

A Special Welcome Message To Our Future International Program Students

MacGregor State High School looks forward to your arrival. We have been working closely with Education QLD International (EQI) on your enrolment process and wish to make your arrival at our school welcoming.

Before your arrival, it will be useful to look at this information on our website.

- **1. Timetable information** The school day begins shortly after 8.30am and finishes at 2.45pm on most days. Your first meeting is clan where the roll is marked and daily notices are read. (See Our school/school hours)
- **2.** The MacGregor High Uniform- We are proud of our green and red tartan uniform. The design is collaboratively decided by staff, students and the Parents and Citizens' Association. The Formal and Sport Uniform are purchased at the Uniform Shop at school, however you will need to buy the correct shoes at a retail store. (See Our School/Policies and Facilities/Uniform shop)
- **3. School Policy and Procedures** International staff will guide you through an Orientation Program and help you understand policies such as Attendance, Student Code of Conduct, Uniform, Electronic Devices and Learning Assessment and Reporting. (See Our School/Policies and Curriculum)
- **4. Non-tuition fees** Some costs which you need to be aware of include a Technology Levy, non-curriculum excursions, your uniforms and stationery. You will need to buy your own stationery, however your textbooks are included in the enrolment agreement. (See Support and resources/BYOX/ Handbook, Facilities/Uniform shop and support and resources/stationery)
- **5. Bring your own device (BYOX)** All students are required to bring their own charged laptop to school. Please see the website for guidelines on the recommended device to purchase, to ensure it is compatible with our network and for details about the BYOX Program (See Support and resources/BYOX)
- **6. Learning at MacGregor High** See MacGregor High Students as they speak about their views on learning, in a video presentation. (See Curriculum/Video).



- 7. Subject information Discover the range of subjects which are on offer for Years 7,8 and 9 (See Curriculum/Junior Secondary/Junior Secondary Learning Guide) or discover the Years 10, 11 and 12 senior learning pathway subjects which lead to achieving a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and possibly an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) It is advantageous to read about the subjects which are offered before you meet with the Deputy Principal on the first day. Your timetable will be discussed at this meeting. (See Curriculum/Senior Secondary/Year 10 SET P and Senior Learning Program)
- **8. Transport options** Students travel to school by car or bus.(see <u>Translink</u> timetables). Some students walk or ride their bike.
- **9. Homestay** If you have a confirmed accommodation/welfare arrangement, which was arranged through EQI, our International Homestay Coordinator has been busy setting up and communicating with your Homestay host. Your host is looking forward to meeting you. We will connect you with your homestay host soon and provide all the details. (See International/Homestay)

In preparation for your arrival, these are some arrangements that need to be made with International Staff

- Book an interview day and time with the Deputy Principal
- Arrange your travel forms and arrival information
- Connect with your Homestay host, if applicable

On day one, we will welcome you and your parent; legal custodian or DHA approved guardian; or approved homestay provider and meet at the Administration Building (Blackwattle St)

You will be greeted by our International Staff and the enrolment officer before you meet with your Year Level Deputy Principal. International Staff will lead you through an orientation program to transition you into your wonderful new Australian school.

Please remember to bring your passport and a copy of your visa to the Administration Office. These are some of the documents which need to be completed, prior to attending MacGregor SHS. Where possible we may send these in advance.



Forms which need to be signed	
Media consent	The media form allows the Department of Education, with the parent's permission, to use the student's name and photo/image/work for media purposes e.g., Facebook
Sport Consent	The sport consent form allows the Department of Education, with the parent's permission, to use the student's name and photo/image/work for sport e.g., athletics.
BYOX responsible use agreement	This is signed by parent and student to give permission for the student to participate, as outlined in the BYOx student charter, and to acknowledge student responsibilities as per the BYOx Handbook.

We look forward to meeting you in Australia at MacGregor State High School.

Yours sincerely

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