



*Welcome to*

*Open Day August 2022*

Your opportunity to experience Hillbrook in Action  
1 August 2022 - 1.30pm to 3:10pm

*In Balance We Grow*



## *From the Principal*

Welcome to Hillbrook

On behalf of the School Leadership Team and our community, I would like to welcome you to Hillbrook.

At the heart of Hillbrook, and in everything we do, are our students. We are focused on their education, their wellbeing and working in partnership with their families to ensure they have every opportunity to thrive.

We are preparing our students to live happy, fulfilling lives and to make a positive difference in the world. We aim to provide an appropriately challenging and contemporary environment where they learn to question and reason, to respect everyone's contributions, to enjoy each other's company and to collaborate together as they grow.

We hope you enjoy your experience at Hillbrook.

Yours sincerely

*Maria Woods*

# Program

When	What	Where
1.30pm	<b>Presentation:</b> Welcome by Year 12 Students Deputy Principals, Stephanie Munday-Lake and Mark Herriman  Music performance  Principal, Maria Woods and Year 7 students Year 7 video  Music performance	Performing Arts Centre (PAC)
2.10pm	Tours commence	
3:10pm	Open day wraps up	Main entrance

## Acknowledgement of Country

Our Hillbrook community would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Lands where we live and learn, the Turrbul, Yaggera and Ugurapul people, whose cultures and customs have nurtured and continue to nurture this place we call home. This Land is, was and always will be, Aboriginal land.

We honour all those who were part of the Enoggera Boys' Home and acknowledge their connection with the Land on which our school stands.

We pay our respects to those who have come before us, and express our hope for a positive shared future.

# About Hillbrook

## Introduction

Hillbrook is a thriving coeducational secondary school of 840 students (growing to 900 by 2024) where learning is approached with enthusiasm and creativity. The founding principles of trust, respect, inclusion, collaboration and balance continue to guide us.

The Hillbrook dream is as strong today as it was in 1987 when the school was founded. We see it reflected every day in our students as they grow and develop into compassionate, ethical and creative thinkers.

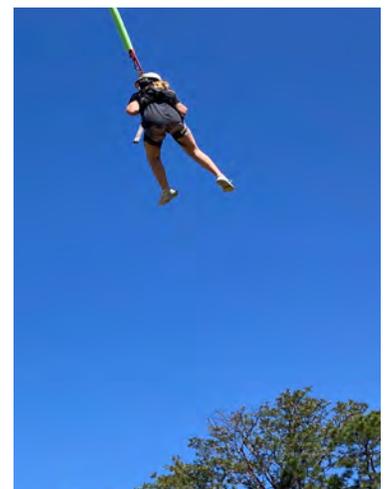
## What we offer our students

Our students enjoy learning a varied academic curriculum, along with other subjects developed by Hillbrook such as our Outdoor Education Program and Philosophical Inquiry. Students also have the opportunity to experience our exceptional music programs, rich visual and performing arts opportunities as well as exciting maths, science and business projects (as examples).

*High ropes was a day full of bonding, going the next level, going out of your comfort zone, making new friends and having fun. The highlight of the day was when everyone was cheering for me when I was going down the flying fox. Sally, Year 7*

Our vision:

*To open minds, inspire hearts and nurture dreams*



# About Hillbrook

## Learning and Wellbeing

Hillbrook is deeply committed to the positive health and wellbeing of our students. In addition to their Home Teacher, students are supported by Year Coordinators, the Head of Student Wellbeing, the Enrichment Team staff, our Chaplain and School Counsellors. Learning and wellbeing are inseparable, coexisting in all ages and stages, but especially in the adolescent years. Our belief in these two sides of the same coin powers our interactions with, and commitment to, students.



Hermione is also available in the library for pats and cuddles when needed.

## Our Ecological Footprint



Hillbrook has a strong philosophy about our ecological footprint. Whether it is in the school grounds or participating in the Outdoor Education Program, our aim is to leave no trace. We have an active Environmental Club, are a Land for Wildlife location, native bee hives are dotted around our school, we have a 4 bin hub system throughout the campus, our Tuckshop packaging is fully compostable and we have installed 496 kwh of solar panels on our buildings. We also have a dedicated Circular Economy Coordinator who is working towards Hillbrook's operations being 100% circular by 2030.

## Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

Hillbrook's RAP follows the Narragunnawali platform for schools and includes fostering relationships with Indigenous people, fostering respect of Indigenous culture, looking for opportunities to engage with and support Indigenous people and provide practical ways to introduce meaningful reconciliation initiatives in the classroom. The RAP is supported by a working group of teachers, support staff, students and other members of the Hillbrook community who meet on a regular basis.

