Our Vision - Empower adolescent life long learning through a challenging and supportive school community

Purpose
Respect
Our Values - Innovation
Diligence
Enthusiasm
Choosing the school that “best” meets your child’s needs is one of the most important choices a parent will make. Sunshine Beach State High School thanks you for the opportunity to provide you with information that highlights key aspects of our vision for your child’s education and learning opportunities for their future.

School Overview
Sunshine Beach is a modern, progressive and internationally accredited state high school. Our school focuses on the development of positive relationships with students and the community, multiple pathways for students, teaching, learning and innovation. We have a strong academic focus and maintain links with several universities, whilst providing opportunities for workplace learning and certificate courses.

Our philosophy focuses on Teaching and Learning
Our school offers a world class education that aims to prepare students with 21st century skills encompassing:
- a cross curriculum focus on literacy and numeracy;
- creating self directed learners and self management;
- developing collaborative workers and teamwork;
- using complex thinking skills;
- striving for quality production;
- building community partnerships;
- fostering creativity and innovation;
- embedding Information Communication Technologies (ICT) in our curriculum;
- understanding emotional intelligence and social comprehension; and
- valuing an intercultural understanding.

Four more reasons to choose Sunshine Beach State High School for your child:
1. We offer a wide choice of subjects including specialist programs in Marine Studies, Early Childhood Practices, Hospitality, Visual Arts, Dance, Drama and Photography.
2. We have programs of Excellence in Music, Surfing and Languages (Italian).
3. Staff professional development is focused on current research to inform ‘best practice’ in teaching and learning.
4. We are located in the heart of Noosa, within the United Nation’s recognised biosphere, minutes away from world famous beaches.

Our curriculum embraces a diverse range of both academic and vocational curriculum choices. Within each subject, all students will:
- enjoy learning by focusing on achievement;
- experience success through working at their own level;
- use the relevant technology;
- direct their own learning through choices within subjects;
- become independent learners;
- become futures and globally oriented;
- feel challenged through rigorous, meaningful work.

International Education and Languages (Italian)
Sunshine Beach State High is committed to an international program that supports cultural diversity, whilst encouraging adolescents to embrace our ‘global’ community. This philosophy makes our school one of the most attractive in the state for international students. Students from Austria, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico and Norway choose to study with us.

Our school is the Sunshine Coast language hub for Italian. We are recognised as one of the most successful language schools in the state. Our focus is on long term benefits of learning a second language. A highlight of our language program is the biannual Italian exchange and/or tour.

Five other languages are available through Distance Education or Virtual Learning. These include Chinese, Japanese, and Indonesian (Asian), German and French (European).

Pride in quality student and teacher relationships
Our experienced and dedicated staff develop positive partnerships with all students within their care. Clearly articulated school policies and guidelines are available on our website. A positive work ethic is developed and nurtured through:
- friendly, supportive approaches to teaching and learning;
- negotiated curriculum and classroom activities;
- learning support personnel focusing on literacy and numeracy development;
- the Sunshine Learning Centre (SLC) developing individual learning programs for students with disabilities;
- family based mentor groups;
- behaviour management focusing on choices rather than the individual behaviour, and
- the Sunshine Guidance Centre (SGC) – offering guidance counselling and alternate education programs.

A strong academic foundation
The pursuit of excellence is implicit in the school motto “Quality In All We Do”. Our teaching and learning is based on:
- highly skilled and professionally dedicated staff;
- quality resources, countless opportunities for student development and leadership; and
- a variety of options for parents and students to access staff via phone, email, the school website and our parent liaison officer.

Opportunities for leadership
All students have the opportunity to develop leadership skills through:
- school council;
- senior leadership positions and committees;
- enrichment programs;
- leadership camps;
- motivational seminars; and
- sports activities and house leadership.

Other learning experiences
A wide range of experiences is offered to students through:
- an independent learner program;
- human Relationships Education (HRE);
- instrumental music program;
- excursions;
- sports ie water polo, triathlon, rowing;
- work placement and work education;
- chaplain program;
- vocal/choir program;
- Italian exchange program;
- debating teams;
- extension program;
- gifted and talented activities;
- various academic competitions;
- excellence in surfing program;

A school for the community
We believe that education is about people. Cooperation between student, staff, parents and the whole community is evident through:
- strong community support;
- an active Parents and Citizens’ Group;
- extensive sharing of facilities;
- parent involvement;
- maximising partnerships with other state high schools and local primary schools;
- voluntary support groups;
- business support for the curriculum;
- an active School Council;
- mentoring program;
- council partnerships; and
- TAFE and university connections.

Location & Environment
The school boasts a pristine natural setting. Bus and bikeways provide easy access for all students. As a modern school, it includes:
- spacious building structures set in attractive surroundings;
- undercover pathways to all buildings;
- single level design catering for the physically disabled;
- safe off-road student set down and parking for visitors; and
- natural shaded gazebo seated areas that provide sun safety.

Integrated technology
Access to the latest technology and information is available through:
- dedicated computer rooms;
- networked computers in classrooms;
- internet access for students on all computers;
- maximum software access;
- laptops for teachers;
- multiple data projectors; and
- smart board access.

Facilities
Buildings use spacious design techniques to promote effective teaching and learning. Our facilities include:
- specialist facilities for Science, Marine Science, Technology, Hospitality, Film and Television, Fashion, Art, Music, Drama and Dance;
- well equipped Resource Centre and Language Laboratory;
- an extensive up to date computer network;
- indoor sports centre, outdoor courts, cricket training nets and sports fields; and
- convenient access to world class swimming and tennis venues; and
- tuckshop facilities operating under the ‘healthy schools’ program.