



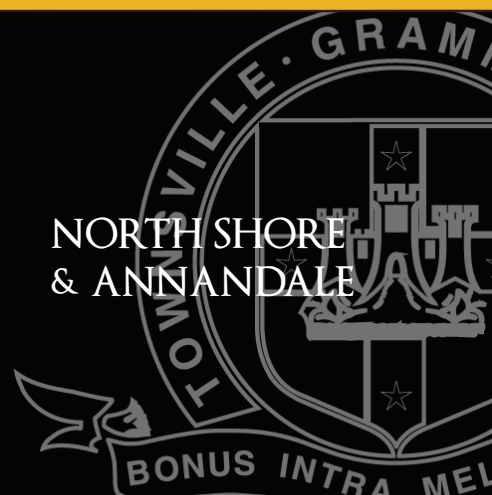
TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PREP



PREP PROGRAM

NORTH SHORE
& ANNANDALE





MR TIMOTHY KELLY
PRINCIPAL

The Prep Year is considered the formal start of a child's learning journey and we know that our students come together at the beginning of the school year with mixed experiences, abilities and natural talents.

Our Townsville Grammar School Prep Program follows the Australian Curriculum guidelines and is aligned with children's interests, which are continually extended and integrated through play, through their personal strengths and stages of development.

Our Prep Program provides experiences that help create an awareness of our environment, our changing world and to foster positive personal and social attitudes.

Townsville Grammar School has an enduring reputation as the leading academic school in Northern Queensland, with consistently leading NAPLAN results, Year 12 outcomes and IB scores. Our Prep Program sets the foundation for our approach to teaching and learning, with focused, sequential programs, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

"Our Prep classrooms are learning spaces designed to inspire imagination, creativity, curiosity, investigation and ultimately, a love of learning."

We have a number of Open Mornings and Experience Days throughout the year and invite families to visit us to learn more about our Townsville Grammar School community.

OUR PREP PHILOSOPHY

- Children's talk is encouraged, valued and supported
- Children can share ideas and learn from each other
- Children actively engage in developmentally appropriate activities
- Children recognize and understand the importance of rules and good classroom habits
- Children have a clear understanding of what is expected of them
- Teachers acknowledge and reinforce positive behaviour
- A fair and consistent approach to discipline is exercised
- Teachers consistently model to students the fundamental values of our School ethos
- A thematic approach to learning is implemented in line with the Australian Curriculum
- Children are exposed to a wide variety of literature and can borrow from the Library
- Children focus on using hands-on materials to develop an understand and knowledge of numbers
- Children are inspired to develop a love of learning and experience the joy of discovery



NAPLAN

2019

Source: myschools.gov.au

RANKED IN THE TOP 4% OF SCHOOLS IN QUEENSLAND.

We were once again pleased to be ranked as the leading school for NAPLAN results in the Northern Queensland region for 2019, for both primary and secondary.

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Ranked #1
for Primary &
Secondary in
Townsville.

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Ranked #14
in Queensland
for Secondary,
out of approx.
900 schools.

27

Ranked #27
in Queensland
for Primary,
out of approx.
1200 schools.

OUR PREP LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Student progress and achievement is directly linked to quality teaching. As the leading academic School in Northern Queensland, our learning approach begins with Prep.

Our carefully selected Teachers focus on the individual learner, building positive relationships with students, supporting them and encouraging an environment where they strive for personal best.

Children enter Prep with a range of individual experiences, abilities and natural talents. Each child is encouraged to progress at a pace that is appropriate to their own development, without pressure.

In addition to being able to complete simple reading, writing and numeracy tasks (as per the Australian Curriculum), children will develop social and emotional skills, fine and gross motor skills, language and communication skills and a sense of independence throughout the Prep year.

When children have developed competencies in these areas, they are generally ready for Year 1.

