

**STUDY
CAIRNS**

**EXPERIENCE
WORLD-CLASS
EDUCATION
IN THE GATEWAY
TO AUSTRALIA'S
GREAT BARRIER REEF**

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DESTINATION CAIRNS

Australia's most global regional city is the international gateway to Queensland's tropical north and the Great Barrier Reef. Cairns is a welcoming multicultural city offering a nature based lifestyle.



WELCOME TO CAIRNS

WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

Cairns Regional Council is proud to partner with Study Cairns to position Cairns as an innovative, leading destination for international students. Together, we are serious about growing the sector and targeting new opportunities in international education.

Cairns has a solid and trusted reputation in the global education marketplace for our premier educational standards, stunning climate, pristine environment, and our vibrant and secure community.

Cairns Regional Council and Study Cairns are committed to creating opportunities for growth in the international education sector – we welcome you to join us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Manning'.

Cr Bob Manning,
Mayor of Cairns

Study Cairns acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



118
NATIONALITIES
72
LANGUAGES



300+
DAYS OF
SUNSHINE
A YEAR



TWO
WORLD RANKING
UNIVERSITIES
Undergraduate &
postgraduate programs



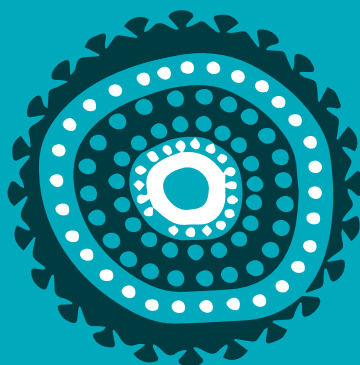
**TOP
10**
MOST LOVED
TRAVEL
DESTINATIONS
IN THE WORLD



TWO
WORLD HERITAGE REGIONS



**AFFORDABLE
COST OF LIVING**



**HOME TO AUSTRALIA'S
OLDEST LIVING CULTURE**

**ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
COLLEGES**

**VOCATIONAL
TRAINING
INSTITUTES**



**DIRECT
INTERNATIONAL
FLIGHTS**

REGIONAL AREA = GREAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Tourism & Hospitality, Community Services, Retail, Agriculture

WHY STUDY IN CAIRNS?

With a warm climate and modern education facilities, Cairns is a multi-cultural city offering a broad range of academic and experiential learning programs. Surrounded by two World-Heritage listed natural attractions, students can immerse themselves in a stunning environment while developing innovative, creative and independent thinking skills for a successful career.



10 REASONS YOU WILL LOVE BEING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IN CAIRNS

1 WORLD-CLASS INSTITUTIONS

You will find a diverse range of programs from English Language to vocational and higher education courses such as Business, Aviation, Engineering and Information Technology. And there's more! Cairns institutions have greatly contributed to the Tourism and Hospitality, Social Sciences and Tropical Health sectors.

2 LIFE QUALITY

Looking for a balanced lifestyle? Cairns offers high-quality services and infrastructure equivalent to Australia's capital cities without big-city disadvantages like pollution or traffic jams. You will have access to a prestigious education system, good public transport, an international airport and modern sporting facilities. You will enjoy superb international cuisine, bars and nightclubs, shows, open-air markets, concerts and many free activities for students hosted by Cairns Regional Council and the Cairns Student Hub.

3 EMPLOYABILITY

As one of the top tourism destinations in Australia, there is always an abundance of work in tourism, hospitality, retail and agriculture. You will find plenty of opportunity for work placement in specialised services such as allied health and engineering, with students gaining full-time work before they have graduated. Additional scholarship possibilities are available due to our regional status as well as a greater selection of jobs and available visas, some of which can lead to extended post study work and living opportunities.

4 AFFORDABILITY

Cairns is an affordable city in which to live, study and work. With lower living costs, Cairns is much more affordable than the capital cities.

5 STUDENT SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

The Cairns Student Hub is a friendly, supportive centre for international students in Cairns. Pop into the Hub to make new friends, learn about events, study options and accommodation. Find career development workshops, personalised employability advice and counselling. Our multicultural team can relate to international students from the inside out and we know how to make your time in Australia a memorable experience!

