

# Spinifex State College

## Mount Isa

### Residential Campus



2015 Prospectus



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Spinifex State College Residential Campus Mount Isa is an Education Queensland initiative that provides a living away from home opportunity for rural and remote area secondary students from Northern, Central and Western Queensland locations. The Residential Campus was established in January 2003 and has the capacity for up to 60 students. Students in years 8, 9 & 10 attend Spinifex State College Junior Campus and students in years 11 & 12 attend Spinifex State College Senior Campus.

In 2015, changes will see Years 7, 8 and 9 attending the Junior Campus, with Years 10, 11, and 12 attending the Senior Campus.



Spinifex State College Residential Campus is a fully integrated facility providing residential students with:

- ❖ A fully supervised 24 hour boarding location
- ❖ An onsite skilled management teams which includes
  - an Education Queensland Principal installed as the Head of Campus
  - a full time Business Services Manager
  - 2 Senior Student Support Workers
  - 6 Student Support Workers
  - a Residential Teacher
  - additional staff including professional Cleaners, Cook, Casual Relief Student Support Workers, Critical Response and Minor Incident Response Teams and various Education Queensland Support Personnel
- ❖ Modern facilities to provide students' social and academic needs including
  - single, double and four bed rooms each with their own private facilities
  - close circuit surveillance and 24 hour active Student Support Worker supervision
  - first class recreational facilities including games room and several recreation rooms, a shaded multi-purpose court, sporting oval with lights for night sports and a well-equipped music room
  - modern kitchen with an experienced cook
  - staff trained in current First Aid and CPR procedures
  - landscaped, established gardens and common areas
  - fully operational laundry
- ❖ 24/7 Pastoral Care and Attention including Counsellors, Incident Response Teams and general advice teams for student issues.
- ❖ Compulsory homework centre attended by Education Queensland Teacher and Tutor and a least 2 assisting Student Support Workers
- ❖ Transport to school, sporting, cultural, religious and community events in our own QFleet leased air-conditioned bus or support vehicle.



### ***Registering at Spinifex State College Residential Campus***

Parents wishing to register their child/ren at the Residential Campus need only to follow these simple procedures

1. complete a Register Expression of Interest form
2. provide a copy of child/ren's latest report card
3. attend an interview along with child/ren at the Residential Campus
4. complete and have approved Abstudy or Assistance for Isolated Children documentation
5. complete Application to Register a Student for the Residential Campus and pay respective levies associated with the Residential Campus
6. complete Application to Enrol a Student at either Junior or Senior Campus as well as text book and other school subject forms and pay respective levies.
7. arrive at the Residential Campus with sufficient personal items to settle into Residential life.

### ***Registration Policy Statement***

1. to assist Education Queensland in its stated aim of improving retention rates of regional, remote and at risk children
2. to assist families in remote area communities in the successful, long term transition to secondary schooling in a facility in their region
3. to provide high quality state schooling for families in regional and remote areas
4. students must be classified secondary students from locations that
  - provides no secondary schooling opportunities
  - is an Education Queensland By Pass location
5. students who are selected to attend the Spinifex State College Residential Campus should have
  - attended school regularly, at least 75% in the previous semester excluding illness
  - a demonstrated, recent academic record of reasonable achievement
  - acceptable behavioural records from previous school (at least one semester prior to this registration)
  - a suitable reference from previous Community or School Principal
  - an understanding of and a willingness to abide by College guidelines and disciplines
  - a demonstrate positive attitude, is cooperative and considerate of others, both peers and adults
  - reasonable health, a willingness to comply with socially acceptable personal hygiene standards and to seek and receive help for emergent medical problems



## *Costing*

Spinifex State College Residential Campus is Queensland's first State run Residential Facility. All students attending the Residential Campus are eligible for either Abstudy or Assistance for Isolated Children funding. This funding is paid by direct credit to the Residential College's account from either of these two organisations. Parents are responsible for covering expenses at the Residential Campus for Recreation, Emergent, Uniforms (these are to be paid at the time of commencement at the Campus) as well as school expenses covering subject fees and text books and any other associated costs.

## *Duty of Care*

Our Duty of Care obligation is one we take very seriously and the supervision of our students follows these general guidelines.

1. Student Support Worker shifts are "active shifts" – this means that even at 2am in the morning when all are asleep at least 1 Student Support Worker is on active duty patrolling the dormitories
2. visitors to our site or persons taking students for overnight stays must provide proof of identification, be over 18years of age and must be approved by parents and listed on the students Visitors List. The person signing the student out must also be the person signing the student back in after the outing unless prior approval has been given for another person to return the student to the campus.
3. no visitors are allowed after 9.00pm unless immediate family are involved and only after prior arrangements have been made.
4. incoming phone calls on the landline are screened by Student Support Workers. Parents wishing to call simply dial 07 4745 4333 which diverts to the student via a walkabout digital phone held by an on duty Student Support Worker or alternatively call 07 4745 4304 (girls dorm) or 07 4745 4305 (boys dorm)
5. bus run log sheets are kept in the bus so that a child cannot be overlooked even after a shift or driver change.



