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Djarragun College is situated on the Bruce Highway just north of Gordonvale. The College caters for Indigenous students from Grade 1 to Grade 12 and post school VET students. Currently our students come from the Torres Strait Islands, Cape York communities, Cairns and Yarrabah. The College is committed to achieving excellence in education with a strong focus on Values Education. The Pastoral Care programme provides intensive support for all students' emotional, social and spiritual needs.

Strict yet fair discipline in a loving and supportive environment provides boundaries for all students to work within. This is supported by all staff including our Guidance Officer and School Counsellor. Alternative programmes to support students at risk are implemented and integrated into the school curriculum. Currently the school hosts the Boys From the Bush Programme which is a social enterprise programme for boys who are at risk and need extra support and guidance for behavioural issues.

The College places great emphasis on competency in literacy and numeracy as well as in developing skills that will support students becoming active and contributing citizens of the global community. We offer programmes that will support the development of each student spiritually, emotionally, socially and academically.

Djarragun students love sports and we have teams that compete in Rugby, Touch, Basketball and swimming. The school coaches students in Athletics and teams are successful at interschool events. There is a strong emphasis on health at the College and a combination of healthy food and plenty of exercise form strong foundations of health in students.

Preparatory Year

Students are engaged in programmes that support the transition to school life. The focus is on the development of literacy, numeracy and social skills and sound values.

Years 1 – 6 Primary School

At this level the foundations of excellence in education, behaviour and Christian values are emphasised through a needs based curriculum. There is a great emphasis on consolidating skills in literacy and numeracy.

Years 7 – 9 Middle School

During these years we guide students towards independent learning in preparation for Senior Secondary. Through extension programmes that follow on from Primary, students are taught skills that will enable them become independent learners in a caring and nurturing, yet disciplined environment. Subject options across a wide area of interests, are offered to support students make choices about their future.

Years 10 – 12 Senior Secondary

Students are given broader experiences in various subjects to help them establish where their interests and skills lie. Students are supported in achieving excellent educational outcomes. We have a strong Vocational Education component to our Senior Secondary where students study school based VET courses and are able to take part in part time traineeships. The College delivers Board of Studies courses in years 11 and 12.

Year 13

Post school students are enrolled in various VET certificate courses on a full time basis. All students are enrolled in two certificate courses of their

choice. We call this our 'blended' VET programme.

The certificate courses we offer are:

- Business Admin
- ➤ Music
- Information Technology
- ➤ Engineering
- ➤ Mechanics
- \succ Construction
- ➤ Carpentry
- ➤ Horticulture
- ➤ Hairdressing
- Outdoor Recreation
- Marine and Seafood Industry training

Cultural Activities

Djarragun recognises and respects the cultural diversity of our students. We celebrate this through our Performing and Visual Arts programme as well as through the study of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander courses. The school celebrates special events such as NAIDOC, Mabo Day and Coming of the Light as well as taking part in relevant festivals such as the Laura Dance Festival.

Boarding

The college offers on site boarding facilities in a caring and loving home environment where strict yet fair discipline underpins all activities.

Transport

The College provides buses to transport day students from a number of suburbs in the Cairns area and also from Yarrabah.

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