6 PREMIUM ACCOMMODATION

Choosing Cairns means you will be able to live in award-winning purpose-built student apartments with free wi-fi, modern furnishings,

fantastic outdoor entertaining areas, and still have money to save or enjoy the city with friends.

7 SUNSHINE

North Queensland's tropical climate, bathed in almost year-round sunshine, makes it an ideal location for exploring the outdoors. Recharge after studying with a beach walk at one of the many beaches or take a ride or swim at the Cairns Esplanade. You will also find world-class sporting facilities including rugby, soccer, swimming, tennis, golf and gymnastics.

8 CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Cairns is a vibrant multicultural city with residents, students and visitors coming from all over the world. You will have the opportunity to connect with the rich First Nations people's culture and experience the Australian lifestyle of a small community. Cairns provides a real sense of belonging as the residents embrace International Students and will welcome you in as family.

9 NATURE

Your options to explore the outdoors never end! Surrounded by World Heritage listed icons, Cairns is the perfect natural playground. A quick getaway can take you to pristine beaches, lush rainforest, crystal clear waterholes, epic waterfalls...and the one and only Great Barrier Reef.

10 NETWORK

Cairns is a safe, multicultural city attracting visitors and residents from more than 118 countries. The city has a strong support network that includes Consular Offices, international police liaison, 24-hour medical centres, banking, and hospital services with bilingual interpreters, as well as an annual international student friendship ceremony hosted by the Cairns Regional Council.

"Cairns is the best place for its natural beauty and amazing diversity. Different people learn from each other. Cairns is a melting pot of cultures"

Jerry Karai,
Papua New Guinea,
Diploma of Hospitality
Management at TAFE



PREPARE FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE



Australia is a global education powerhouse. In addition to modern facilities, International students in Cairns will enjoy a comprehensive curriculum, highly qualified educators and a diverse range of study options.

Study Tours

Including edu-tourism products and academic opportunities in and outside of the classroom

