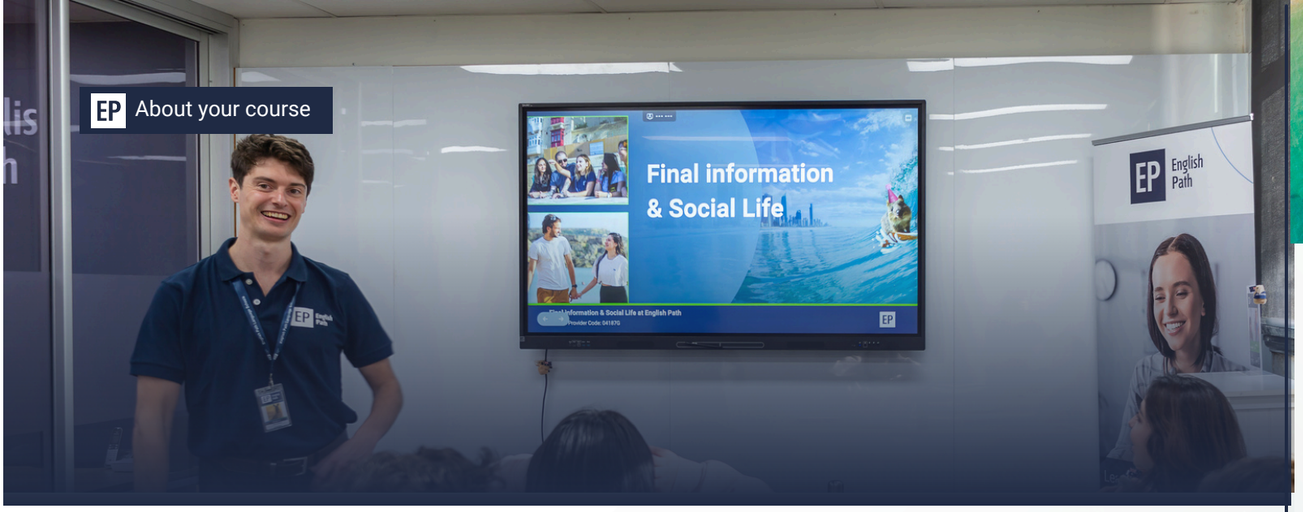



# First day in Brisbane at English Path

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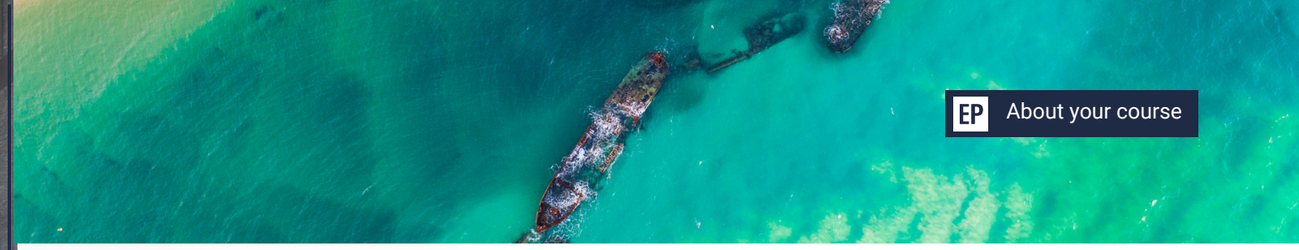
- Orientation starts at 08:45 am.
- This includes a placement test, an induction presentation about the school and academic programmes and the distribution of class timetables.
- A tour of the local area.
- A free welcome morning tea. Classes begin after first break on your first day.
- On their first day, students are expected to bring their passport and proof of medical or travel insurance if they have a student visa.
- You will receive a welcome bag with complimentary goodies and a SIM card if you need one.

