



DJARRAGUN COLLEGE

Excellence in Indigenous Education



The College places great emphasis on competence in literacy and numeracy, and on developing skills that will enable students to become active and contributing citizens of the global community.

Djarragun students love sports and the College has very successful teams involved in a large range of sports. Health is very important at the College and a combination of healthy food and plenty of exercise forms strong foundations of health in students.

Preparatory Year

The Preparatory Year at Djarragun College eases the transition between pre-school and primary school life. The focus is on the development of literacy, numeracy, social skills and sound values.



Primary School (Years 1 - 6)

In Primary School, the learning is focused on good behaviour and Christian values, along with the continued development of skills in literacy and numeracy.



Middle School (Years 7 - 9)

During these years, students are guided towards independent learning in preparation for Senior Secondary. The Middle School offers subjects across a wide range of interests to help students make their own choices about their futures.



Senior Secondary (Years 10-12)

During their Senior Secondary years, students are given broader experiences in a variety of subjects, to help them establish where their interests and skills lie. Students also have the opportunity to study school-based VET courses and participate in part-time traineeships. The College also delivers Queensland Studies Authority-approved courses in years 11 and 12, and students are continually supported in achieving excellence in their studies.



Vocational Training (Year 13)

Post-school students are enrolled in various VET (Vocational Education and Training) certificate and SAS (Study Area Specification)

courses on a full time basis. All students are enrolled in two certificate courses of their choice. A wide range of relevant courses is available.



Cultural Activities

Djarragun recognises and respects the cultural diversity of the students. The College celebrates this through the Performing and Visual Arts programme as well as through the study of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander courses. Special events such as NAIDOC, Mabo Day and Coming of the Light are celebrated, and students take part in relevant festivals such as the Laura Dance Festival.



Boarding

The College offers on-site boarding facilities in a caring and loving home environment where strict yet fair discipline underpins all activities.

Transport

Djarragun College provides buses to transport day students from a number of suburbs in the Cairns area, and from Yarrabah.



About the College

Djarragun College is situated on the Bruce Highway in Gordonvale, just South of Cairns. The College specialises in Indigenous education and promotes academic excellence along with the teaching of Christian values. Courses are offered from Prep to Grade 12 and post-school VET studies. Students come from many areas including the Torres Strait Islands, Cape York communities, Cairns and Yarrabah. Many students also relate culturally to Papua New Guinea.

Djarragun College is committed to achieving excellence in education with a strong focus on Values Education, while the pastoral care programme provides intensive support for every student's emotional, social and spiritual needs.

Strict yet fair discipline, in a loving and supportive environment, provides boundaries within which all students can learn and grow.





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