

STS Select: AUSTRALIA



STS Select is a high school program individually developed for students aged 14–18. If you have a particular interest or want to focus your studies on a specific subject or sport, you should choose STS Select. Welcome to STS Select and the opportunity to customize your high school year abroad!

Australia is much more than a great destination for holidays and tourism. It's a multicultural, industrialized, modern country with a population of over 22 million people. Its education and training system is one of the finest and most innovative in the world. Each year thousands of students from Asia, South America and Europe enrol into Australian high schools and universities. STS offers the opportunity to study in the two most popular states of Australia – New South Wales (NSW) and Queensland (QLD). New South Wales has a diverse landscape of urban and rural communities located along the magnificent beaches of the east coast, on agricultural plains, or near national parks and southern ski fields.

The capital city of the state, Sydney, is located on Australia's east coast. Sydney was recently voted the number one city in the world for its climate, friendly people, affordability, modern transport network and best study opportunities. Queensland, known as the Sunshine State, offers a wide range of delights: lovely beaches, rainforests, World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef, tropical islands and outback heritage. With its famous Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast, Queensland is the number one destination for both local and overseas tourists. Brisbane, the capital city, is located on the east coast of Australia.

SCHOOL, SUBJECTS, SPORTS AND LOCATION – YOUR CHOICE

Schools in Australia offer high quality education, which makes Australia a great country to study in. You are required to study English and may then choose from among many other subjects on offer. Take the opportunity to choose the school offering your favourite subjects and sports! We will be happy to recommend a school that best suits your preferences and requests. The academic year in Australia begins in January and is divided into four terms. You can choose how many terms you would like to study. School uniforms are compulsory in Australia and you will be required to purchase your own uniform at your school.

You will be able to combine fun and exciting activities in fantastic surroundings with academic and vocational studies in a first class high school. We have developed the STS Select program to

encourage individual and social development while offering a safe and challenging learning experience to our students.

Sports are an important part of the Australian lifestyle and most schools offer a wide range of both individual and team sports as part of their curriculum. The level of practice in each sport on offer differs from one school to another. It is therefore important for us to know what you expect from your sport. With detailed information on your interests and goals, we will be able to recommend the program and the school most suited to your profile.

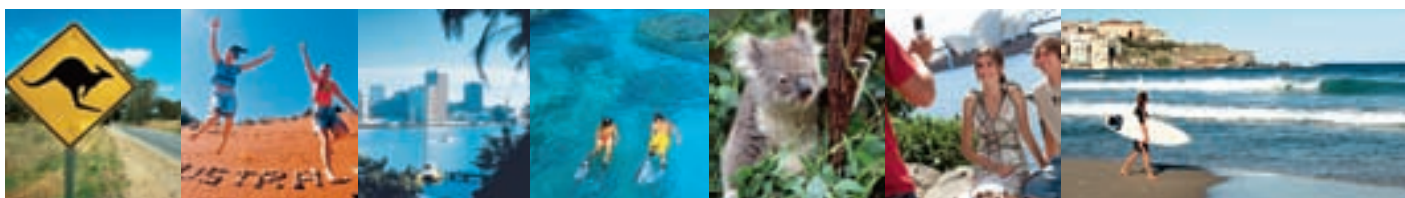
You can choose the location and the school for your STS Select program, either in New South Wales or in Queensland. Whether you prefer to live in a capital city, in the countryside or very close to a beach, we can match your placement with your wishes and requests.

In addition to English studies, you can choose from among a wide and unique range of subjects and sports on offer, such as marine biology, multimedia, drama, Indonesian language, Aboriginal studies, surfing and diving, performing arts, etc. Whether you are interested in sports or in arts, or just want to try something new, choose STS Select!

Do not hesitate to contact STS High School for more information on schools and subjects on offer. We are very confident that we can find a program and a school that will perfectly match your request.

