



TGS

PREP



ANNANDALE & NORTH SHORE



HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

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.

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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 understanding and knowledge of numbers
- Children are inspired to develop a love of learning and experience the joy of discovery



GETTING READY FOR PREP

Following your enrol:

- 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 www.tgs.qld.edu.au/prep)
- 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
- A further 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.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS – FOR PREP 2023

Annandale Campus Tuesday, 16 August 6:00pm

North Shore Campus Wednesday, 17 August 6:00pm

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

PREP FAIR 2022

Get Set for Prep

Annandale Campus

Saturday, 28 May 9:00 - 11:00am

Speakers, exhibitors and entertainment – an information morning to help families prepare for starting school.



PREP AT TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Small class sizes in dedicated Prep precincts | Passionate teachers (Early Childhood trained)

Teacher aides in each classroom | Leading NAPLAN results in North Queensland

Specialist teachers for lessons in Music, Languages, Sport, Library, Drama | IT-enabled classrooms

Music Program | Extensive co-curricular offerings | Pastoral Care Program, 'Positive Education'

On-site Early Education Centre (Pre-Prep) | OSHC and Vacation Care

TGS Bus Service connecting the three campuses

ONLINE ENROLMENTS

www.tgs.qld.edu.au/enrol

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