

Motto

Scientia est Potestas (Knowledge is Power). We believe that the pursuit of knowledge equips and enables our students to make a powerful difference in the world.

Vision

Schooling at Brisbane State High is about inspiring and rigorous learning. Our exceptional education develops our students in well-being, as community leaders and in their role of protecting and preserving our environment. Together, staff, students, and parents embrace the traditions and history of the original custodians of the land and the school. As a leading educational community, we prioritise ethics, commitment to others, and being a flagship of teaching and learning.

We collaborate with our community to nurture students' leadership and social commitment, empowering them to make a local impact with global reach. Our teaching and learning approach is research-based, with a commitment to personalised learning that focuses on unlocking each student's potential.

Values

Learning: we love knowledge, learning and curiosity

Brisbane State High School is all about **learning**. We believe all people can learn and improve. Each individual has unique qualities, interests and character to be developed. We provide learning experiences in all aspects of life. Young people will experience learning that is holistic, rigorous, future-focused, and enterprising. We believe that young people learn best when they have structure as well as space and time to foster creativity – time to think and grow. Learning should be inspirational, challenging and fun.

Excellence: we strive for personal bests and world class standards

We are committed to personal **excellence** and expect each person to strive for their best while consistently working hard. We believe in setting high standards and providing quality support to help people reach those standards and experience success. The school provides an extensive range of high quality opportunities and experiences so our students maximise their potential. Excellence for students and staff means they take charge of their own learning, are self-disciplined, work collaboratively and engage in rigorous feedback to remain at the cutting edge of their studies/profession.

Respect: we earn respect for our integrity, humility and altruism

Each person at State High is expected to act with **respect** towards others, themselves and to their school. We expect staff, parents, students and supporters to act with a high level of personal integrity, modelling the best standards of personal behaviour. We reflect on our achievements with both pride and humility, seeing our work in a balanced perspective. We seek to help others unselfishly with a view that helping others is reward in itself.

Public Education: we celebrate diversity as well as the things that bind us together

Public education is about universal excellence, access to education, being part of community and valuing diversity. Brisbane State High School proudly upholds the best of **public** education values; opportunities to excel regardless of personal circumstance. We believe partnerships, starting with those in our local community, provide a network of support and bring richness to the school experience. We celebrate our diversity, recognising we have much to learn from the wide range of experiences of the people in our school community. At the same time, we recognise there is much that we all have in common and we harness the power of the things that bind us together to benefit others.

Purpose

As a learning community we are committed to developing young people to achieve their potential intellectually, personally and socially.

Intellectually, as...

- life-long, curious **learners** and
- independent, and creative **thinkers**

Personally, as...

- resilient, balanced **individuals** and
- confident, principled **communicators**

Socially, as...

- active, empathetic **leaders** and
- enthusiastic, contributing **team members**