## Your weekly class timetable

| Course | Hours per week | What | Lesson Times |
|---|---|---|---|
| Classic Morning | 15 | **General English** | 09:00 - 12:15 |
| Semi-intensive Morning<br>CRICOS Code 113974F | 20 | **General English + IELTS Preparation Course** | 09:00 - 13:30<br>(Mon - Fri) |
| Semi-intensive Morning<br>CRICOS code: 118983J | 20 | **General English + Skill** | 09:00 - 13:30<br>(Mon - Fri) |
| IELTS Exam Preparation<br>CRICOS Code: 119933M | 20 | **IELTS Preparation Course** | 09:00 - 13:30 |
| English for Academic Purposes | 20 | **EAP + IELTS 6.0** | 09:00 - 13:30 |
| One-to-one | **Custom topic & lesson times, based on student interest. Subject to availability** | | |

**Please let us know if you have any specific requirements, and we'll do our best to accommodate them.**






## Extracurricular activities

- Career Workshop
- Conversation clubs
- Sports Club
- Weekend Activities

## Important Information

Classes operate on a rolling-enrolment basis, so you may join a class that has already started. It's normal to need 1–2 weeks to settle in and become familiar with the class and previously covered language.
Our courses also follow a book cycle, with new coursebooks introduced at set points throughout the year. During the transition period between books, students may use photocopied materials until the new coursebook begins.

## Skills classes

English Path offers three skills courses that let you develop your language for social, academic, and career contexts. They are an optional extra hour added to your General English lessons, included in Semi-Intensive, and are one of the best ways to get more from your time with EP.
At A1-B1, everyone taking the extra Skills hour joins Communication Workshop, practical speaking, everyday vocabulary, and the confidence to manage daily life.
At B1+ to C1, you choose your direction: Academic Skills covers English for Academic Purposes, critical thinking and exam preparation, including IELTS, for students heading to university. Career Skills covers business English, professional communication and employability, for students building their career.
Both paths run at every EP campus, year-round.

**Your skill options are based on your language level:**

| A1 - B1 | B1+ – C1 | |
|---|---|---|
| **Communication Workshop**<br>Practical speaking, vocabulary and confidence for daily life. | **Academic Skills**<br>Everything you need to prepare for university or academic English tests. | **Career Skills**<br>Boost your employability and business English skills. |

## Teaching methodology

At English Path we build every course around five things:

- Real-world outcomes and future-ready skills: English for real life, not just the textbook.
- Adaptive teaching: teachers respond to what you and your class need.
- Iterative learning: you produce, get feedback, and refine, every week.
- Purposeful use of technology: digital coursebooks and presentation materials support your learning.
- Study clinics: free one-to-one support, help booking Cambridge and IELTS exams, and regular masterclasses.

All EP teachers are trained in this approach from day one, for a consistent experience across every EP location.

## Assessment methodology

Weekly test

**@englishpathschools**

## School material

**Books:** English File 4th Edition, 3rd Edition, Empower 2nd Edition, Speak Out and Language Hub.

**Additional material used:** Audio, digital presentation material, authentic materials.

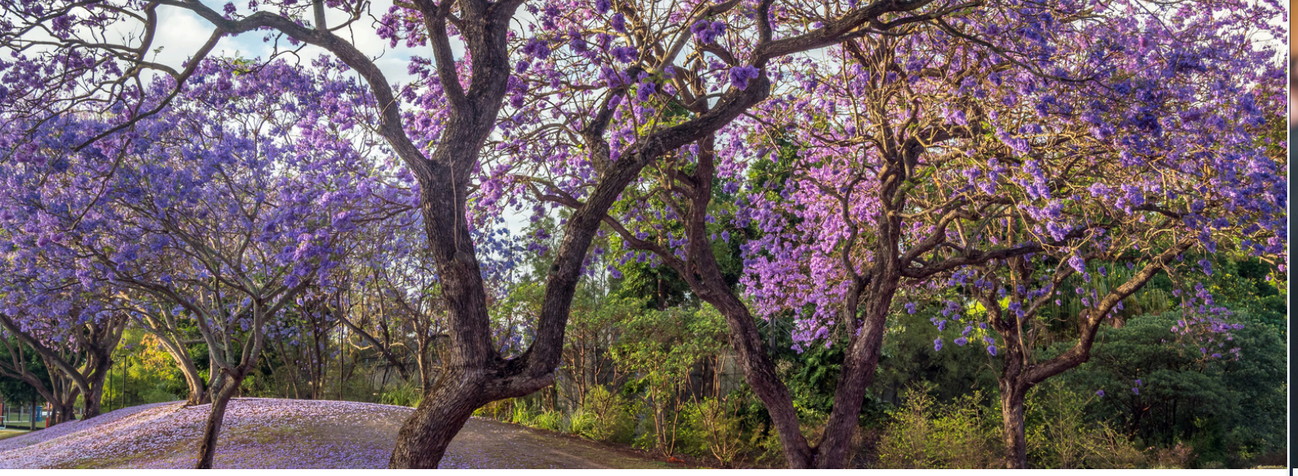
All materials are provided to the students and covered in their Material Fee

