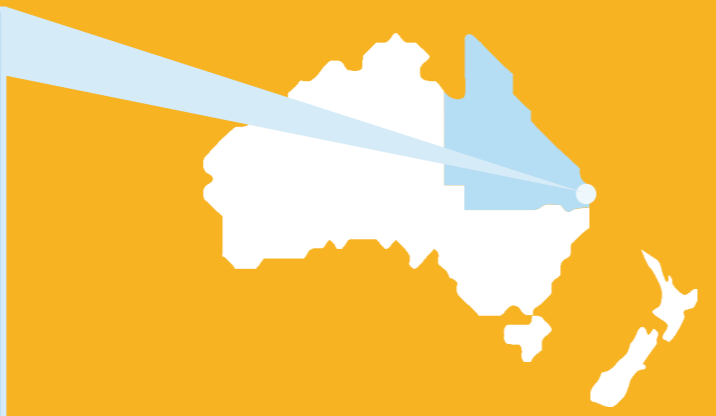




GEOS Gold Coast

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Gold Coast, Queensland



Location

The Gold Coast is a friendly, fun and safe city, famous for its sun, surf and sand. Gold Coast City stretches along 50 km of amazing coastline. A vast stretch of hinterland with breathtaking scenery such as rainforests and waterfalls are all within a short drive from the Surfers Paradise city centre.

Attractions

The Gold Coast is widely known as the tourist capital of Australia. Students can enjoy unique and fun activities while studying at GEOS Gold Coast. There are also many wildlife parks and zoos in the Gold Coast area such as Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. This is a great opportunity for students to see native Australian animals such as koalas and kangaroos. Students can also visit the 'Green behind the Gold Coast' - the beautiful rainforests and waterfalls only 40 minutes from the heart of Surfers Paradise! Day trips to the beautiful Byron Bay and the world's largest sand island, Fraser Island are also held regularly. Other weekend activities also include surf lessons with a world champion surfer on the world-renowned Surfers Paradise beach, kart racing, whale watching cruises, hot air ballooning and day trips to Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland!

Population

The Gold Coast's population is estimated at just over 500,000 people and is still growing at a rapid rate! Gold Coast City has reigned supreme as the fastest growing city in Australia for more than 10 years. Our world famous surf beaches, spectacular hinterland, buzzing economic activity, coupled with our existing education centres and strongly emerging IT industry make the Gold Coast an ideal place for study.

Climate

The Gold Coast has a comfortable, subtropical climate with an average of 300 days of sunshine per year. Our average temperatures are: Spring (Sep-Nov) 15°C-25°C; Summer (Dec-Feb) 20°C-35°C; Autumn (Mar-May) 15°C-25°C; Winter (Jun-Aug) 11°C-21°C. Please remember to bring your swimsuit! We say the Gold Coast is "Beautiful One Day, Perfect the Next!"

Lifestyle

Gold Coast locals enjoy the relaxed beach culture and lifestyle! Australians are friendly and easy-going and embrace the multi-cultural country in which they live. Gold Coasters love welcoming tourists and international visitors to their bustling city and are proud of all the city has to offer. The locals are passionate about sports and enjoy a variety of outdoor activities during their leisure time.



“ Studying abroad helps me to learn about myself, enables me to make new friends, expands my world view, and allows me to view Australian values first hand. Studying at GEOS gives me the opportunity to meet not only natives, but also other international students. ”

Catalin Constantin, Romania

Quick Facts

- 1 The Gold Coast is Australia's sixth largest city
- 2 It is only 1 hour drive from Brisbane and 1 hour flight from Sydney
- 3 Is home to the largest professional life guard service in Australia
- 4 Spans 50km of beautiful white sandy, beaches.
- 5 Has more universities per capita than any other city in Australia
- 6 Is home to four world-famous theme parks (Dreamworld, Seaworld, Movieworld, Wet 'n' Wild)
- 7 Enjoys an average of 300 days of sunshine per year!

About the College



GEOS Gold Coast is located in the centre of Surfers Paradise, surrounded by fantastic shops, bustling nightlife and of course the famous Surfers Paradise beach!