# Curriculum

At Hillbrook, our classrooms are filled with limitless possibilities. Our young people will move into careers that we haven't begun to imagine, and if we want them to thrive in that environment, a strong sense of balance will be a powerful advantage.

Curriculum at Hillbrook means all the intended experiences that our students undertake in or out of the classroom. Our curriculum offers a wide range of learning experiences, designed to help students develop intellectually, personally, spiritually and physically. Creative thinking and problem solving are encouraged and students are involved in many activities across the curriculum, as well as more formal classroom situations.

For a full overview of the Hillbrook curriculum click [here](#).

You can also find out more details about subjects offered [here](#).

Details specific to the Year 7 curriculum can be found on the next page.

Our mission:

*To empower young people to make a positive difference*



# Year 7

## Year 7 - Connections

In Year 7, our aim is to provide students with the essential skills for success in the core areas of our curriculum, as well as to provide exposure to subjects which they may have had little contact in their primary school years. Students study a core curriculum and have an experience of electives that run as semester courses. This gives them the opportunity to try everything on offer before subject selection occurs in Year 8.

### Core Subjects for Year 7

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Global Studies
- Outdoor Education
- Religious Studies
- Physical Recreation
- Health
- Personal & Spiritual Development
- Philosophical Inquiry

### Plus one Semester of each of these subjects

- Art
- Digital Technologies
- Drama
- Food and Nutrition
- German
- Industrial Technology Skills
- Japanese
- Music



# FAQ's

## Is Outdoor Education compulsory?

Outdoor Education is part of the core curriculum at Hillbrook and is compulsory. You can read more about our Outdoor Education program [here](#).

All students participate in at least one camp and two activity days per year.



## Do you offer co-curricular Music options?

Yes. In addition to our classroom Music elective subject, Hillbrook offers an extensive and high quality co-curricular Music program in which students have the opportunity to undertake individual instrumental or voice lessons with a specialist teacher. Students involved in the co-curricular Music program are encouraged to become involved in one or more of the many performance ensembles.

## What sport options are available?

Physical Education is a compulsory subject for all students in Years 7-10 and is an elective subject for Years 11 and 12. We offer a range of sporting activities through our **Project Active program** which runs each Semester. This program is compulsory for Years 7-9 and optional after this. We run annual Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals where students can gain eligibility for Regional, State and National titles.



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## What extension opportunities are available?

- Aspire English – an elective subject centred around project based learning for Years 9 and 10 – this includes learning to write for newsletters, creating an online newspaper and podcasting.
- English and Literature Extension – a specialised subject for Year 12
- Aspire Science – an elective subject centred around project based learning for Years 9 and 10
- Data Discovery and Analytics Years 9 and 10
- Hillbrook participates in the Stem Horizons-High Achievers program for Years 7 and Year 9, where 4 high achieving students participate in out of school extension lessons
- Music Extension for Year 12: Composition Performance or Musicology.



We also offer a range of Learning Enrichment activities, opportunities and participate in many interschool competitions - more information [here](#).



## What learning support do you provide?

Students are supported by our **Learning Enrichment Team** in a variety of ways to access the curriculum and fully participate in the age appropriate academic educational offerings at Hillbrook. You can find out more information [here](#).

# FAQ's

## Am I guaranteed a place if I pay an Enrolment Application fee?

Students are offered places by order of application, as well as factoring in our Sibling Policy, gender balance and the capacity for Hillbrook to provide appropriate levels of support services. You can read our Enrolment Policy [here](#).

## Is the Enrolment Application fee refundable if I don't get a place?

This fee assists us to cover the costs associated with the administration of the enrolment process and is non-refundable.



## Do you offer scholarships?

The founders of Hillbrook decided from the beginning that Hillbrook wouldn't offer scholarships or preferential entry. We are one of the few independent schools that doesn't offer scholarships to entice high achievers into the school.



# Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to visit Hillbrook today. We hope your tour, presentation and the chance to meet staff and students has provided you with a sense of who we are, and has helped with the important decision of choosing the right secondary school for your child.

## Sign up to our Newsletter

If you would like to stay up to date with News from Hillbrook, we invite you to sign up to our Prospective Parents Newsletter [here](#).

## Have more questions?

If you would like to ask more questions about our enrolment process or speak to our Enrolment Coordinator please email [enrolments@hillbrook.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@hillbrook.qld.edu.au)

*Focusing on things that you love to do/learn, rather than just doing subjects to 'get somewhere' was great preparation for having a life that you enjoy. There is a lot of pressure in life to 'be something' but I think Hillbrook had a focus on how to 'be someone' instead, which I think is really quite special.*

Meg, Hillbrook Graduate

## Enrol now

If you would like to complete an Enrolment Application Form please click [here](#) and follow the online instructions.