Study Abroad Programs

at Primary, Secondary, Vocational and Tertiary levels

Vocational and Tertiary Pathways

Australia-wide and internationally

Joint Sector Programs

Enabling fast tracking pathways

English Language Courses

IELTS, Cambridge, Oxford, Pearson and TOEFL

Innovative and effective programs for academic excellence include

Aviation

Dental Surgery

Health

Agriculture

Data Science

Leadership & Management

Tourism & Hospitality

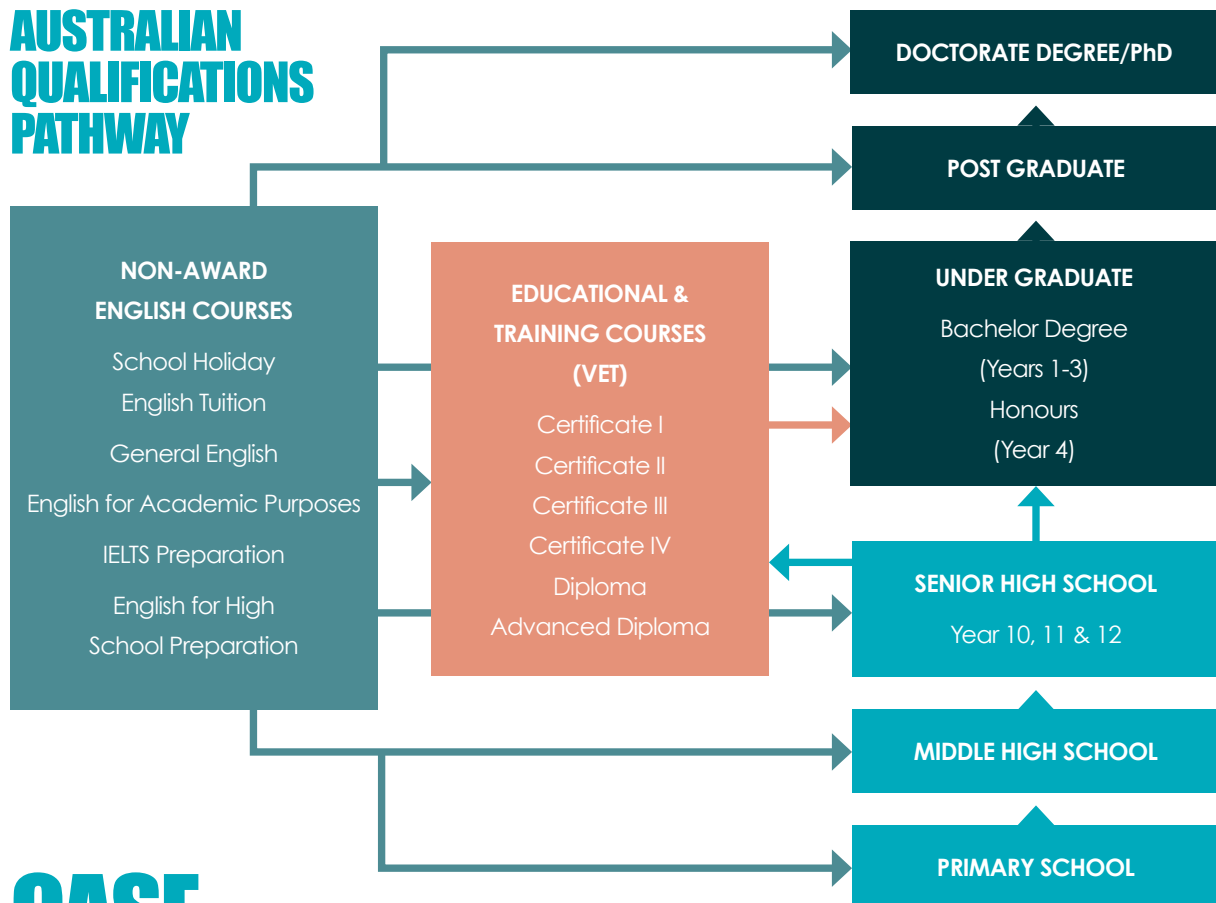
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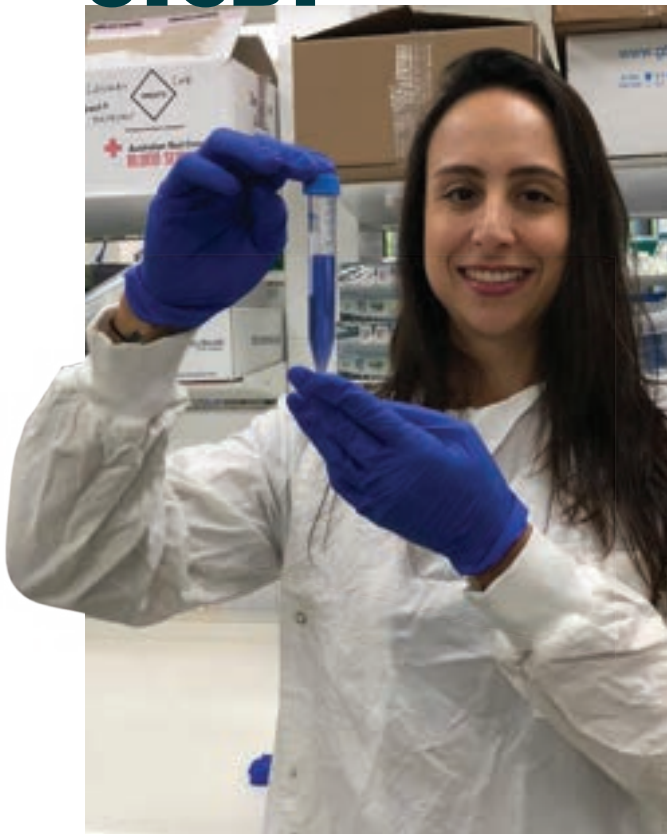
Global Development

Research + more

AUSTRALIAN QUALIFICATIONS PATHWAY



CASE STUDY



Name: **Silvia Luiza Saggiomo**
 Age: **35**
 From: **São Paulo, Brazil**
 Living: **Cairns**
 Studying: **PhD on stonefish immunology at James Cook University**

My fascination with the venom realm has led me to do intense research on venomous marine species. I am currently working towards completing a PhD at JCU Cairns focusing on jellyfish and stonefish. My research has implications for medicinal evolution or other biodiscovery avenues.