STS IS THERE TO SUPPORT YOU

STS Select is a very high quality program offered in selected schools only and monitored by government authorities in Australia. STS works closely with the DET (Department of Education and Training) in New South Wales and EQI (Education Queensland International) in Queensland, providing all tuition and host family arrangements for the STS Select program. All schools welcoming STS Select students offer an International Student Unit, including an International Student Coordinator who will support you and address any issue you may have. International Student Coordinators are in direct and permanent contact with STS Australia.



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Families on the STS Select program are paid for hosting students. All host families are carefully selected and screened according to government regulations, so we can assure that they will take good care of you. One of the many benefits of the STS Select program is the cultural experience gained from living with a typical Australian family and sharing their everyday life. You can always turn to your host family or to your International School Coordinator with any question you may have, or just to talk. It is important to us that you feel comfortable and supported at all times during your stay in Australia. The International School Coordinator will be available to you 24/7. You will also have access to the 24/7 emergency number provided by STS Australia.

HOLIDAY TRIPS

Students can turn their school holidays into exciting "Aus-sie" adventures filled with discovery. Holiday adventure tours organized by EQI in QLD and the DET in NSW are a safe way for the students to travel and sightsee around Australia during their program. Students can choose to snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef and cuddle a koala in Cairns, see the famous sights of Sydney such as the world famous Bondi Beach and the nearby Blue Mountains, explore the unique town of Coober Peddy, climb Ayers Rock and watch the sunset over the magnificent landscape of the Red Centre, or experience the best of the East Coast of Australia on an exciting journey from Byron Bay to Canberra. Students always travel as a group fully supervised by experienced and qualified staff, ensuring their safety and well-being at all times.

STS SELECT IN QUEENSLAND

In order to offer the best schools and locations to international students, EQI has selected 75 schools out of hundreds of public high schools in Queensland. Each school welcoming international students has gone through a very selective application and screening process. The selection is based on the school's location, facilities, equipment, range of subjects on offer, academic results, excellence programs in sports or arts, and staff to be allocated to international students. All selected schools offer high level teaching and state-of-the-art facilities.

CAIRNS / THE TROPICAL NORTH

If you love the great outdoors, then Cairns & the Tropical North are definitely the place for you. Some of the region's many attractions include the Great Barrier Reef and its surrounding islands, the spectacular mountains of the Atherton Tablelands, the Mossman Gorge and the Daintree World Heritage-listed rainforest. Cairns is a friendly international city, also known as the gateway to the Tropical North. The three schools selected by EQI offer exclusive programs and subjects; they all received state and national awards for academic and art achievements.

SUNSHINE COAST

If you are looking for the world-famous Australian lifestyle – sun, sand and surf – then the Sunshine Coast is the best place for you. Less developed than the Gold Coast, the Sunshine Coast still offers a friendly and laid-back atmosphere with great and untouched outdoors. International visitors enjoy its pristine beaches, lush rainforests and beautiful hinterland areas. STS recommends the Sunshine Coast to any student looking for a more authentic coastal region of Queensland. The eight schools selected by EQI all offer outstanding facilities and locations; Bribie Island State High School is actually located on an island! Subjects on offer include marine studies and water sports.

TOOWOOMBA

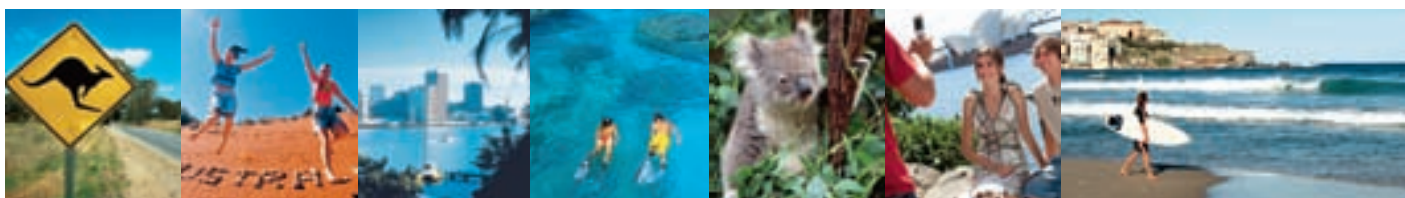
If you are looking for a real outback experience, the Toowoomba region will be the best place for you. Sitting high on the Great Dividing Range, Toowoomba is home to beautiful gardens, historic buildings and peaceful cottages, and offers a great experience of the outback. Centenary Heights State High School, currently hosting students of 43 nationalities, was one of the very first schools to offer international student programs in Queensland (in 1991).

