



Atherton State High School

Year established 1952
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Atherton State High School has a reputation as a provider of high quality educational outcomes, and this is reflected in the accomplishments and initiatives implemented by the school over 50 years. The school continues to strike a sophisticated balance between the need to change with the times and the desire to remain true to its history and ethos. The school offers a diverse curriculum in a coeducational setting to allow students to develop an individual and flexible learning pathway to success.

Three reasons to choose Atherton State High School:

- Our location offers access to the Great Barrier Reef, the Australian Outback and World Heritage listed rainforest
- It is a highly regarded school with a diverse curriculum and flexible delivery
- Our rural lifestyle is relaxed, but only a short drive to Cairns

Special programs

- High quality academic programs – mathematics, chemistry, biology, modern history, physics
- Certificate subjects in fitness and sport and recreation, which include hiking, bushwalking and canoeing
- Astronomy and astrophysics international course offered to students
- Agriculture subjects – agricultural science, animal studies
- Music industry studies, visual art, art and craft, drama
- Hospitality, childcare studies

Extracurricular activities

- Horse sports
- Rainforest walks
- Trips to the Great Barrier Reef
- Sports such as hockey, cricket, futsal, judo and tennis
- School encourages participation in local town festivals
- Music academy – bands and local music competitions
- School entry in local agricultural shows in poultry, cattle, goats and vegetables

School facilities

- School gym with fitness equipment
- School catering deck for catering functions
- Airconditioned classrooms
- Auditorium

- Large community hall the size of two basketball courts
- School farm with animals
- Recording studio
- Outdoor stage
- Two large playing ovals
- Large shade areas
- TAFE located on school grounds

Tertiary pathways

- James Cook University – access to university courses through an accelerated school program

Languages

- Japanese and other languages are studied via School of Distance Education