My everyday life in the tropics includes going on hikes and exploring waterfalls, flying my drone, diving, wakeboarding and whatever else I feel like doing. Honestly, the sky is the limit here in Cairns! You can never get bored in this city, there's always somewhere to go and things to do. I absolutely love living in paradise!

EXPLORE YOUR STUDY OPTIONS

HIGHER EDUCATION

Cairns has two universities with excellent reputations that have attracted students from all over the world looking for high academic standards in a regional area.

You will have access to face-to-face and web-based classes, labs and multiple resources to provide full immersion in your studies.



CENTRAL QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY (CQU)



WELL ABOVE

Australian university average for overall satisfaction (ISB 2021)



OUTPERFORMED

other Australian universities in graduate employment and salary (GOS 2021)



FIVE STARS

for Employability, Facilities, Internationalisation, teaching and overall (QS Stars Rating System 2021)

CQUniversity Cairns campus is set in the heart of the CBD with spectacular views of the Esplanade. The campus offers courses in aviation, engineering and IT, with modern engineering and computer labs. CQU's Aviation Education and Research Centre offers state-of-the-art aviation simulation technologies, allowing students to gain aeronautical knowledge, skills and experience for a career as a commercial pilot.



cqu.edu.au





**JAMES COOK
UNIVERSITY
(JCU)**

Ranked **TOP 300**
Universities in the World*

NO.1 IN THE WORLD
for Marine and Freshwater
Biology Research

James Cook University (JCU) is a comprehensive and research intensive university providing world-class facilities and career-focused courses.

Students learn in spectacular locations including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed rainforests of the Wet Tropics and the Great Barrier Reef and leave university prepared for the competitive demands of the global workforce.

* Times Higher Education Rankings 2022



EXPLORE YOUR STUDY OPTIONS

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)

There are many options for Vocational Education and Training schools (VET) that are well equipped to prepare you for amazing career opportunities.

VET schools provide not only classroom training but actual experience in multiple fields of expertise. You will get the industry experience you need to be successful in your chosen industry. If you are looking to gain occupational skills and competencies in addition to academic knowledge, Cairns offers a wide range of VET schools for you to choose from.

"Thank you Study Cairns. My experience from last year as a volunteer Student Ambassador helped me not only to apply for jobs, but also meet great friends, a new family far from home."

Adriana Meneses, Ecuador,
Diploma of Hospitality
Management at TAFE



tafeqld.edu.au/far-north-queensland

TAFE

TAFE offers a wide variety of courses to international students. With entry level Certificates through to Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas and even Bachelor Degrees, they have a course to suit your needs.

- Travel & Tourism Management
- Hospitality Management
- Commercial Cookery
- Leadership & Management
- Individual Support (Ageing + Disability)
- Community Services
- Early Childhood Education & Care
- Beauty Therapy
- Screen & Media
- Remedial Massage





EXPLORE YOUR STUDY OPTIONS

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

If you are looking at developing your English language skills, Cairns education providers offer outstanding learning environments, social activities, high quality support and innovative approaches to help you feel confident to communicate, make friends, work and succeed in Australia.

EXPLORE YOUR STUDY OPTIONS

STUDY TOURS

Groups of students inspired to connect with the Australian culture, people, history and environment can participate in a study program including many fun educational activities.

As part of a summer camp, school excursion or on a field trip, students of any age can learn about the marine environment of the Great Barrier Reef, hike in the rainforest, participate in community service programs, join behind the scenes tours of local businesses, study English or a micro-credential course, visit a local school and immerse in an everyday class or even live with an Australian family. This is about learning through experience and interaction, an unforgettable lifetime experience.



