

The Homestay Times

International Program - Elanora State High School

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International Student Event Highlights – August 2026

Sharing the Vibe!



Welcome Bond University Day out

Set on the stunning campus of Bond University, our Term 3 International High School Welcome is both a fantastic day out and a valuable insight into university life. Students explore the campus and learn about the study options and pathways available to them. They also have the opportunity to meet other new international students from schools across the region!



Pacific AirShow Gold Coast

During the Williamstown Air Show in Australia, the Roulettes, the Royal Australian Air Force's aerobatic display team, made their first public display using Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel™. This marks an important first step for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) as it explores how sustainable aviation fuel can help reduce its environmental impact and lower carbon emissions. It's an exciting demonstration of how innovation and sustainability can come together in Australia's aviation and defence sectors.



Gold Coast Show Day

The Gold Coast Show is a much-loved annual community event with entertainment, agriculture, food, live music, and family-friendly fun. It's really a great opportunity our students had to experience the local community and enjoy the vibrant Gold Coast atmosphere!



Burleigh Heads - less than 30 min from Elanora



Our students & their weekends

The weekends are always full! Our students always have something to join in or explore! This month, we've had lots of amazing weather and waves, with beautiful blue skies. And Burleigh Heads is still the favourite spot to get together!

Upcoming & notes



September 2026



Fraiser Island - K'Gary Trip)

Our students will soon have an amazing trip to K'gari (Fraser Island)! From exploring the island's beautiful natural landscapes to spending quality time together, the trip will be a wonderful opportunity for students to connect, learn, and create lasting memories. It will be a fantastic experience that everyone will remember for years to come!



EQI Excursions - September

- The Outback
- Sydney
- Cairns
- Northern Territory

Whale Watching opportunity

The perfect time to enjoy sunny days, crisp mornings, and a more relaxed coastal lifestyle. With mild temperatures averaging between 12°C and 27°C, winter offers beautiful clear skies, fewer crowds, and ideal conditions for bike rides, beach walks, whale watching, free Pilates and yoga on the beach, and hinterland adventures.

School Holiday - September

With the September school holidays just around the corner, our students are looking forward to a well-deserved break! It's a great opportunity to travel with the EQI excursions on offer, or simply relax, recharge, and spend time with family and friends.

Our students have some incredible travel options to choose from, including Sydney, Cairns, the Outback, and the Northern Territory. 🇦🇺 ✈️

We hope everyone has a safe, happy, and enjoyable holiday and returns refreshed and ready for another exciting term! 🌍 ☀️



LUNCH BOXES in the Spotlight!

We would like to recognise and celebrate the healthy and nutritious lunch boxes our families are providing for our students each day. Nutritious meals play an important role in supporting students' energy, concentration, learning, and overall performance at school. These thoughtful choices are also a wonderful reflection of the care and support our students receive from their families. We deeply value the trust that parents place in us to care for their children while they are studying on the other side of the world, and we are proud to work together to ensure our students feel healthy, supported, and cared for every day.

Our International Coordinators have been encouraging students to drop in during their breaks for a chat about their weekends, to enjoy a sweet treat or two, and to share how they are feeling and how things are going. We have absolutely loved the response and the daily visits, which are often filled with laughter, funny stories, and meaningful conversations.

This open-door approach is a daily reminder to our students that support is always available. It creates a welcoming space where they can connect more deeply, build trust, and develop lasting friendships.



Thank you !

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