Our Townsville Grammar School Prep Program offers:

- ✓ Early Childhood trained Teachers
- ✓ Full-time Teacher Aides in each Prep classroom
- ✓ Specialist Teachers for Music, Library, Performing Arts and Physical Education lessons
- ✓ Inspiring learning environments linked to student curiosity and interests
- ✓ IT-enabled Prep classrooms
- ✓ Dedicated Prep playgrounds
- ✓ Music Program
- ✓ Sports and Swimming Program
- ✓ Personal development of character strengths - 'Positive Education'
- ✓ Transition to Year 1 Program (Semester 2 focused)
- ✓ Upper School Buddy Program

GETTING READY FOR PREP

- Starting School information will be emailed and available online in December (Commencement Pack)
- Parents are encouraged to help their child prepare for Prep and the School environment (Refer to our website for helpful tips)
- Attending Prep Orientations is a great way for the whole family to build familiarity with the new environment

PREP ORIENTATION

- Parents and students will be invited to an Orientation Morning in Term 4
- Another Orientation will take place the day before School commences in late January

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Townsville Grammar School has an open door policy regarding parental involvement in the early years, in particular. We warmly encourage parents to be engaged in their child's learning environment and journey, for optimal results both academically and emotionally.

Parent engagement can take many forms – here are some examples:

- ✓ Assist your child to prepare for Prep and school life
- ✓ Attend as many school events and celebrations as possible
- ✓ Read School newsletters
- ✓ Become involved in classroom activities where possible
- ✓ Learn about our Positive Education Program
- ✓ Talk to your child's Teachers to discuss their progress
- ✓ Download the School App for enhanced communications
- ✓ Follow TGS on social media to keep up with whole school news and events.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PREP

Prep Information Evenings

Annandale Campus
Wednesday, 19 August
6:00–7:00pm

North Shore Campus
Thursday, 20 August
6:00–7:00pm

Parents are welcome to arrange a personal tour of our Junior School Prep Centres by calling our Director of Enrolments.

OPEN DAYS & EVENTS IN 2020

Open Mornings - Family Fun Day
Annandale & North Shore Campuses
Saturday, 14 March
9:00am–11:00am

Prep Experience Morning
Annandale & North Shore Campuses
Friday, 27 March
9:00am–11:00am

Junior School Experience Day
Annandale & North Shore Campuses
Thursday, 4 June
Normal school hours

Principal's Open Mornings
Wednesday, 12 August
9:00am–11:00am
Annandale Campus

Friday, 14 August
9:00am–11:00am
North Shore Campus

Junior School Experience Day
Annandale & North Shore Campuses
Thursday, 27 August
Normal school hours

PREP AT TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL



NORTH SHORE CAMPUS

- Growing Campus (opened 2015)
- Small class sizes - up to 24 (optimal)
- Leading NAPLAN results in North Queensland
- Passionate Teachers (Early Childhood trained)
- Specialist Teachers for lessons in Music, Languages, Sport, Library, Drama
- IT-enabled classrooms
- Music Program
- Extensive co-curricular offerings
- Adjacent to Northern Beaches Leisure Centre & Sports Facilities
- Pastoral Care Program, 'Positive Education'
- On-site Early Education Centre (Pre-Prep)
- OSHC and Vacation Care

ANNANDALE CAMPUS

- Small class sizes - up to 24 (optimal)
- Leading NAPLAN results in North Queensland
- Passionate Teachers (Early Childhood trained)
- Specialist Teachers for lessons in Music, Sport, Library, Drama
- IT-enabled classrooms
- Music Program
- Extensive co-curricular offerings (20+)
- Netball Courts, Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts and 400m Running Track
- Amphitheatre
- P-12 Pastoral Care Program, 'Positive Education'
- On-site Early Education Centre (Pre-Prep)
- OSHC and Vacation Care



EVERY
OPPORTUNITY.

TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

North Ward Annandale North Shore
EEC + PREP - YEAR 12

TGS BUS SERVICE LINKING ALL THREE CAMPUSES

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