Campus Facilities

- 24 flat screen computers
- Free internet for students
- Free wireless internet and set-up service
- Shady outdoor student courtyard with BBQ
- Indoor student area and kitchen
- Balconies overlooking Surfers Paradise
- A range of magazines and daily local newspapers
- Job Corner and Job Workshop to help students find employment

Student Services

GEOS Gold Coast staff are dedicated to helping students succeed in their English studies and enjoy their time here on the beautiful Gold Coast! Our staff understand that learning English is a vital part of every international student's education and career. All GEOS Gold Coast staff are available to help students at any time during their studies at the college. The Student Services and Reception team are knowledgeable and happy to help students with any questions or issues that may arise during their time at GEOS Gold Coast. The staff can help students with a wide range of issues such as visa and enrolment questions, financial concerns such as opening a bank account, applying for a Tax File Number and working in Australia, along with local customs and laws. Staff can also counsel students who are experiencing personal problems or difficulties adjusting to life in Australia, in the strictest confidence.

Activities & Tours

The Student Services Team understands that students also want to relax and experience all the great activities that the Gold Coast has to offer. Our dedicated Activities Officer is committed to arranging these activities for students on the weekends. The Gold Coast is home to four of the most famous theme parks in Australia; Seaworld, Dreamworld, Movieworld and Wet 'n' Wild. GEOS Gold Coast students are lucky enough to visit these regularly! The Gold Coast is also famous for spectacular rainforests and waterfalls only 40 minutes away from the centre of Surfers Paradise. Other weekend activities include surfing lessons, hot-air ballooning tours, nature walks, whale watching, jet boating and overnight camping trips to the nearby Fraser and Stradbroke Islands.

Accommodation

There are several accommodation options for students whilst studying at GEOS Gold Coast.

Homestay

The popular homestay program is an excellent experience for students as it provides the perfect environment to practise English as well as to learn our Aussie culture and way of life! Students are placed according to their requirements, lifestyle and interests. Our dedicated Student Services Team conduct regular quality checks to ensure high standards for GEOS Gold Coast students.

Apartment

This option offers students holiday-style accommodation in fully self-contained apartments with resort-style facilities such as tennis court, BBQ and swimming pool. Rooms contain private laundry, bathroom and kitchen. GEOS Gold Coast staff can provide a personalised quote upon request.

Share Accommodation

There is an excellent network of information amongst the student body. There is a school notice board where people advertise for share-mates. An option would be to spend the first few weeks in homestay accommodation then move into share accommodation. These few weeks in homestay provide students with the perfect opportunity to adjust to Australia and allow time to meet share-mates.

Quick Facts

1

GEOS Gold Coast has a fantastic nationality mix with students from over 30 countries and multi-lingual staff

2

The best location in Surfers Paradise and just a 5 minute walk to the famous beach

3

Free extra-curricular activities such as 'Conversation Club' and 'Job Workshop'

4

Flexible class times with three different timetable groups

5

Longest-established language school on the Gold Coast with over ten years of teaching experience



“ This experience has been great because I have met wonderful people from all over the world. Australia definitely is a friendly country and here in GEOS Gold Coast everybody can find good friends and good staff. I hope to learn English perfectly and have excellent English Skills to travel around the world and be an important business woman. ”

Maria, Colombia

“ The teachers are absolutely nice and helpful and I definitely recommend the courses to all students that want to enjoy and improve their English in a few weeks. ”

Mickol, Italy



Credible Education System

Teaching Staff

The teaching team is highly qualified and experienced and is always willing to help students achieve success in their studies. Extra homework, worksheets and advice can be easily arranged for the hard-working GEOS student! Most GEOS Gold Coast teaching staff have experience teaching English in a variety of other countries and understand the concerns of international students. Teacher training is conducted as part of an ongoing staff-development program to ensure the latest and highest-quality teaching practises are maintained.

GEOS Global Network

Global Educational Opportunities and Services – GEOS Corporation was founded in Japan in 1973 with the goal of furthering international communication through English language education. GEOS has over 550 colleges throughout Australia and New Zealand, Europe, North America, South Africa, South East Asia and North Asia.

