

Kaplan International
Brisbane



Welcome to Kaplan International Brisbane. Brisbane is Queensland's dynamic capital and one of Australia's fastest growing cities. The city's delightful mix of modern skyscrapers, historical buildings and parks is set in the dramatic natural surroundings of nearby mountains, rainforests and beaches. Brisbane enjoys a subtropical climate with temperatures ranging between 20-29°C in summer and 9-20°C in winter.

Kaplan International Brisbane is in a modern building and covers floors 1, 2 and 3. The convenient City Cat ferry river transport is only a few minutes' walk away. The college is located in the heart of the city with convenient public transport links and there are an abundance of shops, cafés, cinemas and restaurants close by. Bright, air-conditioned classrooms, free wireless internet access, a student lounge and a library provide an excellent learning environment for English language study and academic preparation.



Kaplan International Brisbane



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College Facilities

Classrooms

The college has air-conditioned classrooms, with TV/DVDs, interactive whiteboards and overhead projectors available for lessons with desks and chairs. There are also CD and cassette players.

Study Centre / Library

The college has a study centre/library which students are able to access while the college is open. All of the computers have designated software for guided structured study plans and some language options are also available.

Student lounge

The Outback Lounge is located on the second floor for students to relax and meet. A fridge is available along with microwaves for students to use.

Sports facilities

The activities coordinator is happy to organise friendly sports events. Some weekly activities include swimming and sporting events such as AFL football and rugby.

Gym facilities

Being in the city centre there are a number of popular gym facilities that students can easily access. These include both indoor and outdoor facilities and often offer special promotions and discounts.

Social programme

Our activities coordinator organises a monthly activity programme for students, which is designed to cater for nearly everyone's interests.

Students can relax in the Brisbane Botanical Gardens, visit the beautiful Forest Park and the famous Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. For the more adventurous, we have a wide variety of water sports, rock climbing at Kangaroo Point and the Story Bridge Adventure Climb. Culture enthusiasts will enjoy the city's thriving live music scene, theatres and museums.

Some of the more popular social delights include student theme parties, cultural and environmental tours and visits to both the Gold and Sunshine coasts.



Classroom



Reception

Your first day

On the first day of your course with Kaplan International Brisbane you should arrive at the college from 8:15am and report to reception located on the first floor.

At 8:30am you will be greeted by our Academic staff who will welcome you with an introduction, written enrolment test and a short interview. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a designated holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be on the Tuesday.

Your course will begin with an all-day introduction/ orientation which will include:

- Registration and creation of student ID cards
- A placement test to determine your English level
- A short tour of the college and surroundings to familiarise yourself with the area and facilities
- Placement and timetables will be given in the afternoon showing your schedule
- Introduction to the Study Centre, library and computer room

You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English. Please ensure you bring with you on the first day the following documentation:

- Passport
- Insurance
- Pen and paper for taking notes
- Visa
- Passport size photo for student card

College Timetable

Day timetable

The day timetable includes up to 28 lessons plus 7 Structured Study sessions per week. Each lesson/ session is 45 minutes.

The earliest lesson starts at **08:30**

All lessons are finished by **15:45**

Breaks are at the following times:

10:00 - 10:15 - Morning break

11:45 - 12:30 - Lunch

14:00 - 14:15 - Afternoon break

Lessons are held Monday – Friday and your exact timetable will depend on chosen course/level. Please note that you could be allocated your core lessons in the morning or afternoon.

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Local Information

Transport - buses, trains and ferry services

The college is located in the city centre and is close to bus stops, the train station and the City Cat river ferry. Ferry services operate from 5:50am-10:30pm every day. There is a free bus service that circles the city centre and provides a convenient way to access some of Brisbane's shopping precincts and attractions such as the City Botanic Gardens, Queen St Mall, Riverside Centre and King George Square.

Banks and Post Office

We have an excellent relationship with a number of banks in the area and they are more than happy to assist students with opening local accounts and providing advice on financial matters. The central Post Office is located within five minutes' walk from the college and drop boxes are also conveniently located. Banks are usually open Monday - Friday, 9:30am -4/5pm depending on location and only a few banks are open on Saturday mornings.

Restaurants and cafés

Brisbane has an abundance of ethnic restaurants to select from along with special menus including popular Australian delicacies.

Department stores and supermarkets

We are located in the heart of the shopping centre area with the famous Queen Street shopping mall only 200 metres from the college. You will find both international and local fashion boutiques, major department store chains and a variety of both ethnic and traditional supermarkets close by.

Internet

We have computers in the college that students can access during the week and also wireless internet access for those who want to bring their own laptops to college.

Places of worship

There are places of worship for all religions in the Brisbane area and these can be accessed by either walking or public transport. If you need any assistance, please ask the friendly Kaplan reception staff.

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in AUD

Food and drink

Sandwiches	\$2.50 - \$5.50
Pizza/Pasta	\$5.00 - \$10.00
Tea/Coffee	\$4.00
Pub Meal	\$12.00 - \$18.00

Tickets

Bus - one-way	\$2.50 - \$6.00
Ferry ticket	\$2.50 - \$6.00



Students in the park



Story Bridge



Student Kayaking



Study centre / library

Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: www.kaplaninternational.com

Week one

Monday	Welcome and orientation
Tuesday	Ten Pin Bowling
Wednesday	Swimming at Southbank
Thursday	Rock climbing at Kangaroo Point
Friday	Story Bridge Sunset Tour
Saturday	Gold Coast theme parks excursion

Week two

Monday	Museum visit
Tuesday	Karaoke night
Wednesday	Beach volleyball
Thursday	Movie Night
Friday	Groove Dance Party
Saturday	Stradbroke Island Trip

Transfer Information

Kaplan transfers

We request that students book their flights according to the starting date of their specific programme. Students must arrive on the Saturday or Sunday prior to their course start date. Students must provide their agent or Kaplan International Brisbane with exact flight details - airline, flight number, arrival date and time, place of origin. Students must provide Kaplan International Brisbane with their flight details no later than two weeks before their arrival.

Our Airport transfer agents meet students at the airport and transport them directly to their host family, residence or prearranged accommodation. Students are advised to look for their name displayed on a sign held by our Kaplan International Brisbane representative as they exit the gate.

Meeting points

International Airport – Arrival hall

Once you go through customs, you will proceed through big glass sliding doors then into the Arrival Hall, please turn left once you have gone through these doors. Our representative will be holding a sign board with Kaplan International Brisbane logo and the student name on it.

Domestic Airport – Baggage claim point

Our driver will be waiting at the bottom of the escalators before you continue on to the baggage carousel to collect your luggage and he/she will be holding a signboard with the Kaplan International Brisbane logo and the student name on it.

If the student has any problems finding the representative at the airport within 15 minutes after leaving the immigration hall, please first contact the Kaplan International Brisbane transportation representative by telephone on: +61 7 3264 1011 and tell the person answering where they are waiting.

Other numbers that you can use include:

Kaplan International Brisbane
8am-5pm, Monday-Thursday
8am-4:30pm, Friday

Phone: +61 7 3220 1011

Emergency After hours (24 hours)

This will connect the student with our college representative who will assist them.

Phone: 0408 322 079

Offshore: +61 408322079



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Independent transfers

Taxi

There is a taxi rank outside the international flights terminal building. A taxi journey will cost approximately AUD 35 - AUD 70 depending on location of your accommodation.

Air train

There are Airtrain stations at the Domestic and International Airports located directly outside the terminals. Trains depart every 15 minutes to the city during peak times and takes only 20 minutes to reach Brisbane city centre. The journey costs AUD 16 one way approximately.