CASE STUDY



Name: **Tanvir Hasan**
Age: **27**
From: **Bangladesh**
Living: **Cairns**
Studying: **Master by Research
in Engineering at Central
Queensland University**

My research is performing techno economic assessment into the inclusion of green hydrogen into a remote microgrid. The purpose is to increase the use of renewable energy and reduce emission.

I was looking for something where I can exercise my knowledge gained from previous degrees. I am glad that I can do that here. I like performing techno-economic assessments of renewable energy systems. That was something I always wanted to do. Therefore, I am pursuing a Master by Research as a full-time international student.

CQU offered me a scholarship which covers my living. What else can I expect? I am doing what I wanted to do; I am pursuing a research degree and they look after my living. I am establishing a network with industry people along with academics.

In Cairns I get everything I need to live well. In fact, long term rental costs are cheaper here compared to big cities. I am always busy with something - I come to campus and go home everyday with a view of the Esplanade. During weekends, I play cricket for a club and travel around the city. There is a lot to be explored here from the mountains to the ocean. I have many friends to hang out with and sometimes we play volleyball in the evening. I also work at a casual position once a week. I strongly believe that International students should consider Cairns to study!



WORK: A CITY OF OPPORTUNITIES

Cairns is a top spot for tourists looking to experience the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest. This means international students have plenty of job opportunities available all year round in cafes, restaurants, hotels, events and retail.

EMPLOYABILITY & CAREERS

Students can work part-time in Australia, which allows you to earn money, interact with the local community and develop your English-speaking skills. Even without any professional experience, students can gain employment in sectors such as hospitality, tourism and agriculture. However, if you have built a professional career back home and developed a good level of English, you are encouraged to apply for roles in multiple sectors. Many students are offered the opportunity to work in their fields of expertise whilst studying in Cairns!

"Cairns is a popular holiday destination. With my past 5 years of working experience in the Tourism industry, Cairns offers more opportunities to help my career step up to another level after I graduate from my Master of Sustainable Tourism Management"

Binjing (Zara) Zhou, China, studying a Master of Sustainable Tourism Management at CQU



EMPLOYABILITY SUPPORT

100% The free employability support by Study Cairns Student Hub met or exceeded their expectations

100% The employability coordinator provided me with relevant information to boost my employability

91.3% Satisfied or highly satisfied with the employability support from the Cairns Student Hub

91.3% The employability support helped me gain new insights on my career in Australia

56% Found a new job shortly after receiving career advice support or employability workshops

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Cairns-based students have an opportunity to develop 21st century employability skills and expand their social and professional networks in consulting projects for local Government Agencies, Businesses or Not-For-Profit organisations. Teams are guided by a structured program, receive support from a professional mentor and have a real-world working experience!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Australia has a high demand for foreign workers, and students who have earned a degree in regional areas have great opportunities to be employed in their preferred industry. Australian employers are willing to hire international graduates due to the high demand for skilled professionals in hospitality, healthcare, engineering, construction, education, social work and several professional services. So if you plan to extend your stay to gain international work experience, Cairns is the perfect destination for your studies.



"When I saw a job opportunity related to my professional background I knew that Cairns Student Hub could help me with my application. I wasn't wrong

- the team helped me with my resume, cover letter and, not happy with it, they encouraged me to keep searching for new roles. They provided me with tips and strategies to be successful in interviews. All this helped me to face a long application process with 5 interviews, one assessment and a professional visit to the company's production. I ended up with my full-time contract as a Food Technology Manager in one of Australia's leading banana growers."

Cristian Guerrero, Colombia, Cairns College of English & Business.

WORKING HOLIDAY

Cairns is the perfect place for a working holiday. You will find strong demand for workers in multiple sectors - an opportunity to get paid to work and play in one of the most diverse and beautiful destinations on earth while working in restaurants, hotels, farms, schools and community projects.

