



Hillcrest Christian College

International Prospectus



Welcome to Hillcrest



Hillcrest Christian College guides students to embody excellence through innovative programs, diversity, and a warm, caring community, fostering outstanding academic growth and student engagement.



From the Principal

Welcome to Hillcrest Christian College, a vibrant learning environment where students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. As principal, I am proud to lead a school that values both academic excellence and student personal development and growth.

Our dedicated staff fosters a culture of care and support, ensuring that every international student feels welcomed, safe, and valued. International students are integrated with Australian students into the learning environment, studying side by side in English with resident students.

At Hillcrest, students are not just learners but integral members of our warm and friendly community, where their individual strengths are recognised and developed to help them reach their full potential.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Jeff Davis

Executive Head of College

Live on the Gold Coast





A safe and caring place to live

Hillcrest's large and beautiful campus is located amongst natural bushland in the southern Gold Coast. Just south of Brisbane, the Gold Coast is known for its year-round warm climate and white, sandy beaches, including the famous Burleigh Beaches, just a short drive from the College.

The Gold Coast is one of the top 100 best student cities to live in the world. With a lower cost of living and a smaller population size (less than 750,000 people) compared to Australia's capital cities, the Gold Coast offers a welcoming environment in which to live.

Hillcrest is easily accessible via two international airports: Gold Coast Airport (a 20-minute drive) and Brisbane International Airport (a 75-minute drive).

Study at Hillcrest

Hillcrest Christian College is a private (non-government) Pre-Kindy to Year 12 co-educational College located on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

We have been welcoming international students to our campus since 1996.





Hillcrest was established in 1982 and is future-focused with an emphasis on educational excellence, innovation and student wellbeing that encourages young people to achieve to their potential.

Since our inception, our College has been formally recognised both within Australia and internationally, including recognition by:

- **Cambridge University**
Top 100 Most Innovative Schools Worldwide
- **Microsoft**
Lighthouse, Showcase and Selected Partner school, (one of only three schools in Australia to receive all three recognition awards)
- **Australian Educator Magazine**
Innovative Schools Award for 2017, 2018, 2022 and 2023.



We have one campus for all year levels located in the beautiful bushland suburb of Reedy Creek.

In 2021 our college created four sub-schools within our campus:

- **Early Years** (*Pre-Kindy to Kindy*)
- **Junior Years** (*Prep to Year 4*)
- **Middle Years** (*Year 5 - Year 9*)
- **Senior Years** (*Year 10 - Year 12*)

Our smaller sub-schools offer students a personalised educational experience with strong connections among peers and staff.

Our international students are a valued and important part of our school, contributing to our strong academic community and bringing diverse ideas and experiences into our classroom.



Our International Department

Hillcrest has welcomed hundreds of international visa students to study at our campus since 1996. Each member of our staff dedicates themselves to ensuring that all of our international students feel safe and comfortable in their new school environment.

We have a specialised team in place to support our students' studies and personal welfare, comprised of:

- **Three part-time ESL teachers** (*Prep to Year 12*)
- **Three ESL teacher aides** (*Prep to Year 8*)
- **Two administration staff.**

Spaces are held for international students with a minimum of 15 in each of years 10 to 12. In addition to our international students, we have approximately 365 students for whom English is a second language.

ESL and Tutoring

Hillcrest differs from ELICOS Colleges, where students are removed from mainstream English-speaking students. At Hillcrest, international students are immersed in an English-speaking environment from their first day. This language saturation strategy improves the students' listening and speaking skills at an increased rate while immersing students in our local Australian culture.

Our qualified ESL staff provide English language support in class and after school so that students can be successfully integrated into mainstream classes with Australian standards. Students in Year 1 to Year 12 receive one-on-one sessions with their ESL teacher for personalised academic guidance during school time.

We also provide a free, after-school tutoring program for further support in academic subjects in Years 10 to 12.



Outside of school activities

Education at Hillcrest extends well beyond the classroom. We encourage our international students to participate in a range of activities, clubs and groups outside their academic studies. There is a wide range of options that our students can enjoy, including:

- **Sport** – basketball, volleyball, futsal and netball
- **Music** – choirs, concert, jazz and rock bands, string orchestras and private instrumental and vocal music tuition.
- **Cultural and Community** – chess, debating, art and dance.



International enrolments

We offer both long (one or more years) and short-term (8 – 10 weeks) placements for international students.



Long-term

Hillcrest is committed to having international students in our school community. We believe in fostering cultural diversity and promoting a global perspective amongst our students and faculties. To this end, we have capacity for 100 long-term enrolments for students from Prep to Year 12.

Short-term

The College welcomes students to come and experience Hillcrest for a short-term enrolment. We accept short-term enrolments of one school term (8 – 10 weeks).

Note: Government Regulations means a short-term enrolment is a maximum of three months (one term) on a holiday visa.

Hillcrest Transitioning Program for Senior Years (10 to 12)

At Hillcrest we have a transition program for students entering Year 10 or 11. This program allows students to move from their overseas education into the Australian school system at Hillcrest by starting at the College mid-year (July) or in Term 4 (October).

Students wanting to enrol in senior years must start their enrolment in Year 10 to be eligible for a QCE. Students will have specialised guidance from our Head of Pathways as they select their senior subjects. This support enables our students to achieve their best and prepares them for further study or employment in their chosen field.

Homestays

Hillcrest has a long-standing partnership with a Gold Coast-based homestay company placing students with caring families in a safe environment.



Learn more

We are excited to welcome your child to Hillcrest Christian College for a short-term or long-term international placement. If you'd like to learn more about our program, our school or the Gold Coast community, please contact us.

international@hillcrest.qld.edu.au
+61 7 5655 0950



21 Bridgman Drive, Reedy Creek
Queensland Australia 4227

PO Box 2503, Burleigh Waters Qld 4220

hillcrest.qld.edu.au/international

ACN 010381334 | ABN 68 947 459 366 | CRICOS 01043C

Hillcrest Christian College is an interdenominational ministry of Queensland Baptists and Reedy Creek Baptist Church and is operated by Hillcrest Christian College Ltd.