GEOS International Colleges Oceania

GEOS Oceania is made up of 10 schools in Australia and New Zealand. As well as the Gold Coast, GEOS Oceania has colleges in Brisbane, Adelaide, Auckland, Cairns, Christchurch, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney and Wellington.

Superlink

The GEOS Oceania Superlink program has become very popular as it allows students to study at any two Oceania colleges and the airfare between the colleges is free. Students can effectively study in two cities for the price of one!

*Conditions Apply



Courses to Suit You

GEOS Gold Coast offer a wide variety of courses that cater to the needs of almost every student! We have courses for students from Elementary to Advanced level. GEOS Gold Coast provides the opportunity for students to develop English language skills through communicating with each other and their teacher in real-life situations.

General English Course

GEOS Gold Coast General English (GE) courses are taught over six levels:

1. Beginner 2. Elementary 3. Pre-Intermediate 4. Intermediate 5. Upper-Intermediate 6. Advanced. General English courses are conducted in 10-week modules however students can begin this course on any Monday. Class sizes do vary, however there is an average of 16 in one class. An English level test and orientation is given prior to course commencement. There are progress tests every 5 weeks. This course covers all four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing.

IELTS Examination Preparation Course

The GEOS Gold Coast IELTS Exam Preparation Course is designed to prepare students for the IELTS Examination. The course covers both the Academic and the General format of the IELTS Examination. The IELTS Certificate provides non-native English speakers with an international standard of English in order to further their studies in Australian universities and TAFE's. Full simulation exams are conducted every 5 weeks to give students a thorough understanding of what to expect in the exam. Our highly experienced teachers will provide them with every opportunity to achieve their ideal IELTS score! Students can begin this course on any Monday.

Cambridge Courses

These GEOS Gold Coast Cambridge courses prepare students for the Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) Examination and/or Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE) Examination. The Cambridge Courses test all of the 4 skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking as well as a language component, which is based on real, everyday language. These examinations have a high level of international recognition for both further education and employment purposes.

PACE (Preparation for Academic and Cambridge Examinations)

PACE is designed for students at a Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate or Upper-Intermediate level. Students travelling or wishing to work in Australia also choose to study this course as they can improve all parts of their English fast! Mid-term entry is available.

Young Learners Program (Joey Kangaroo Club)

This is an excellent program designed for students aged 8-15 years of age. The program involves English lessons in the morning and fun activities in the afternoon. It is a great way for students to learn English, learn about Australian culture and make friends from all around the world!

Study Tour Programs

The Gold Coast is the perfect location to host a study tour! There are an endless number of exciting activities such as excursions to the theme parks, wildlife parks, beach games, shopping and nature walks! These fun activities allow the students to experience all the Gold Coast has to offer! These programs are designed to cater to the requirements of each individual group.

“I hope you enjoy your time in GEOS with your new friends as much as me. See you!”
Sylvain, Switzerland



Sample Weekly Timetable

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	MONDAY - THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am - 9:00 am	9:00 am - 10:00 am	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Independent Learning Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual tutorials with a senior teacher OR group lesson Grammar worksheets and listening activities available for self study 	
9:00 am - 11:00 am	10:00 am - 12:00 am	11:05 am - 1:05 pm	Core Class: Focussing on Oral Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textbook units are supplemented with interesting realistic materials Vocabulary development Grammar practice for real - life context 	Interactive Communication Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading, writing and grammar activities Surveys and questionnaires Role plays/skills Group discussions
11:00 am - 12:10 am	12:00 am - 1:10 pm	1:05 pm - 2:10 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
12:10 am - 2:10 pm	1:10 pm - 3:10 pm	2:10 pm - 4:10 pm	SKILLS CLASS: Monday – Thursday (All Levels) Concentrates on the 4 skills: Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking Interesting current topics on a daily basis Including: songs, news, discussions, drama, role playing, debating & survival English... Many afternoon classes focus on Speaking & Listening skills that can be used immediately.	Friday Options Class lesson OR English with outdoor activities Eg: beach sports, billiards, movies, lawn bowls, tenpin bowling, cooking, BBQs and picnics 5 week program

