



SHORT STAY

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## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Ipswich Girls' Grammar School has offered girls a first-class, independent, non-denominational education for over 130 years. We are one of eight original Grammar Schools in Queensland.

IGGS opened its doors in 1892. From our very first day, we have been deeply committed to innovation and excellence. Ipswich Girls' Grammar has a history of strong and successful women, some of whom were pioneers in their chosen fields.

Our founding Headmistress Miss Fanny Hunt was the first woman to graduate from Sydney University with a Bachelor of Science. Our first enrolled student, Eleanor Greenham, was the first Queensland-born woman to earn a degree in Medicine. Many others have followed and our School buildings, facilities and resources pay tribute to the dedicated staff and supporters who have inspired us along the way.

We have played a significant role in the education of thousands of inspirational young women who have gone on to pursue successful careers in medicine, law, engineering, information technology, politics, business and more.

Many of our former students have been recipients of prestigious national and international scholarships, academic awards, and sports medals. They have faced their challenges with dignity and established reputations for merit around the globe.

VISIT SCHOOL WEBSITE



## SHORT STAY THE IGGS WAY

### Ipswich Girls' Grammar School together with Ipswich Junior Grammar School welcome overseas students to join us for an immersive Short Stay experience.

This program offers students the chance to explore what it looks like to attend a prestigious private school in Australia. Students are able to join us for stays of 3-10 weeks on a visitor/tourist visa. We welcome students from Year 2 (7/8 years) to Year 10 (15/16 years). Students younger than Year 7, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and stay in privately arranged accommodation. Students in Years 7 to 10 have the option to stay in our Cribb Boarding House or with their family.











## We offer the following Short Stay programs:

- Years 2 to 6 (Ipswich Junior Grammar School) immersion program: Staying with a parent/guardian.
- Years 7 to 10 (Ipswich Girls' Grammar School) immersion program: Staying with a parent/guardian.
- Years 7 to 10 (Ipswich Girls' Grammar School) immersion program: Staying in our boarding house.

# BOARDING AT IGGS

Generations of rural, regional and remote families have chosen Ipswich Girls' Grammar School to care for their daughter's education and wellbeing while away from home. Today, the boarders who live with us each year are at the centre of our diverse community.

Short Stay students can join our long-term boarders in Cribb House, at the heart of our heritage listed campus. It is a safe and caring home-away-from-home with views that extend over the city of Ipswich to the distant ranges.

Our boarders are nurtured and guided by specialist boarding staff who encourage our girls through their education and provide unwavering support as they grow and mature into young women.

CRIBB HOUSE BOARDING





# **QUESTIONS**

#### Q: What is the minimum English requirement for enrolling in the Short Stay Program?

A: There is no minimum requirement, other than the ability to cope in a mainstream English class. Students will be assessed during an online proficiency interview. They will be required to answer simple questions about themselves and follow an English conversation.

#### Q: Will they be part of an ESL program?

A: Our Short Stay program is a full immersion program so they will be studying alongside our students for the entirety of their stay. We do however, offer English as a Second Language as an elective subject from Year 9.

#### Q: Will they have to wear the IGGS/Junior Grammar uniform or bring their own from home?

**A:** Short Stay students will be required to wear our school uniform. They can either hire the uniform or buy it new from our onsite uniform shop.

#### Q: Can they join with in the co-curricular program at the school?

**A:** Yes! Dependent on availability, they can join our sport, cultural or academic co-curricular programs. There may be an additional cost for participation in these activities.

#### Q: What support is given to the Short Stay students and their families?

A: Our dedicated Short Stay Coordinator will be with you from start to finish, answering any questions you may have and arranging all the logistics of your visit. Students will also be allocated a buddy who will show them around the school and introduce them to other peers. Our teaching staff and pastoral care leaders are always on hand to support visiting students as well.

#### Q: Will they be given a laptop?

A: Yes. All of our students are provided with a school laptop – including our Short Stay students. For Junior school students, this will be delivered to their classroom, for IGGS students this will be provided on the first morning in our ICT department.



# **QUESTIONS**

#### Q: Can students return for multiple Short Stay experiences?

A: Yes, subject to year level availability, students are welcome to return for another Short Stay experience.

#### Q: Can the students return to long-term enrolment?

A: Yes! Our Short Stay program is a great way to try schooling in Australia before committing to long-term study. Depending on year level vacancies, Short Stay students are always welcome to apply for long-term places and to return on a Student Visa.









### What do students need to bring?

- A backpack that will fit a laptop, school books and lunch each day.
- An A4 lined notebook and pencil case with stationery.
- Seasonally appropriate casual clothing for weekends and after school.
- Spending money for gifts and entertainment.
- Mobile phone that is unlocked and can accept an Australian SIM card.
- Black leather lace up shoes (for school uniform – we do not hire).
- Plain white socks or navy stockings (for school uniform – we do not hire).
- Running shoes (for HPE class).







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## **PROCESS**



Step 2: English proficiency interview

Depending on year level availability, an English proficiency interview will be arranged online.

#### Step 3: Application paperwork

If English is deemed to be satisfactory, students will be sent an application link to officially apply. At this point we also require copies of passports and their 2 latest school reports (translated into English).

#### Step 4: Letter of offer

Once all the application paperwork has been received, students will receive a letter of offer along with an invoice for their tuition fees.

#### Step 5: Timetable and handbook

Prior to their arrival, they will receive a copy of their school timetable and a Short Stay handbook.

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#### Step 6: Welcome!

On their first day, uniforms and laptops will be arranged, and they will meet their buddies and class teachers.

# **QUEENSLAND**

### Ipswich is centrally located in the booming South East Queensland region of Australia.

To the east is the capital city Brisbane, and to the west are the rural and agricultural areas of the Brisbane, Lockyer and Fassifern Valleys. The city is ideally positioned on the national road network -40 minutes drive from Brisbane, an hours drive from the Gold Coast and 60 minutes drive from domestic and international air and sea ports.

Ipswich comprises an area of 1090 square km and has a population of 210,000 people. Ipswich enjoys a subtropical climate and is a safe, friendly and multicultural city. Residents come from 163 different countries, speaking 152 languages.

As Queensland's oldest provincial city, Ipswich has a rich history. It is renowned for its architectural, natural and cultural heritage. Ipswich proudly preserves and still operates from many of its historical buildings and homes, with more than 6000 heritage-listed sites. Ipswich also has a range of charming townships within the western rural areas of the city, each with its own legitimate claims of historical significance.

Information courtesy of Ipswich City Council - https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/explore.



Sunshine Coast Brisbane Gold Coast

### WEATHER

South East Queensland, which includes Ipswich, Brisbane and the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, experiences warm summers with average maximum temperatures of 29°C and winter maximum temperatures averaging 20°C.

### WHERE TO STAY



Oaks Ipswich Aspire https://www.oakshotels.com/en/ oaks-aspire



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Country Motel Ipswich https://www.countrymotelipswich.com

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