



# The Southport School



"I learnt so much about myself during my four years at boarding school . . . Who's to say that the seeds of my own faith weren't planted at the school? Whether it was the school putting those values that were taught into a spiritual context or me just trying to do the right thing in life and be a decent bloke, I know that I came out of the school a much better person than the kid who went in through the front door."

**Mat Rogers (Dual International Footballer and TSS Old Boy)**

welcome

## The Southport School



from the headmaster

For over 100 years The Southport School has developed an enviable reputation. The century of history and tradition has benefited the School and the boys who are members of it in so many ways: outstanding facilities situated on a campus which is one of the finest of any school in Australia, a loyal, supportive and strong body of Old Southportonians, and a teaching faculty who are widely admired for their professionalism, dedication and hardworking ability to weave magic through the lives of the boys in the School.

Solidly mounting educational research clearly demonstrates that boys have special educational needs and quite different learning styles from girls. The Southport School has been specialising in this area since its foundation. Our breadth of curriculum, our leadership, cultural and sporting programs combined with our facilities are specifically tailored to boys' needs. We aim to help every boy feel good about himself and to achieve success. Our task at the School is to seek out every avenue of potential your son may hold and to develop it to the fullest.

We affirm in this place the value of men in our society, and we encourage them to celebrate their masculinity as they move into adult roles as co-equals with and showing proper respect for women. This is a different school; this is a unique school, and we believe that what we are doing is exciting. We warmly invite you to come and visit us and to look at our web-site ([www.tss.qld.edu.au](http://www.tss.qld.edu.au)) so that you can begin to savour and understand the power of our joint venture between faculty and students which turns boys into fine young men.

**Greg Wain**  
Headmaster

# *Learning at the senior school*

The Southport School has achieved an exemplary reputation for excellence in boys education. We believe strongly in the benefits of single gender classrooms and understand that boys have different learning styles and different needs.

Our academic programs are based on the philosophy of developing the 'whole' man. Southport combines a strong academic tradition with an emphasis on moral and physical development. The School offers a broad

curriculum that challenges the most gifted students while offering extra support and assistance for those who need it.

In conjunction with their academic journey, students are offered the Gifted and Talented Program, the Academic Learning Support Program, the teaching of English as a second language, and Vocational Education.

Across the curriculum, important study skills are stressed. Boys learn how to organise their time,

develop strong study habits, take notes, do research, write and speak well, meet deadlines and prepare for tests.

At The Southport School students not only learn how to learn, they develop a passion for a lifetime of learning.

*building  
confidence*





## *The Preparatory School experience*

Education at primary level has been an integral part of The Southport School since its foundation. Boys are challenged to become involved in the traditional, cultural and educational threads offered by this junior GPS prep school. Within Prep's caring environment, emphasis is placed on the acquisition of strong fundamentals and the fostering of a sense of belonging to an exciting, co-operative, supportive school community.

At Prep, the key subject area focus is on English, Mathematics, Society and the Environment, and

Science, together with a balanced blend of physical and cultural activities. A love of reading is fostered from an early age to cater for enquiring and expanding minds making the library a central point of learning and interaction in the School. This learning process is supported by training in the use of computers and the internet.

Using The Southport School's excellent facilities, Prep boys are encouraged to embrace a wide range of sports including cricket, rugby, soccer, tennis, cross country, athletics, and swimming.

Music, in the form of orchestras, bands and choirs is another dimension of Prep School life. Starting with String lessons in lower Prep and continuing with the Introductory Instrumental Music Program, students are given the opportunity to develop their musical potential. This introduction provides encouragement for many students to continue a lifetime of music studies.

A smooth transition to senior study is ensured through the unique Year 7 dual-campus program, which introduces Prep boys to the learning environment of the Senior School.



*The School instils  
a strong sense of  
community within  
a caring environment*

## *The essential environment*

As an Anglican school, The Southport School provides a strong Christian environment helping to instil in boys a firm set of values. Flexibility, tolerance and respect for others are important elements of these values and create an environment where students of all denominations are welcome.

Underpinning the extensive network of pastoral care offered by the school community, is the day and boarding house system. Membership is designed to encourage a sense of belonging and friendship – reinforced by having succeeding

generations of boys being members of the same house. Through housemasters and tutors, students are able to receive close pastoral care, mentoring, and counselling.

Based on the teachings of German educator, Kurt Hahn, wider leadership, co-operative and community skills are developed through the School's community services program. Also linked to these activities is The Southport School's membership of the international Round Square program. This provides students the opportunity to exchange with students from Europe, the

Americas, Asia and Africa. In the school holidays students can travel to developing countries to assist with community aid projects organised by Round Square.

Leadership skills are developed further through The Southport School's cadets corps which has been a prominent feature since the School's earliest days. This is based on, and supported by, the three defence services. The Cadet program is compulsory for Year 9 and optional for Years 10, 11 and 12.