VOLUNTEERING

If you are looking to give back to the Cairns community and gain valuable life experiences, volunteering can be the perfect option. There are opportunities in all shapes and sizes according to your skills. It can be a one-time experience (beach cleanup, food bank) or an ongoing activity (animal rescue, mentoring, customer service). Not only does volunteering make you feel good, it helps you connect with new people and enhance your Australian experience!

VISA INCENTIVES



After completing your studies, there are incentives for students to seek employment and sponsorship opportunities in Cairns as a regional area. After graduating in a Bachelor or Master Degree course in Cairns you will be able to apply for a temporary graduate visa for up to 2 years, which may be extended up to 4 years once you have lived and worked in the same regional area for 2 years. Cairns also provides employment sponsorship opportunities under the FNQ DAMA regional migration agreement and through Queensland skilled migration program.

LIVE: PERFECT STUDY-LIFE BALANCE

ACCOMMODATION

There are a number of options for all budgets when it comes to deciding where you will live when you are in Cairns.

1

HOMESTAYS

Your 'home away from home'. Living with an Australian family is one of the most convenient, safe and rewarding experiences - an immersion in the Australian culture and lifestyle, as well as a great chance to make new friends and practice your English language skills.



2

PURPOSE-BUILT STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Cairns has a number of high quality, modern and new purpose-built student accommodation operations centrally located and close to the centre of Cairns, where many colleges and university campuses are based.

Tenancy arrangements are flexible, allowing for short-term and long-term stays. Many facilities provide all the bedding and ancillary items required so that all you need to bring are your personal items.

The options range from studio apartments to shared rooms with up to two beds, with communal areas and facilities.

The residences are often centrally located and near public transport, making it convenient for getting around the city. Bills such as electricity and internet are generally included, so the cost of living should not change from month to month.

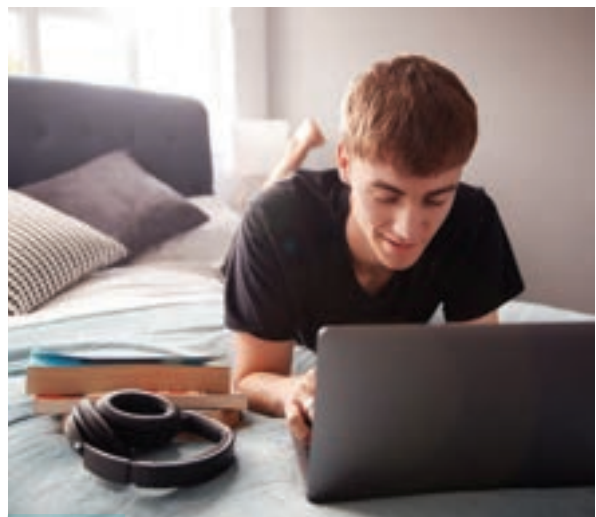


ON CAMPUS DORMITORIES

Accommodation and facilities operated by a university for the exclusive use of students. Fully furnished, they include bills and provide additional social activities and multi-purpose areas for meetings, socialising and networking.

"I was surprised to find quite a few great options for students' accommodation in Cairns. My first accommodation was in the city and I was amazed by its friendly atmosphere, caring staff, and clean and comfortable rooms. Now I live right across the street from my University. At this great accommodation I share zones for cooking and relaxing with my classmates. My room has everything I need for studying and resting. The best thing about both places is that the cost is affordable in comparison to bigger cities."

Svitlana Cherevko, Ukraine, studying a Bachelor of Dental Surgery at James Cook University.



LEASING YOUR OWN SPACE

You can rent a property by yourself or with friends. This can be done through a real estate agent or privately.



GETTING AROUND

Cairns is serviced by public transport, and if you are a uni or VET student, you receive a 50% discount on your bus travel fares.

Cairns' climate and level terrain makes it easy to get around, either on foot or with a bike. There is an amazing cycle network connecting the city of Cairns with the surrounding suburbs which means that you can ride a bike safely to school, to the beach or to one of the many beautiful parks in the region.

