Not all boarders necessarily thrive from their first encounter with living away from home, but very few leave boarding as Year 12 valedictorians without enormous emotion and life-long friendships.

The boarding community at Townsville Grammar School endeavours to provide a second home, in a communal environment. Our boarders should enjoy the friendships, the security and the care of their second home. We aim to provide an experience which helps them to develop into young people of character by providing:

- A community where they feel safe and accepted
- Structure and discipline
- Encouragement to be involved and reach their potential in all areas
- An environment where social skills can be developed
- Opportunities to build resilience

Boarding facilities, activities, routines, health care and catering are all essential fundamentals of a good boarding environment. However, what is most important are the relationships that develop; relationships based on honesty, integrity, mutual respect and acceptance of difference.

At Townsville Grammar School boarding is about relationships and creating a supportive, caring environment where our young Grammarians can "come in good and leave better."

Bonus Intra Melior Exi.

Townsville Grammar School has been supporting regional, remote and international families for more than 130 years, providing a quality boarding program teamed with the delivery of exceptional education and pastoral care.

### TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BOARDING OFFERS:

- Co-educational Boarding for Years 7-12 at the North Ward Campus
- On-site Health Centre staffed by Registered Nurses + Health & Wellbeing team
- Online parent portals and student registration system (REACH)
- Structured study and tutoring programs
- Extensive weekend and social/recreation program
- Extensive sport, music, arts and enrichment co-curricular program
- On-site facilities including 50m pool, netball courts, gymnasium, sports fields
- Located adjacent to the Townsville Sports Reserve, Townsville Tennis and Touch Fields
- CBD location within close walking distance to Townsville's Strand beachfront

### LEADERS IN LEARNING

Townsville Grammar School has earned an enduring reputation for academic excellence, evident in annual NAPLAN results, Year 12 outcomes and IB scores. The School is focused on providing the optimal learning environment with consistent, sequential and focused programs, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

In 2019, Townsville Grammar School ranked in the top 4% of schools in Queensland for NAPLAN results, and the highest outside of South-East Queensland for both primary and secondary. Townsville Grammar School is the only school in North Queensland to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma program (IB) for Years 11 and 12 students, with scores consistently above the national and international averages.

The Grammar experience centres on the commitment to delivering a balanced offering of exceptional academic instruction, co-curricular opportunities, community engagement and school spirit in a values-based environment.



### SPORT

Townsville Grammar School offers a strong program of School and Club sport, as well as a range of on-site and nearby facilities including a 50m pool, gymnasium, netball courts and sports fields.

Boarders can utilise on-site facilities and participate in all sports programs, including;

- AFL
- Rowing

Rugby

Running

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Soccer
- Cross Country

Fencing

Dance

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- Swimming
  - Touch
- Hockey
- Netball
- Tennis
- Water Polo

### **PASTORAL CARE & HEALTH CENTRE**

The Townsville Grammar School Health Centre is staffed by Registered Nurses and located within the Boarding precinct.

Health Centre hours of operation:

- Monday Friday, 8:00am 5:30pm
- Saturday 9:00am 1:00pm •

Outside of these hours, one of our Registered Nurses is on call for emergencies.

Townsville Grammar School's Pastoral Care Program is centred on the Positive Education Framework which is supported by the Health & Wellbeing Team:

- School Psychologist
- Head of Boarding
- Year Level Co-ordinators
- Co-ordinator of Student Wellbeing & Development
- Head of School
- Form Teachers

### **MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS**

Townsville Grammar School's Music and Performing Arts program is extensive, with curriculum and co-curricular offerings in Music, Choir, Drama and Dance, as well as private tuition opportunities.

The School offers many performance opportunities both as part of the annual calendar of events and within the local and regional community.

- Big Band
- Chamber Orchestra
- Choirs
- Celtic Strings
- **Clarinet Ensembles**
- Concert Band
- Dance Troupes
- Flute Ensembles
- Guitar Ensembles
- String Ensembles
- School Productions and Drama Performances
- Symphony Orchestra

### SOCIAL & RECREATION

Boarders are offered the opportunity to participate in a wide range of social and recreational opportunities, both as part of the School's co-curricular program and within the community.

Examples of activities include:

- Arts and cultural festivals
- Boarding community social events
- NRL Games and other major sporting events
- Markets and shopping
- Magnetic Island, The Strand and Pallarenda
- Movies, picnics, Laser Skirmish, Ninja Parc, Tenpin Bowling
- National Parks
- Outdoor adventuring •
- School and local sporting and recreational facilities

## WHERE DO OUR BOARDERS COME FROM?

Longreach

Magnetic

Mount Isa

Richmond

Winton

Torres Strait

Island

### QUEENSLAND

- Bowen
- Burdekin
- Charters Towers
- Clermont
- Cloncurry
- Hughenden
- Julia Creek

### BEYOND

- New South Wales
- Northern Territory
- Papua New Guinea
- Hong Kong
- China

40+ SPORTS YEARS OF TEAMS BOARDING 10/0 20 E PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS RANKED IN

**TOP 4%** SCHOOLS IN QLD (NAPLAN 2019)

### TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BOARDING CHARTER

### WE BELIEVE THAT:

- A safe and secure environment is our first priority, where our Boarders consider their boarding house as a 'home away from home'.
- Our Boarders should be provided with opportunities to participate in stimulating and challenging sporting, cultural and recreational activities so as to foster holistic wellbeing, personal growth and a healthy, balanced lifestyle.
- The adoption of Positive Education principles supports wellbeing and personal growth in our Boarders.
- Academic personal best can be realised through the fostering of a love of learning and sound study habits.
- Every member of the boarding community has a role to play in the creation of a caring 'boarding family' where we look after each other.
- Honesty and integrity are vital for a successful boarding life.
- Our Boarders need to take ownership of their behaviour, accepting responsibility for their actions.
- Independence and self-reliance are important life skills for all Boarders to learn and apply.
- Pride in self engenders pride and care for our physical boarding environment.
- Mutual respect and open-mindedness foster good interpersonal relationships and celebration of difference.

### **KEYS TO SUCCESS IN BOARDING:**

- Developing positive relationships through generosity, gratitude and understanding the needs of others.
- A positive and enthusiastic attitude.
- The ability to be resilient, tolerant, flexible and responsible.
- Engaging positively in the community and being part of our 'community'.
- Being open to new experiences and participating with enthusiasm in the range of activities on offer.
- Being considerate and courageous.
- Developing effective study habits.
- Always striving to achieve their personal best.

Our aim is for your children to leave us as confident, independent, self-disciplined and well-rounded young adults, ready to take on the world. To 'come in good and to go out better.'

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"Boarding provides a unique way of life which embodies compassion, empathy and understanding perspectives, all traits of a community minded person in the 21st Century."

Jaye Beutel - Head of Boarding





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