## Students

**Maximum number of students per class:** 18
**Average number of students per class: 12**

**Nationality mix*:** Brazil, Colombia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Chian, Turkey, Thailand, Indonesia, Spain, Italy

**End-of-course certificate:**
you will receive a course certificate at the end of your course.



# Recommendations

## Checklist & other useful information

Here are a few important items that you should bring with you:

- Passport
- Acceptance letter
- Accommodation letter
- Proof of health/medical/travel insurance
- A bit of cash and credit/debit cards/Apple or Google Pay
- Weather-appropriate clothing (depending on the season you come to Brisbane)
- Adaptor for electrical appliances (230V three pin)
- Prescription medication and medical records
- Emergency information

## Before you leave your country

Here are some important things you need to know to make your arrival as smooth as possible. Use our checklist to ensure you don't forget anything and are prepared for the exciting times ahead.

## Pocket money

Recommend weekly budget: $250 (excluding accommodation). This should cover expenses, laundry, local travel and activities. You will need additional money if you want to take weekend trips. Bring $100 with you in cash and a debit or credit card. You will need to check with your financial institution to make sure you will be able to withdraw money from an Australian ATM. Do not bring too much foreign currency although their is a Currency Exchange in the EP Campus. It is not wise however to carry around large amounts of cash.

## Clothing

Most students dress casually for classes, but you should bring nice clothes for going out and sportswear for sports and outdoor activities. The climate is changeable and maybe different from your own. The typical temperature is 22-32°C in the summer and 10–22°C in the winter. Brisbane experiences Tropical Spring and Summer rain and occasional colder Winter rain.

## Electrical current

Standard voltage in Australia is 230 volts; remember to bring an adaptor with you or buy one when you arrive.





# When you arrive in Brisbane

Arriving at the airport in a foreign country can be overwhelming. To better prepare yourself, make sure that you have read the information below about your arrival and how to get to your accommodation. If you get lost or confused upon arrival, don't be afraid to ask the airport staff for help as they will be happy to give assistance.

## The college transfers

Students should arrive at Brisbane International Airport. Occasionally Students may arrive at Coolangatta Airport (Gold Coast) which is around 1 hour 30 mins from Brisbane – additional and larger Airport Transfer costs would apply. We request that you book your flights according to the starting date of your specific programme. You must arrive on the Saturday or Sunday prior to your course start date. If you have booked a transfer service, a driver will meet you outside the customs area and drive you to your homestay or residence. Please ensure you arrange and pay the transfer fee in advance.

## Transfer service emergency contact details

If you have any flight changes, miss a connecting flight or need help meeting the transfer service, you should call one of the following emergency numbers. Please be prepared to tell them your name, school name (English Path) and location. Students should only accept a transfer from a greeter with the official English Path signage.

## Transfer service emergency number

+61 480 682 916

## Independent transfers

**Uber cost:** $40-60, journey time: 20-40 minutes depending on location.

**Taxi service cost:** $45–70, journey time: 20-40 minutes depending on location.

**Public transport:** Brisbane has an excellent public transport network, including buses, trains, and ferries, making it easy to travel around the city and nearby areas using a go card or Smart Ticketing system.  All public transport is just 0.50c

## Living costs

(Sample prices for items in this city)

- Room in shared flat (normal area): $308 / week
- Studio apartment (central): $481 / week
- Public transport (monthly pass): $163
- Local bus ticket: .50c
- Local subway ticket: .50c
- 8km taxi ride: $35
- Monthly utilities (for 1 person): $158
- Mobile plan (with data): $45
- Monthly gym membership: $100
- 1L Milk: $3.50
- 1kg Rice: $3.58
- Can of coke: $3
- Coffee: $5-7
- Dozen eggs: $8.00
- Bread (500g): $4.00
- Apples (1kg): $4.75
- Sandwich: $10
- Basic lunch w/ drink (CBD): $10-20
- Dinner for 2 (mid-range): $100
- Takeaway pizza: $15
- Cinema ticket: $15 - 25
- Scooter/bike hire (per use est.): ~$10

