

Every Student Achieving Success



PRIMARY

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Earnshaw
PREP-12 STATE COLLEGE



Acknowledgment of Country

Earnshaw State College acknowledges the traditional owners, the Turrbal and Jagera First Nations people as the custodians of the land on which we gather today, recognising their connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Australia's First Nations people and to their elder's past, present and emerging. May their strength and wisdom be with us today.



Vision

- Every Student Achieving Success

Mission

- Embrace Challenge
- Learn with Passion
- Take Opportunities

Values

- Diligence
- Integrity
- Courage
- Empathy

Expectations

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe



Our Primary School

Earnshaw State College Primary School provides students with a strong foundation for their formal education, with a clear focus on developing and consolidating literacy and numeracy skills.

Our prep classrooms are designed to ensure that each student's first year of schooling is positive, supportive, and sets them up for future success.

Our expert teachers stay current with best practice in pedagogy and curriculum. Differentiation is embedded in all learning experiences, allowing us to meet the diverse needs of every student.

Each Prep classroom is supported by a full-time Teacher Aide who works closely with both teachers and students.

As students progress, our highly skilled staff collaborate to further strengthen essential skills for lifelong learning, while nurturing confidence and a sense of achievement in every child.

Our unique environment includes purpose-built learning spaces, a specialised Prep facility, and a separate primary campus with access to a wide range of resources that enhance and support student success.



Teaching and Learning

At Earnshaw State College, we deliver the Australian Curriculum through a consistent and collaborative approach.

Our teachers engage in a rigorous planning process to ensure strong alignment between curriculum intent, assessment, teaching and learning, and reporting. This shared understanding supports high-quality, purposeful learning experiences for all students.

Our focus is on excellence in teaching and learning. Our college staff is a diverse, highly qualified team of professionals and paraprofessionals dedicated to supporting the success and wellbeing of every student.

Our curriculum programs are designed to be inclusive, enabling all students to access and actively participate alongside their peers. Targeted supports are embedded to address individual learning needs.

Our English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) teacher, together with a dedicated team of teacher aides and support from the College's International Department, work collaboratively to ensure newly arrived students are well supported in accessing the curriculum.

As a Prep to Year 12 college, we offer a seamless approach to curriculum, teaching, learning, and personal development across all stages of schooling.

Our curriculum is future-focused, designed to engage and inspire students to achieve their personal best. We foster a positive, supportive college culture that motivates students to learn, builds confidence, and develops the skills needed for future success.



Curriculum Diversity

Our specialist teachers in Physical Education, Japanese, Music, Library and Arts deliver engaging, high-quality programs for our primary students.

Our comprehensive Physical Education program, is closely aligned to the Australian Curriculum and our cross-country, swimming and athletics events. Students have opportunities to participate in regional, state and national competitions. Students in years 4 to 6 can also join our Baseball and Softball Academy (BASE).

Music lessons are held in purpose-built music rooms, with all students participating in classroom music. This is complemented by our Instrumental Music Program, offering strings from Year 2 and band from Year 4.

Our Librarian works alongside classroom teachers to enrich students' literacy experiences through weekly lessons, while also introducing the College's continuum for referencing and editing skills.

From Prep, students participate in engaging Japanese and Arts lessons and enjoy whole-school events such as Harmony Day.





Engaging, Connected Curriculum

In our unique environment, we are committed to developing the skills students need for the future.

We connect our curriculum to life beyond the classroom, ensuring learning is meaningful and relevant through engaging excursions and incursions.

Students are provided with rich opportunities to develop their problem-solving skills and inquiry processes in STEM, guided by our dedicated STEM ambassadors and specialist science teachers.

Our specialist teachers deliver high-quality programs in health and physical education, music, languages other than English, digital technology, and the performing arts, enriching every student's learning experience.

Literacy is a strong focus across all phases of learning. At Earnshaw, students build deep knowledge and skills, growing into confident readers and writers who develop a lifelong love of learning.