## *Cultivating determination*

The Southport School has extensive sporting facilities designed to provide a full range of activities for boys. As a member of the Great Public Schools' Association of Queensland, the School competes in a wide range of sports and activities including cricket, rugby, soccer, rowing, sailing, swimming, basketball, tennis, cross country, track and field, golf and gymnastics. The high level and professionalism of sports coaching has allowed many talented boys to develop into regional, State, Australian and world champions - some while still at The Southport School.

Our Centenary Sports Centre provides the School with three undercover basketball courts, a state of the art gymnasium, and a large strength and conditioning centre. The centre is also linked to tennis and swimming complexes.

Outdoor education is an integral part of the wider curriculum at The Southport School. It is designed to challenge and develop character and leadership in a wide variety of different situations. Camp craft, bushwalking, and environmental awareness are some of the skills acquired at the School's own outdoor facilities at

Hidden Creek in northern New South Wales and on South Stradbroke Island. Students are encouraged to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. Each year a number of students are selected to participate in the Outward Bound program.



## *Nurturing the creative muse*

The arts are appreciated at The Southport School, for they nourish the soul and add beauty to life. Boys at Southport are encouraged to express themselves artistically, and the results are enthusiastically celebrated by the School community.

Student artists share their artwork through on-campus exhibitions. Musicians have numerous performance opportunities throughout the year. Our student plays and musicals are highly acclaimed and draw large audiences. To assist our students in developing an appreciation for fine

art, an art and sculpture collection is on display throughout the School.

At The Southport School we ensure that students are exposed to the worlds of art, music and drama with many students taking the opportunity to hone their developing talents through an in-depth participation in the arts program. Music, Art, Drama and Film and Television are full curriculum subjects available through to Year 12.

Students are encouraged to participate in the musical life of the School which is based on the

wide range of choral groups, bands, orchestras and musical ensembles. All students have the option to learn a musical instrument with many of our musicians successfully undertaking high level music examinations.

The Annand Theatre is home to many of our productions and performances. This professionally equipped theatre provides the perfect venue for music and drama. Regular student art exhibitions are held in the St Alban's Gallery and are open to the public.





# Living at The Southport School

As one of Australia's leading boarding schools, The Southport School takes pride in being able to offer boys a safe and caring environment where they can 'grow' physically and emotionally.

The School has a large boarding community of more than 300 students and it is within this environment that boys develop life-long friendships and gain the confidence to become involved in a wide range of co-curricular activities offered on campus.

Five modern boarding Houses, one of which is specifically tailored to junior boarding, provide first class accommodation for boarding students. Each House has a resident Housemaster and family, Matron and resident Deputy Housemaster and family giving students a true sense of living on campus within an extended family environment.

A higher staff-to-student ratio in the junior boarding House which accommodates Years 5 to 7 meets the needs of younger boarders.

The four senior boarding Houses each have an equal allocation of students from Years 8 to 12 and all students enjoy their own private study space. Year 11 and 12 boarders have their own private rooms giving them independence and privacy. All Houses also have their own games room where students can relax within a casual, homely environment.

As Queensland's oldest Anglican boys' boarding school, The Southport School enjoys a reputation as being one of the great boarding schools of Australia and is therefore mindful of the need to ensure every student is nurtured through the often difficult years of adolescent. The pivotal role of Housemasters and their families is carefully monitored to ensure students gain

maximum enjoyment and support when they are boarding at the School.

The Southport School also offers weekly boarding as an option. This allows boys living within reasonable proximity to the School to reside on campus during weekdays while returning home on weekends.

## OVERSEAS STUDENTS

The Southport School has welcomed overseas students to the School for the past 50 years. The School is fully credited by the Australian Government to educate students who are not Australian citizens. The intake of overseas students from such regions as the Pacific, Asia, Europe and the Americas enriches the cosmopolitan environment of the School and offers an insight into a diverse range of cultures and religions while being mindful of any special dietary requirements.





*a school  
rich in  
history  
&  
tradition*

Founded in 1901, The Southport School is a member of the Great Public Schools' (GPS) Association of Queensland. The School embodies a rich history and tradition which has made it one of the leading private schools in Australia. It is the only boys' school on the Gold Coast and the only boys' boarding school.

The School welcomes a large number of boys from the Gold Coast region while supporting a large boarding community drawn from throughout Queensland, northern New South Wales, other states and overseas.

Established on the banks of the Nerang River, the entire campus covers 45 hectares and derives its unique character from its Collegian-style architecture, and the original colonial buildings on the river banks.

## *The Old Southportonians' Association*



The benefits of being educated at The Southport School are life-long. All boys leaving the School become life members of the Old Southportonians' Association of which there are chapters throughout Queensland, Australia and the world. The OSA holds regular re-unions including the annual Old Boys' Weekend at the School. OSA

members receive free of charge the quarterly "The Southport School Review" and the biannual "Old Southportonians' Review". An OSA secretariat is maintained on the School's campus.

For further information about the opportunities  
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*“To challenge each boy to achieve  
excellence in a Christian  
community where education  
embraces the whole of life”*

**Mission Statement, The Southport School**



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