## Local Customs

- Women in Australia are equal to men and should always be treated fairly.
- Australian people talk to strangers in public. This is a great way to practice English, but caution should be taken. You should not give out your address and telephone number, or accept inappropriate invitations.
- "Please" and "thank you" are very important words! Always use them if you ask someone to do something for you, or if they help you or give you information.
- Australia is a culturally diverse nation where people of all ethnic backgrounds are treated equally.
- Tipping in restaurants or for other services is rarely required in Australia but can be offered in high end restaurants or for outstanding service anywhere. If you choose to tip it should be no more than $5. Fast food is not tipped but you could offer a tip for exceptional service if food is delivered promptly or perhaps in bad weather

## Health and safety

**Medical insurance:** All students must have travel or medical insurance/OSHC (Student Visa Holders) for the duration of their stay in Australia. They can either book medical insurance offered by the college or they can choose their own.

**If you get sick:** If you get sick while in Australia you should visit a doctor. You can ask the Student Services team or your host family and ask where the nearest doctor is. If you have a minor illness you can ask staff at a local pharmacist for advice. Remember to bring any relevant insurance or medical documentation with you.

**Protecting your belongings:** We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance for your personal belongings, especially cameras, music players, mobile phones and laptops. Personal items cannot be covered by the college homestay or residence insurance.

**Prescription medication:** Remember to bring enough of your prescribed medication with you as Australian pharmacists will not dispense a foreign prescription. International customs agents may ask you questions about your medication upon your departure or arrival, so be sure to pack it carefully. Bring any important medical records (blood type, prescriptions, x-rays) that might be useful for medical care abroad as well as contact information for your health care providers at home.

**Staying safe at school:** If you or another student has an accident or needs urgent medical attention, please come to reception where the First Aider is located

**Fire safety:** If you discover a fire, press the fire alarm button on the nearest alarm. Leave the building immediately via the fire exit. Make sure you tell a member of EP staff exactly what happened so they can call 000. If you hear the fire alarm, leave the building immediately. Do not run, use the lift or stop to collect your belongings. EP staff will guide you to the fire exit. Go to the assembly point. Follow any instructions given by a member of EP staff and do not go back into the building until you are told to do so by EP staff.

**Personal safety and looking after valuables:** Brisbane is generally a safe place but, as with a lot of big cities, you should always be alert. Some tips are: Be alert when you are walking alone at night. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Do not leave your belongings unattended. In Australia, you do not need to always carry your identification card or passport with you, you can keep it at home and carry a picture of your ID on your phone or a photocopy in your bag

## Emergency services

Call 000 in case of fire, a medical emergency or if you need the police.



## Medical costs

Medical costs are at the discretion of your local doctor or hospital. Minimum medical costs are as follows:
• Consultation with a doctor: $75-100
• Prescriptions at a chemist: $5-30 per item
• Dental treatment: $150
• Eye test or new glasses: $100

Please note that students who have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) may be eligible for 'no gap' service covering their visit. Students are welcome to come and speak to reception for a list of recommended Doctors

## Laws

• No one under the age of 18 in Queensland may buy or consume tobacco or alcohol, including beer and wine. It is against the law to buy tobacco or alcohol for someone you know who is under the age of 18.
• Driving under the influence of alcohol is a very serious crime and police make regular random checks.
• You will need international ID to enter bars, clubs or pubs (e.g. Passport, ID card, driver's license).
• Buying, selling and using drugs is illegal.
• For Fees, Refunds, and Cancellation Policies - Please see the college Price Guide Students should make themselves familiar with Australian Law and Queensland Law. You are subject to both. www.australia.gov.au/information-and services/public-safety-and-law and www.legislation. qld.gov.au

## First aid

• If you sustain a personal injury while at the college, you must report it immediately to your teacher or a staff member.
• A first aid kit for minor injuries is available at reception.
• All staff are informed about first aid procedures during their induction.
• A Critical Incident Report must be completed by the person who witnessed the incident, and the details will be recorded accordingly.