Curriculum Excursions and Camps

Guaranteed experiences at every year level.
Each experience is carefully aligned to curriculum and builds independence, resilience and real world connection.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Prep	Incursion Raw Art	Incursion Henny penny Incursion Under 8's day	Excursion Teddy Bears Picnic	Incursion Make and Meld
Year 1	Incursion Raw Art	Excursion: Nudgee Beach	Incursion Hearty Little Kitchen	Excursion Connect with Heritage
Year 2	Incursion World of Maths	Excursion Planetarium	Excursion Samford Historical Village	Incursion Sound Workshop
Year 3	Excursion How does it live?	Excursion 'Camping on Country'	Incursion 'The times are changing'	
Year 4	Incursion World of Maths	Excursion 'First Contact'	Incursion Make and Meld 'playground design'	Incursion/Excursion Bush Neighbours
				Excursion School Camp
Year 5	Excursion 'Colonial Brisbane'	Excursion 'Fantastic Features'	Excursion School Camp	
			Excursion 'City Streets, City Beach'	
Year 6	Excursion Planetarium	Excursion School Camp	Incursion 'Persuasive Voices'	Excursion 'Who do you think we are?'



Prep – Year 6

At Earnshaw State College all students from Prep to Year 6 engage in the following key learning areas.

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History and Social Sciences (HASS)
- Health and Physical Education (HPE)
- Languages – Japanese (Prep - Year 5 and either Japanese or Spanish – Year 6)
- Technologies - Digital and Design
- The Arts - Music, Dance, Visual Arts, Media Arts, Drama

Specialist teachers provide lessons in the areas of:

- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts: Music, Performing arts
- Languages: Japanese for Prep – 6
- Digital Technology – Year 6
- STEM – Years 4 - 6



Extracurricular Activities

Students have opportunities beyond the classroom to discover passions and develop talents in a range of activities including Competitions, Band, Choir, Dance, STEM, Book Club and Homework Club

Students engage in our instrumental music strings program from Year 2, and band from Year 4

In Years 4 – 6 students participate in a specialist STEM subject

In Year 6 students participate in our transition to secondary school program

Students can join our after hours sports and activities: The Eagles Skipping Club, The Eels Swimming Club and Young Engineers.



Student Wellbeing

Earnshaw State College is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school. We prioritise student wellbeing through dedicated teacher and staff support. Our Wellbeing Centre and Engagement Hub deliver targeted programs, supported by a guidance officer, chaplain, engagement teacher and youth worker.

From Prep, students are introduced to our college values of Diligence, Integrity, Courage and Empathy. These are explicitly taught alongside our expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Safety, which form part of our everyday language and practice.

Our social skills programs further support student development and include lunchtime clubs and activities, peer mentoring, and our Prep Buddy program with Year 5 students. These initiatives help foster positive relationships and ensure we are meeting the social and emotional learning needs of all students.



Lunch Activities

LUNCH 1		LUNCH 2	
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library • Lego • Engagement Hub Years 3 – 6 • Da Vinci (F13) 	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Hall 1 – 3 • Skipping
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library • Lego • Engagement Hub Years 3 – 6 • Roving Reporters 5AB • Student Council 	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Hall 1 – 3 • Engagement Hub Years 3 – 6
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library • Lego • Engagement Hub Years 3 – 6 • Da Vinci (F13) • Book Club – Year 5 	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Hall 1 – 3 • Engagement Hub Years 3 – 6
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library • Lego • Engagement Hub Years 3 – 6 • Book Club – Year 4 	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Hall 4 – 6 • Engagement Hub Years 3 – 6 • Da Vinci (F13)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library • Lego • Da Vinci (F13) 	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Hall 4 – 6 • Yarning Circle • Year 2/3G Classroom:- Craft & Games



Opportunities for Leadership

Leadership is explicitly taught and developed.

Students are provided with a range of leadership opportunities across the primary years. Students in Years 3 to 6 can apply for roles such as Student Councillors and Peer Mentors.

In Years 5 and 6, students may also apply for positions as House Captains and Ambassadors, with Year 6 students eligible for College Captain roles.

Strong partnerships with our community and families ensure that every student receives a positive and supportive start to their journey at Earnshaw State College.



Special Events

At Earnshaw State College we build culture, belonging and community

During the year we hold special events that students attend and perform for our school community.

- Leaders and Scholars Assembly
- Harmony Day
- Easter Hat Parade
- ANZAC Ceremony
- NAIDOC Assembly
- Under Eights Day
- Book Week
- Awards Night
- Year 12 Formal
- Year 12 Graduation
- Year 6 Graduation

Facilities







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Tuckshop

Opening hours: 8.00 am - 2.00 pm
Monday - Friday
Online ordering: Qkr.mastercard.com

Uniform Shop - School Locker

The School Locker - North Lakes

Opening hours
Tuesday 8.00 am - 10.00 am
Thursday 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Telephone: (07) 3490 1400

Bookshop

Opening hours: 8.00 am - 10.30 am
Tuesday and Thursday
(Also open Day 1 of each term)
Telephone: (07) 3621 7326

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

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