

AUTISM QUEENSLAND SCHOOL

Our schooling model has been designed specifically for autistic students. AQ School offers a personalised, functional, and nurturing educational program.

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Our goal is to support autistic students in accessing the Australian Curriculum to their fullest potential.

Eligibility: Students must have a primary diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to enrol at AQ School.

We offer enrolment options for autistic students from Prep to Year 12 at our campuses in South East Queensland (Sunnybank Hills and Brighton) and Far North Queensland (Edmonton, Cairns), and through Distance Education classes.

We provide **full-time** and **part-time** enrolment options, including **shared enrolment** with a primary or high school.

Our **small classes** and **high teacher-to-student ratio** ensure highly personalised educational programs that meet the specific needs of students.

Students are grouped in multi-aged classes by considering curriculum access levels and individual adjustments for safe and functional learning and participation.

Each class is supported by an **interdisciplinary team**, including a class teacher as case manager and at least one teacher aide. Additional support may include speech pathology, occupational therapy, behaviour support, and wellbeing input.

Approximately
354,000
Australians are autistic.

An estimated
1 in 7
identify as neurodivergent.*

*Identify as autistic, ADHD, have mental health conditions, acquired disability, specific learning differences or trauma.

We regularly **collaborate** with students, families, interdisciplinary teams, and other stakeholders, including students' shared enrolment school teams. Our aim is to identify supports and **develop the confidence and skills** of our students, their families and their shared enrolled school.

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We embed neurodiversity-affirming practices into our universal supports to create an inclusive learning environment.

Student success is measured individually, considering curriculum achievements, engagement, and progress with personalised goals.

- We provide clear, positive, and structured learning environments.
- Our staff use **restorative justice practices** to address conflicts and incidents, supporting students in becoming **relational problem solvers**.
- We ensure that strategies and supports are informed by **evidence**.
- We support **student voice** in goal setting and co-designing strategies.

Distance Education: Full-time distance education enrolment aims to offer a flexible and personalised educational program specifically tailored to meet the needs of autistic students. This ensures students access the necessary supports and resources they need to succeed and can work at their pace within a comfortable environment.

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Transportation Assistance:

AQ School students are eligible for the School Transport Assistance Program for Students with Disabilities.

Fees and Financial Assistance:

We charge school fees each term. Parents and carers of full-time enrolled students (including distance education students) may be eligible for payments for those who cannot attend a local state school due to geographical isolation, disability, or special needs through the Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme by Services Australia:

(<https://bit.ly/IsolatedChildrenScheme>)

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