50%

STUDENT TRAVEL DISCOUNT

VET & University Students only



TROPICAL LIFESTYLE

Come and discover a vibrant city that takes pride in its cultural heritage and is home to world class facilities.

The only place on earth where two World Heritage listed areas meet – the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef. You can embark on one of the 2000 tours departing daily – take a boat to the Great Barrier Reef and its islands, join a tour to the ancient rainforests, step back in time with a train ride to Kuranda, enjoy a BBQ on the beach with friends or treat your tastebuds to exotic tropical foods.



BEACHES

Cairns is visited by millions of tourists every year. The great climate opens up numerous possibilities for you to explore at no cost...hiking, swimming, kayaking, snorkeling...you name it, we've got it!

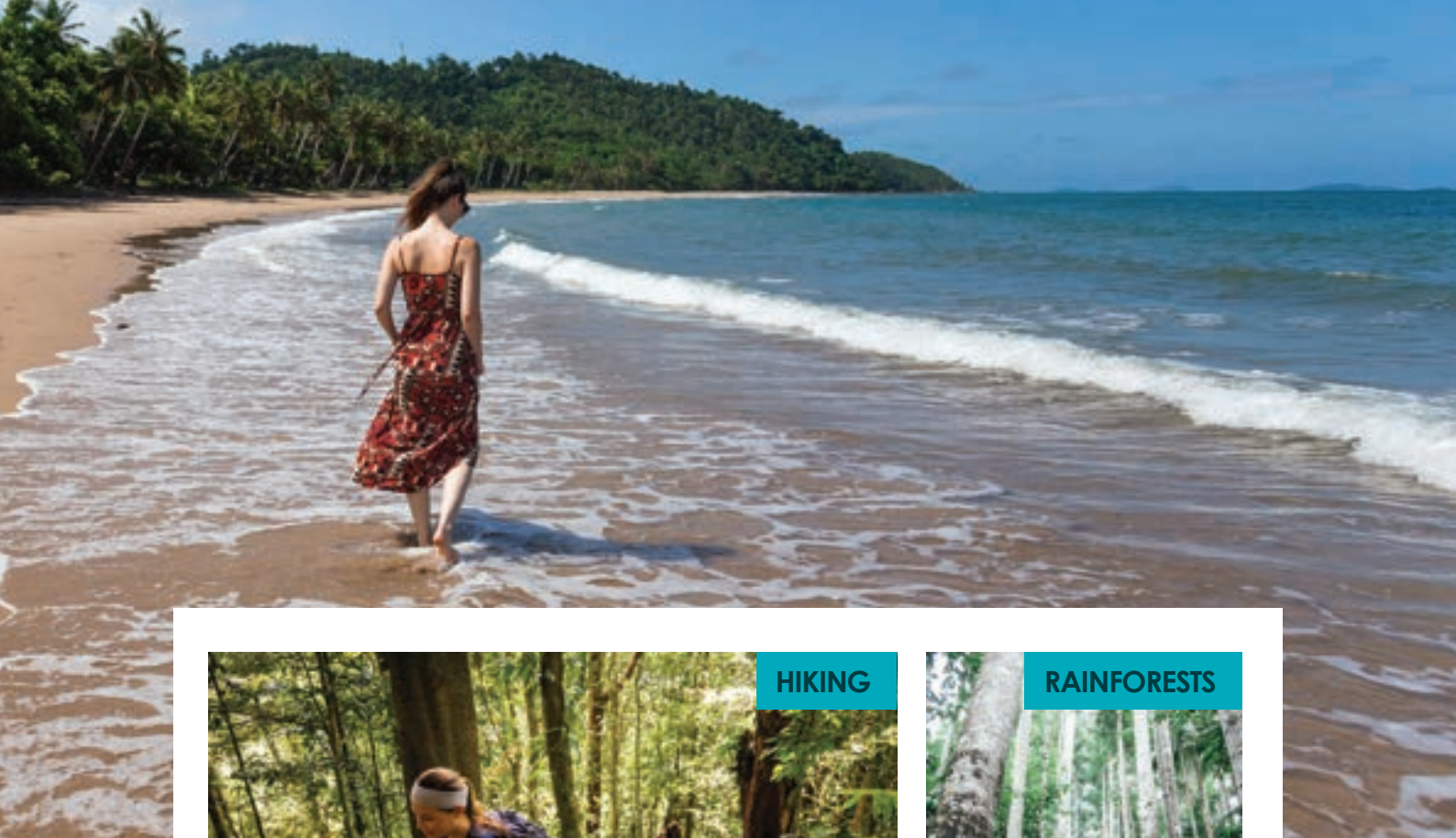
Quality education and outdoor lifestyle are some of the many reasons why students all over the world consider Cairns to be one of the most attractive destinations to study.