BRISBANE, CAPITAL CITY OF QUEENSLAND

Brisbane is a sophisticated, modern and international city with a vibrant cultural hub. Its warm climate and endless sunny days deliver an outdoor lifestyle like no other. With a population of 1.8 million people, Brisbane is Australia's third largest city, after Sydney and Melbourne. The population is young (average age is 33) and culturally diverse. The capital city of Queensland is ideally located between the Sunshine Coast and the Gold Coast, less than one hour's drive to their world famous beaches. The 21 schools selected by EQI include some of the best state high schools in Australia; some schools offer more than 50 different subjects in academics, arts and sports. With so much to choose from, only you know the right choice for you!

GOLD COAST / SURFERS PARADISE

With its subtropical climate and an average of 300 days of sunshine each year, the world-famous Gold Coast is Australia's most popular destination for overseas tourists and international students alike. Gold Coast City, the sixth largest city in Australia, is located within the fastest growing region of Queensland. International students can enjoy the full spectrum of the great outdoors here, with its 35 beaches, World Heritage Rainforests and bushland. Among the 12 schools welcoming international students on the Gold Coast, the most popular are Miami State High School and Palm Beach State High School, both located on the beach! Please be aware that both schools have a limited number of places for international students and may not be available at the time of your application.



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REGIONAL PROGRAM QUEENSLAND

The Regional Program offers the opportunity to study in unique locations throughout Queensland and provides a memorable experience of the “real” Australia. Each regional school has been carefully selected and offers high quality programs within friendly, welcoming communities. Students become active participants in school and local community life, and explore unique natural surroundings while enjoying a world-class education program. You can choose from among 10 schools, all located in popular country regions of Queensland: the Atherton Tablelands in the Tropical North (next to Cairns), the Central Coast (from Townsville to Gladstone) offering easy access to gorgeous natural environments and World Heritage sites such as Fraser Island, the hinterland of the famous Sunshine Coast and the Wide Bay Burnett Region, renowned for its relaxed lifestyle, historical country towns and many fun coastal activities. You will be placed with a host family who is eager to share the Australian culture.

Each school has been fully accredited and selected by EQI for their state-of-the-art facilities and great list of subjects on offer. They only welcome a small number of international students, making the experience of the Australian culture even greater and more authentic. Students on the Regional Program are fully immersed in the “real” Australian lifestyle and soon become true locals.

STS SELECT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

The DET NSW has opened 25 schools in the Sydney region and in New South Wales to international student programs with study periods from one term to one academic year. Each school welcoming international students has gone through a very thorough application and screening process. The selection is based on the school’s location, facilities, equipment, range of subjects on offer, academic results, excellence programs in sports or arts, and staff to be allocated to international students.

SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES

The three B:s – Beach, Bush and Bay – sum up the relaxed, outdoor lifestyle that is Sydney’s beautiful Northern Beaches. Framed by bustling, vibrant Manly in the south and exclusive Palm Beach in the north, this spectacular 30km-long peninsula contains 22 glorious sandy beaches, three national parks and numerous lakes, bays, basins and river waterways. Best of all, Sydney City Centre is easily accessible via ferry or bus (less than one hour on public transport). The 12 schools selected by the DET NSW for international students are all in amazing locations, surrounded by bush and close to beaches.

The Sydney Northern Beaches are recognized as one of the top select suburbs to live in within the Sydney Metropolitan Area. Among the schools on offer, check out Barrenjoey High School, located right on the beach next to Palm Beach, where the famous TV series Home and Away is being filmed!

