



Information on Education System for children in QLD

Day Care (Long, Family, Occasional/Casual, Before & After care)

- **Long day care** - Provides education and care for children from birth to 12 years old. A good choice for working parents.
- **Family day care** - Offers flexible education and care for children in private homes of registered carers.
- **Occasional/Casual care** - Provides education and care on a casual basis or for short periods.
- **Before and after school care** or outside school hours care - Provides an opportunity for children to relax and play in a supervised environment, before school, after school or during school holidays.

Prep

- From 2017, it is compulsory for children in QLD to undertake Prep prior to Year 1.
- Prep is a full-time program in primary schools (Monday-Friday, generally from 9am-3pm).
- Children must be 5 y.o by 30 June in the year they enrol.

Kindergarten

- Approved kindergarten programs help to prepare children for the Prep year.
- Children must be at least 4 by 30 June in the year they attend the program.
- Kindergarten programs are not compulsory.

Primary Schools

- Provide education from Prep to Year 6.
- In QLD, it is compulsory for children age 6 years and 6 months until 16, or has completed Year 10 (whichever comes first).



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Secondary/High Schools

- In QLD, secondary or high school is the final period of compulsory education.
- Students are educated from Year 7 to 12. The senior years of education (Year 10–12) are very important for students wishing to progress to university or further study.

P-10/12 Schools

- Provide education to students from Prep to Year 10 or Year 12.
- Traditionally, P-10 schools have developed in more rural and remote locations and P-12 schools have been established in urban areas.
- Provide students with a transition across the phases of learning, and many are very innovative in the way they offer the curriculum.

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

- Students who have completed all 12 years of compulsory education will be eligible to qualify for the QCE.
- An Overall Position or OP is awarded to eligible students and contributes to a student's university eligibility.

State (public), Independent and Catholic Schools

- **State schools** are funded by the QLD Government. They provide **free** tuition for children. Parents are still asked to pay some fees for school materials or activities, such as textbooks, uniforms and excursions.
- **Independent and Catholic schools** are partly funded by the Commonwealth and State Governments, and usually **charge school fees** to attend.