### ***Building Security***

The Spinifex State College Residential Campus has three separated security and surveillance systems.

1. a complete outer door monitoring and alarm system that detects doors opening instantly activates an alarm and sets of flashing lights. It is impossible to enter or leave the building without detection once they system is activated and further, the systems are all activated automatically even in the event of power failure.
2. an internal monitoring system to guard against male/female dormitory crossings. This system is not alarmed but activates a flashing amber light that alerts only Student Support Workers. It is not possible for any dormitory crossing to occur for more than a few seconds and to go undetected.
3. a camera based monitoring system, storing images for 14 days that guards against unlawful or unwelcome entry. This serves to identify every visitor to our building and is especially useful out of hours when Student Support Workers may need to identify a visitor before allowing access.

### ***Church Services***

Students may attend whatever church or other group services they wish provided the attendance is approved and organised by the parents.

### ***Laundry Services***

Students in years 8 to 12 are responsible for washing their own personal laundry.

### ***Pastoral Care***

A number of trained staff attend the Residential Campus both as regular members or specially trained personnel who act in response to situations from basic counselling through to genuine crisis response. It is part of the Students Support Worker's role to recognise situations for need and act accordingly from gentle investigation through to reports to the Head of Campus should the situation be more demanding. Students' distress at our Campus is extremely rare but we are fully equipped and ready to deal with any situation from homesickness through to more serious states of students mind.

### ***Recreation and Sport***

Our onsite recreational assets include

- ❖ 4 fully equipped recreational rooms with CD stereos, a pool table, and a games room
- ❖ television/DVD facilities including a theatre room
- ❖ a small library including daily delivery of newspapers and magazines
- ❖ a sporting oval with lights and access to all Spinifex State College facilities catering to virtually any of the popular sports
- ❖ access to the PCYC gymnasium and other activities

- ❖ interschool and club/representative sports
- ❖ a fully shaded and netted multi-purpose court and bbq area
- ❖ Well-equipped music room.



### ***Contacts***

Head of Campus:	Greg Hanrahan	07 4745 4333
Business Services Manager:	Beverley Preston	07 4745 4333
Senior Student Support Workers:	Erin Lee	07 4745 4320
	Shelly Burke	07 4745 4300
Residential Teacher:	Matt McGrigor	07 4745 4333
Abstudy:	1800 132 317	
Assistance for Isolated Children:	132318	



## Student Induction Checklist

Upon Student's arrival at the Campus the following will occur:

A guided tour of the Campus will provide:

- Location of bedrooms in both the boys and girls dormitories. All student areas including toilets, common rooms, fire exits and recreation rooms.
- Location of out of bound areas, eg boys area for girls and girls area for boys.
- Location of Sick Bay
- Location of student kitchens, explanation of when and how supper may occur of a night time
- Location of offices and reception
- Location of dining room, main kitchen, laundry room
- Explanation of telephone use and times available to make calls
- Explanation of everyday rules regarding tidiness of rooms, respecting your own and others property
- Explanation of rules regarding leaving the Campus grounds. Not allowed to leave the Campus grounds unsupervised
- Explanation of expectations regarding friendships between boys and girls they will be permitted on a purely platonic basis during Campus care.
- Explanation of expectations regarding violence, bullying and aggressive behaviours.

### List of Essential Items

Boarders will need the following personal items to bring with them when they arrive at the Campus. All personal belongings must be clearly named and the Campus takes no responsibility for any personal belongings that may get lost.

- Minimum 3 sets of day clothes (include winter clothes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> term) Also include good clothes for socials, etc...
- Minimum 3 sets of underwear
- Minimum 3 pairs of socks (preferably 5)
- Sleeping attire
- Handkerchiefs (or box of tissues if preferred)
- Minimum 3 sets of uniforms (3 shirts (able to be purchased from Junior or Senior Campus tuckshops) 3 pairs of navy blue shorts)
- School shoes / joggers (must have closed in shoes for school)
- Hat / cap for everyday wear and at school
- Toiletries (eg Soap, deodorant (no aerosol cans), sunscreen, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, brush/comb)
- Pillows (one is supplied by the Campus)
- Bath Towel
- Beach towel for swimming
- School bag, lunch bag, drink bottle
- Personal sporting equipment, eg tennis racket, cricket bat
- Suitable safety gear for example bike helmets (if required)