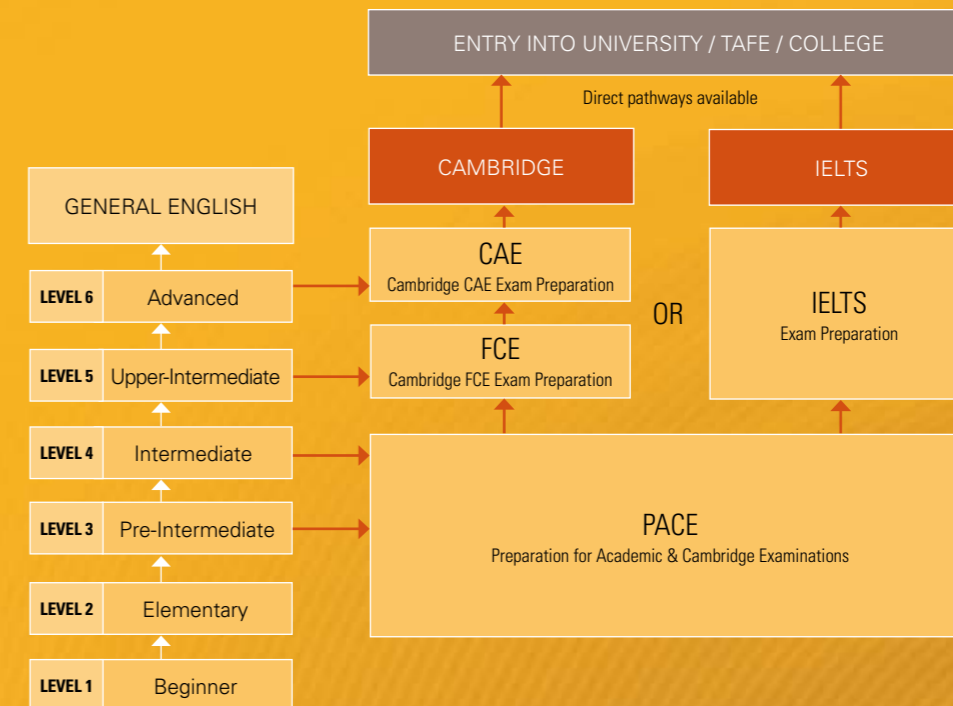
* At GEOS Gold Coast we have a staggered timetable system which starts at 8am, 9am and 10am, based on the student's proficiency level



Programmes listing

Pathways

COURSE	FEATURES	STRUCTURE
General English	20 hours per week of lessons with the teacher. Tests are conducted every 5 weeks followed by teacher counselling & feedback in regard to results. 5 hours of Independent Learning Time (ILT) every week. Levels: Beginner to Advanced.	Total: 25 hours per week Notes: Start on any Monday except public holidays.
IELTS Exam Preparation.	20 hours per week of lessons with the teacher. 5 hours of Independent Learning Time (ILT) every week. Levels: Advanced.	Total: 25 hours per week. Notes: Start on any Monday except public holidays.
Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses	First Certificate in English and Cambridge Advanced Certificate in English. 25 hours per week of lessons with the teacher. Levels: Upper-Intermediate to Advanced	Total: 25 hours per week. Maximum 12 students per class. 10/12 week courses (see course calendar for start dates)
PACE (Preparation for Academic and Cambridge Examinations)	20 hours per week of lessons with the teacher. Tests are conducted every week followed by teacher counselling & feedback in regard to results. 5 hours of Independent Learning Time (ILT) every week. Levels: Pre-Intermediate to Upper-Intermediate	Total: 25 hours per week. Notes: 10/12 week courses. Mid-term entry available (see course calendar for start dates)
Young Learners' Program	20 hours per week of lessons and activities with the teacher. Supervised lunch breaks.	20 hours per week Notes: 6 week course. Starts Monday 13 July 2009.
Study Tours	Enquiries to gold@geosgoldcoast.com	Tailored to suit group requirements



“ I had a wonderful time in GEOS. I learnt a lot of things, especially, grammar and phrasal verbs. I think that my English could improve. I'd like to say thanks to GEOS teachers, they are always very kind and helpful to us. I hope to come back to GEOS to study more. ”

Yoshiko, Japan