



# Caloundra State High School

**Year established** 1963  
**Number of students** 1270  
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## SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Caloundra High is located on the coast at the southern end of the Sunshine Coast. The school has a distinct middle and senior school operating on a split shift timetable. The school offers a broad curriculum catering for students' interests in academic and vocational areas, including a wide range of sporting, community and cultural activities. Subjects including Aerospace, Marine Aquatic Practices and Surfing Excellence provide students with immediate links to employment. An excellent Arts program includes Visual and Performing Arts, Music, Music Extension, Stage and Concert Bands and Vocal Group. French and Italian are the language options. Significant ICT capacity is provided in the school, with 11 computer laboratories and four computers in every classroom.

## THREE REASONS TO CHOOSE CALOUNDRA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

- Experienced staff delivering a broad curriculum that caters for academic and vocational pathways
- A positive school culture with an atmosphere of tradition and high achievement
- Programs to nurture excellence in academic, cultural and sporting achievement to ensure students reach their full potential

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Aerospace Studies • Surfing Excellence
- Volleyball and Touch Football Excellence
- Performing Arts – Dance, Dance Excellence, Drama, Music, Music Extension, Vocal Group, Instrumental Music, String Ensemble, Stage Band, Concert Band.
- Marine Aquatic Practices • Robotics • Tourism and Hospitality
- Opti-MINDS host school
- Supportive Student Services team
- Middle and senior leadership programs

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Performance Excellence Program (Dance/Drama)
- Performance groups - string ensemble, concert band, stage band, vocal group, female vocal ensemble, male vocal ensemble • ASX Share Market Competition
- Creative Arts Program – Arts Gala Night, talent quest, Dance Extension Group ('EDGE'), Photography, music eisteddfod
- Artist in Residence (Dance) • Debating and public speaking
- School camps – Senior Marine Studies (Heron Island) Year 8 Emu Gully Camp, Year 9 Camp, Music /Dance/Drama Camp
- Opti-MINDS (gifted and talented program)
- Fiji Dreaming Tour • Leadership Program/Senior Leader Investiture
- National Geographic Australian Geography Competition
- QETA/UQ Economics competition and the QHTA Historical Writing Competition
- Debutante Ball • Year 12 formal

## LANGUAGES

- French Years 8–12 • Italian Years 8–9
- Other languages are available through distance learning

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

- Computer and science laboratories • Photography darkroom
- Performing arts centre including two dance studios
- Specialist music rooms • Hospitality catering kitchens
- Indoor sports stadium and extensive outdoor sports fields, tennis courts, basketball courts and netball courts
- Marine aquaculture, marine studies and boating equipment
- Industrial technology and design workshops and graphics rooms
- Art classrooms including computer pod for graphic design

## TERTIARY PATHWAYS

- University of the Sunshine Coast Direct Entry Program
- University of the Sunshine Coast Headstart Program

## AWARDS

- Education QLD Showcase Excellence Awards  
2006 – Regional Innovation Award – PEP Program  
2008 – Regional Inclusive Award – SEU Lighthouse Program

- National Institute for Quality Teaching Award for Performance Excellence Program
- Excellent Contribution to Chemical Education – awarded to HOD Science and senior teachers
- Winners – Catapult Division Sunshine Coast UQ – Science and Engineering Challenge 2009
- Excellence Performance Trophy – Winner USC Australian National Chemical Analysis Competition
- Winner Peter Doherty Award – Outstanding Senior Science Student Award
- High Distinction, Distinction and Credit Awards in Australian English, Science, Mathematics and Information Technology Competitions
- Second Place – Sunshine Coast Regional Dance Eisteddfod
- First Place – Sunshine Coast Regional Netball Competition – Senior 'A' and Intermediate 'A' Divisions
- 2007 ANZAC Day Schools' Award – Commendation
- 2008 Planning Institute of Australia Merit Award
- Regional Readers' Cup Competition – Third Place 2009
- State Volleyball Boys Open Champions
- State Volleyball Open Champions
- Top Five State Junior Volleyball Champions
- Sunshine Coast Regional Touch Champions – U15 Girls and U15 Boys
- Champion School – Volleyball – Trish Buckley Shield Competition

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Distinctive Middle and Senior school • Split shift timetable
- Aerospace Studies and links to Caloundra Airport
- Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program • Science Fair

## SPORTS

(OG) Open Girls (OB) Open Boys

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
AFL	AFL	Baseball	Baseball
Rugby league	Rugby league	Basketball	Basketball
Soccer	Soccer	Cricket	Cricket
Volleyball	Volleyball	Softball	Softball
Netball	Netball	Netball (OG)	
Touch football	Touch football	Touch football	Touch football
		Tennis	Tennis
Swimming	Cross country	Water polo	Water polo
Surfing	Surfing	Surfing	Surfing
	Rugby union	Rugby league (OG)	Rugby league (OG)
		AFL (OG and OB)	AFL (OG)
		Athletics	Athletics