SYDNEY SOUTH / SUTHERLAND SHIRE

Just 25km south of Sydney City Centre, “The Shire” (as the area is affectionately known), delivers all the best Sydney has to offer: famous beaches, iconic waterways, rich bushland and memorable experiences. Covering a total area of 370 sq. kilometres, the Sutherland Shire is home to four national parks, including Australia’s oldest, The Royal National Park, and boasts 11km of pristine beaches. Among the seven schools selected by the DET NSW, we highly recommend Endeavour Sports High School, close to the southern beaches and Menai High School, awarded the prestigious “Peacemaker” Award in recognition of its peaceful, harmonious and non-violent school culture. Both schools offer outstanding facilities, such as international-standard tennis courts at Endeavour Sports High School and marine biology laboratories at Menai High School.

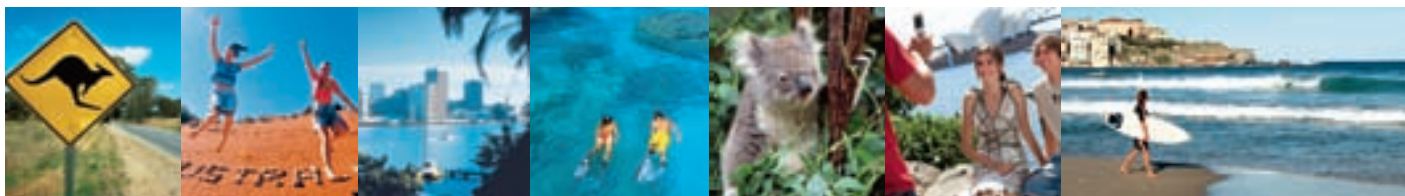
REGIONAL PROGRAM IN NEW SOUTH WALES

The Regional Program offers the opportunity to study in unique locations on the East Coast of New South Wales, from Sydney to the border of Queensland, and provides a memorable experience of the “real” Australia. Each regional school has been carefully selected and offers high quality programs within friendly, welcoming communities. Students become active participants in school and local community life, and explore unique natural surroundings while enjoying a world-class education program. You will be placed with a very friendly and welcoming host family.

You can choose from among seven schools, all located in popular country regions of New South Wales, from Lake Macquarie on the Central Coast to Byron Bay on the North Coast, internationally acclaimed for its beaches, art, fashion, food, music, designers, filmmakers, writers, actors and surfers. Each school has been fully accredited and selected by DET NSW for their state-of-the-art facilities and great list of subjects on offer. They only welcome a small number of international students, making the experience of the Australian culture even greater and more authentic. Students on the Regional Program are fully immersed in the “real” Australian lifestyle and soon become true locals.

STS SELECT SHORT STAY PROGRAM

In addition to our one-term (three months) STS Select program offered both in New South Wales and Queensland, we offer a limited number of places for a two-month (eight weeks) program in a private school within the Sydney Metropolitan Area, from mid July to mid September. Please contact us for further information and availability.



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EXAMPLES OF SUBJECTS

- Aboriginal Studies
- Accounting
- Agriculture Science
- Ancient History
- Art
- Arts in practice
- Biological Science
- Business Communication and Technologies
- Business Organisation & Management
- Chinese Language
- Dance
- Design
- Diving
- Drama
- Early childhood practices
- Economics
- Engineering Technology
- English
- English Extension (literature)
- Film & Television
- French Language
- Geography
- German Language
- Health Education
- History
- Home Economics
- Hospitality Studies
- Indonesian Language
- Italian Language
- Industrial Graphics and Technology Studies
- Information Processing and Technology
- Information Technology Systems
- Japanese Language
- Latin Language
- Legal Studies
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Marine Studies
- Mathematics
- Modern Greek Language
- Modern History
- Music
- Music Extension (performance)
- Physical Education
- Physical Recreation
- Physics
- Social and Community Studies
- Spanish Language
- Study of Society
- Surfing
- Tourism
- Trade and Business Mathematics
- Visual Art