Cairns State High School Guiding Statement (Draft)

Positioning Statement
Valued Traditions Latest Innovations

Motto
Vincit qui se vincit (One who conquers oneself conquers all)

Background
Established in 1917, Cairns State High School is a comprehensive high school located in the heart of tropical Cairns. The school has served generations of Cairns families and has an enviable reputation for academic excellence as well as excellence in Music, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Sport.

As a learning community, we offer high quality, dynamic and innovative programs that encourage all students to achieve their full potential in a rapidly changing global world. These programs are underpinned by the school’s traditional values and lead to a broad range of academic and vocational pathways.

Cairns High embraces and acknowledges the cultural diversity of our student body which is drawn from the wider Cairns region and includes students from a range of countries.

Mission Statement
To develop young people who are inquiring, knowledgeable and caring, and who are committed to learning, success and global citizenship.

We value
Respect for self, others and the environment
Lifelong learning
Tolerance and acceptance
Honesty and integrity
Diversity of background, beliefs and abilities
Valued traditions and latest innovations

Our effective practices
A safe & supportive environment
Effective management & leadership
Effective communication
Consultative & collaborative processes
Support of active participation
Innovative use of technology
Community partnerships
Celebration of success
To achieve this we offer

Rigorous curriculum
Diverse & relevant educational pathways
Quality extracurricular programs
Effective & innovative teaching
Supportive student & staff care programs
A focus on improving learning outcomes for all students
International & intercultural curriculum and experiences

Our students, in both a local and global context aspire to be (adapted from the IB Learner Profile attributes)

Inquirers
Knowledgeable
Thinkers
Effective communicators
Principled
Open-minded and flexible
Caring and cooperative
Confident to embrace new challenges
Balanced and resilient
Reflective