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International Program - Elanora State High School

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International Student Event Highlights – June&July 2026 Sharing the Vibe!



Farewell to our term 1 & 2 students

At the end of June, we came together to celebrate and farewell our Term 1 and Term 2 students at our Farewell Party. It was a special afternoon filled with laughter, great memories. As they prepared for their next adventures, we wished them all the very best and thanked them for being such a valued part of our school community.



WorldCup gathering - cheering together @ hostfamily home

Our students enjoyed a family gathering watching one of the World Cup matches together during their very first week. A heartfelt thank you to one of our beautiful host families for inviting them to share this experience, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It was a very nice opportunity for students to connect, and kick off their journey!



Byron Bay

Our international students enjoyed a day exploring the beauty of Byron Bay, soaking up the relaxed coastal atmosphere and stunning scenery. From browsing the local shops to spending time by the beach, they enjoyed a day out together, taking in the local sights and making the most of everything Byron Bay has to offer. The trip was a great chance to unwind, explore one of Australia's most iconic coastal towns, and an opportunity to bond with each other outside the school.



Swimming test

Last week, our international students completed their swimming assessment, an important part of staying safe while living on the Gold Coast. With beaches, pools, and water activities being a big part of the Australian lifestyle, developing confidence and awareness in the water is essential. The assessment helped ensure students are prepared to enjoy these experiences safely while making the most of everything the Gold Coast has to offer.

Upcoming & notes



Weekends on Gold Coast

A fun day out with friends or family to experience a real local way of life!

We encourage host families and our international students to enjoy the Gold Coast and its best life style!



Here are some TIPS of what's on & events happening on the Gold Coast:

1-Festival of Skateboarding

Saturday, 04.07 | 10:00 AM

Friday, 31.07 | 05:00 PM

2-Kirra Longboard Klassic

Friday, 31.07 | 06:00 AM - 06:00 PM

Saturday, 01.08 | 06:00 AM - 06:00 PM

Sunday, 02.08 | 06:00 AM - 06:00 PM

3-Coast market in Broadbeach

Sunday, 02.08 | 06:00 AM - 01:00 PM

4-Bond University Netball League

Sunday, 02.08 | 04:00 PM - 08.00 PM

Whale Watching opportunity

Perfect time to enjoy sunny days, crisp mornings, and a more relaxed coastal lifestyle. With mild temperatures averaging between 12°C and 22°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.

Bond university Day Visit

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





Kathia in the Spotlight!

Starting at a new school can be a big step, especially when students are also adjusting to a new country, culture, and community. Having someone who helps students feel welcomed, supported, and connected can make all the difference.

Our International Student Coordinator, Kathia, was recently featured in the Education Queensland International (EQI) eNewsletter, sharing insights into her role and what she loves about supporting international students at Elanora State High School.

Her story is a reminder of the important role that relationships play in helping students feel they belong, build confidence, and make the most of their school experience.

Read the article here: [♥](#)

elanorashs.eq.edu.au/ourinternational/Documents/EQI%20eNews.pdf

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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