WILDLIFE



WATERFALLS



HIKING



RAINFORESTS



REEFS



ISLANDS



RIVERS



ADVENTURE

STUDENT SUPPORT

We love to welcome international students and make sure they have the best experience. This is why we have a space just for you in the heart of the city!



THE STUDENT HUB

FREE SERVICES

For international students

The Student Hub aims to offer learning opportunities, networking and social events throughout the year.

**"Are you a student in Cairns?
Do you need any help regarding
visas, part-time jobs, academics,
personal or other? Student Hub
is the place for everything. Trust
me, they are the best. It's from
my own experience!"**

Rasil Radhakrishnan Anitha, India,
studying Data Science at JCU.



WI-FI & SPACE FOR
STUDY & MEETINGS



ORIENTATION TO
LIVING IN CAIRNS



ADVICE FOR
ACCOMMODATION



STUDY
OPTIONS



TOUR
DISCOUNTS



MIGRATION
APPOINTMENTS



CAREERS
SUPPORT



COUNSELLING FOR
EMOTIONAL
SUPPORT



INFORMATION
SESSIONS &
WORKSHOPS



ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
SUPPORT



SOCIAL
ACTIVITIES
& BBQS



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SUPPORT)



CULTURAL &
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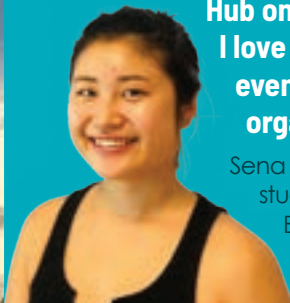
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When I was studying in the language school, I heard about the hub. The teacher recommended us to visit the hub, so one day I came with other students from my English class to make new friends and practice our English. I felt they were really supportive – I was happy to meet other international students who were working and studying like me. I was here alone so I felt connected. I started to follow the Cairns Student Hub on social media and I love to come to the events that the hub organises for us.



Sena Nakagawa, Japan,
studying a Bachelor of
Business at James
Cook University.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Every year, Study Cairns recruits 10 talented international students who want to share their passion for living and studying in Cairns.

They represent Study Cairns and their home countries in the community, being part of events, meetings, social media and telling the world about their unique experiences in paradise! Cairns ambassadors have a fantastic opportunity to build their network and develop personal capabilities through special career development training they receive throughout the year.



COST OF LIVING

Cairns is one of the most affordable cities for your studies. Living costs in Cairns are a lot cheaper than in other major cities in Australia.

36.6% **12.1%**

LOWER RENT PRICES
THAN THE GOLD COAST

LOWER CONSUMER
PRICES THAN MELBOURNE

9.6% **4.0%**

LOWER RESTAURANT
PRICES THAN BRISBANE

LOWER GROCERY
PRICES THAN SYDNEY

Listen to our
student stories to
find out what makes
Cairns such a great
study destination.





STUDY CAIRNS



Study Cairns is the peak body for international education and training in North Queensland and represents organisations, institutions and businesses that are dedicated to providing support to students when they are studying in the Cairns region. Study Cairns works collaboratively with its key stakeholders to continue to increase the international awareness of Cairns as a destination for a diverse and broad range of quality study choices and positive student experiences in a friendly, multicultural living environment.

We welcome enquiries from students, education institutions, agents and businesses focused on international education and training locally, nationally and internationally.

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