## What is OSHC?

OSHC (Overseas Student Health Cover) is mandatory health insurance for international students on a Student Visa in Australia. It helps cover the cost of:
• Doctor visits
• Hospital stays
• Emergency ambulance
• Some prescription medicines

**How to use OSHC?**
1. Find a Doctor (GP) – Use your OSHC provider's website to locate bulk-billing doctors near you.
2. Show Your OSHC Card – Always carry your OSHC card or digital version.
3. Claim Refunds – If you pay upfront, submit a claim on-line to get reimbursed.

**Where to get help?**
• Check your OSHC provider's website for nearby doctors and hospitals.
• Call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) for free medical advice.

Your OSHC must cover your entire student visa duration – check your policy expiry date!

**Need help?** Contact your OSHC provider:
Allianz OSHC – 13 67 42
www.allianzcare.com.au Bupa OSHC – 134 135
www.bupa.com.au Medibank OSHC – 134 148
www.medibank.com.au Nib OSHC – 1800 775 204 www.nib.com.au AHM OSHC – 134 246
www.ahmoshc.com.a

## Course Progress Requirements

At English Path, we are committed to supporting your academic success.

**This means you should:**
• Attend and actively participate in all classes
• Complete all assessments and classwork to the best of your ability
• Demonstrate sufficient improvement across core English skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking)

We regularly monitor your progress, and if you're identified as not meeting academic expectations, you will be placed on an Academic Intervention Strategy. This may include one-on-one support, extra resources, or an individual learning plan.

Student Visa holders must achieve at least 80% attendance and 50% or higher in your assessments over the course duration If your progress does not improve after intervention, you may receive a Notice of Intention to Report for Unsatisfactory Course Progress, which could result in your enrolment being reported to the Australian Government and potentially impacting your student visa.

If you're struggling due to personal, medical, or other compassionate circumstances, please speak to your teacher or the Director of Studies. We're here to help.

## Attendance requirements

Regular attendance is essential for academic success and is a requirement for students studying at the college. Maintaining good attendance ensures that you make steady progress in your course and stay compliant with visa conditions if you are an international student.

**Minimum attendance requirement**
Students must attend at least 80% of their scheduled classes in each study period.

Attendance is monitored regularly, and students who fall below the required percentage will be identified as at risk.

If you are on a Student Visa, failing to meet the 80% attendance requirement may result in being reported to the Australian Government, which could affect your visa status.

**Absences & medical leave**
If you are unable to attend class due to illness or other compassionate reasons, you should provide a valid medical certificate or supporting documentation

Students who miss classes without an approved reason or for 5 consecutive days will receive a formal warning.

If your attendance continues to decline, you will be required to meet with the Director of Studies to discuss your progress and any necessary intervention strategies.

**What happens if your attendance is too low?**

First Warning – If your attendance falls below 90%, you will receive an attendance warning.

Second Warning & Intervention – If your attendance drops below 85%, you will be required to attend a support meeting with the Academic Team to discuss your situation and any support available.

Final Warning & Possible Reporting to the Australian Government – If your attendance falls below 80%, you may be reported to the Australian Government, which could impact your student visa status

## Student code of conduct

Be on time for all your lessons.

Always tell the college if you are going to be absent from school for any reason and tell your host family if you are going away overnight.
Be respectful, polite and open to different cultures.
- Expectations for student behaviour and discipline
- Consequences of misconduct, including academic dishonesty (plagiarism), harassment, or disruptive behaviour
- Anti bullying and discrimination policies.

To view the Student code of conduct, please scan the code below.





# Finding work in Brisbane

## Persistence is key when looking for a job! Try these job search websites:

Here are a few important items that you should bring with you:
• www.seek.com.au
• www.gumtree.com.au
• www.sunbrisbane.com.au
• www.au.indeed.com

## Seasonal work opportunities

There are also seasonal job opportunities in Australia, such as fruit picking after your studies. Check http://jobsearch.gov.au/harvesttrail/ for more details. If you need further visa or work guidance, our staff at the college are happy to assist

## Our teachers can help you write a professional CV and provide job interview tips during workshops.

Work readiness checklist:
• Apply for a Tax File Number (TFN) – www.ato.gov.au (Takes ~2 weeks to process)
• Open an Australian bank account
• Ensure you have a valid visa
• Consider additional qualifications (e.g., Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) for bar work or a Barista course for café jobs)