



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TERM 1, 2025



OUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Miami State High School on the Gold Coast, Australia, have been welcoming international students to our school for more than 20 years. 2025 has been no different, having welcomed 26 new international students to our school in Term 1, increasing our international community to 47!

Our international students have travelled far and wide for a once in a lifetime experience, arriving to us from Germany, Italy, Japan, Brazil, Norway and Russia, to name a few, and we recognise their bravery in embarking on an extended international experience, so far from home and their loved ones.

That is why we are so pleased that international students continue to choose Miami State High School as their number 1 study destination of choice in Queensland (QLD). We truly value their presence and their contribution in culturally enriching our school and the wider Gold Coast community.

The International Team

TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS

- School and Homestay Orientation
- Lady Elliot Island Excursion
- Bond University Welcome
- Harmony Day Assembly
- Taste of Harmony Morning Tea
- Student Farewell

3 DAY ORIENTATION

As part of our International Program newly arriving students participate in an informative 3 day orientation program. During this time, international students are inducted into school life at Miami, what to expect as an international student living on the Gold Coast and in homestay families.

We had important guest speakers join us from the QLD Police, who spoke to our students about how to stay safe on the Gold Coast. Students also heard from our in-house School Psychologist and Councillor, speaking to the students on the importance of their mental wellbeing and where to go for support. Students also conducted a mandatory swim test to assess their water skills which permits them to swim safely between the flags in our world class, iconic beaches.

Our 3 Day Orientation Program is a great bonding experience for both international students and international staff as we begin our journeys of connection by sharing stories about ourselves and our families.



LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

A major highlight for many of our international students in Term 1 has undoubtedly been our school excursion to a bucket list destination in Queensland's Great Barrier Reef, Lady Elliot Island.

Students travelled via sea plane and spent their days snorkelling in the reef that surrounds the island. They were very lucky to see amazing sea life, including turtles, lots of colourful reef fish, and little turtle hatchlings!

BOND UNIVERSITY WELCOME

All new international students are invited to the official welcome to the Gold Coast by one of the Gold Coast's major universities, Bond University.

Here, international students catch a glimpse at what life could look like as a university student studying here on the Gold Coast.



HARMONY WEEK

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate cultural diversity with the theme 'Everybody Belongs'.

Our school celebrated multiculturalism by putting on an amazing whole school assembly with cultural performers, guest speakers and sumo wrestling with our Principal and Deputy Principal.

Our international students and local students joined together to be flag bearers of their home countries for a wonderful display of culture and unity on stage.





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FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK!



Every student leaves an a beautiful imprint at our school, our students, staff and with their homestay families.

We are so proud of our international students, and hope that they look back fondly on their incredible experience here at Miami State High School, and the amazing memories and friends they have made on the Gold Coast!

Goodbye and Goodluck to Luke (Germany), Mara (Germany), Clara (Denmark), Sofie (Denmark) and Felipe (Germany).

You will be missed!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Melbourne Excursion
- K’Gari Excursion
- Tangalooma Island
- Indigenous Workshop
- Cross Country Sport
- Interschool Sport Days
- ANZAC Day Assembly
- School Musical; Grease

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**Taste of Harmony
Morning Tea**