

## Kaplan Aspect Brisbane

Welcome to Kaplan Aspect 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. Students can relax in the Brisbane Botanic 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.

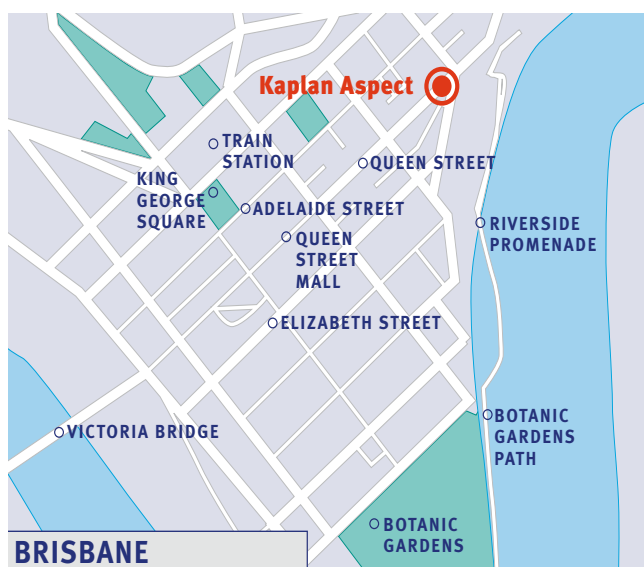
Brisbane has a subtropical climate with temperature ranging between 20 - 29° C in summer and a very pleasant 9 - 20° C in winter. The seasons in Australia are; Spring – 01 September through to 30 November; Summer – 01 December through to 28/29 February; Autumn – 01 March through to 31 May and Winter - 01 June through to 31 August.

Kaplan Aspect 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 school 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 Aspect schools in Australia are accredited by the National ELT Accreditation Scheme.



Kaplan Aspect Brisbane



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Queensland  
CRICOS Provider Code: 02369F

## School Facilities

### Classrooms

The school has fifteen air-conditioned classrooms over three floors with desks, chairs and whiteboards. There are also CD and cassette players, TV/DVDs and overhead projectors available for lessons.

### Study Centre / Library

The school has a study centre/library which students are able to access while the school 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. Tea and coffee is available along with microwaves for students to use. This room is also used for special functions and activity talks.

### Sports facilities

The activities coordinator is happy to organise friendly sports events. There are weekly activities organised which 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. 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



Computer Room

## Your first day

On the first day of your course with Kaplan Aspect Brisbane you should arrive at the school from 8.00am 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 an short interview. Your first day will usually be Monday unless this is a public holiday in which case, Tuesday will be your first day.

During the introduction/orientation day we will cover the following:

- Registration and creation of student ID cards
- Introduction to the school
- A placement test to determine your English level
- A short walking tour of the city centre to familiarise yourself with the surrounding area and facilities
- Placement and timetables will be given in the afternoon showing your schedule.
- Introduction to the Self Access Centre including the library and computer room
- Academic Year and Academic Semester students will be introduced to their AY/AS Coordinator

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 note
- AUD\$70 for your book deposit. The book deposit will be refunded to you on leaving the school, once you have returned any borrowed material in good condition.

## Local Information

### Transport - buses, trains and ferry services

The school is located in the city centre and therefore is close to numerous bus stops, the train station and the City Cat river ferry. The City Cat ferry services operate from 5.50am to 10.30pm every day. There is a free Council bus service that circles the Brisbane CBD 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, QUT 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 school 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. A dessert that is a must to try is the Australian Pavlova!

### Department stores and supermarkets

We are located in the heart of the shopping centre area with the famous Queen Street shopping mall within a 200 meter walk from the school. 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 Café

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

### 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 Aspect reception staff.

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in AUD

#### Food and drink

Sandwiches:	AUD	2.50 - 5.50
Pizza/Pasta:	AUD	5.00 - 10.00
Coffee:	AUD	3.50
Pub Meal:	AUD	12.00 - 18.00

#### Tickets

Bus - one-way	AUD	1.20 - 9.00
Ferry ticket	AUD	1.20 - 9.00



Entrance



Common room



Kaplan Aspect students



Reception

## Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: [www.kaplanaspect.com](http://www.kaplanaspect.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	Trents Night Photo Tour
Friday	Groove Dance Party
Saturday	Stradbroke Island Trip

## The Team

### Kaplan Aspect Brisbane



**Principal: Donnie Rome**  
Donnie is responsible for the management of academic and administrative staff and has had over 20 years' experience in the Education sector. With her extensive experience of living and working overseas and her understanding of international cultures, she is well suited to assist you with any issues or concerns you may have during your study programme with us.



**Administration and Reception: Mariasole Porta**  
Sole enjoys communicating with students and assisting them with their enrolment, visa requirements, extensions and any other issues that they may have. Having had experience of what it is like to be studying in a foreign country herself, she is ideally suited to her role. In addition to this, Sole speaks five languages, so can communicate if necessary in a number of languages.



**Director of Studies: Siobhan Heduan**  
Siobhan has worked in different areas of education over the past 8 years. As Director of Studies in Brisbane, she looks after students and teachers. She is also responsible for ensuring the highest academic standards are maintained. If you have any queries about your course or are interested in any other courses on offer, Siobhan can help you.



**Administration and Japanese Country Advisor: Ai Kitahara**  
Ai prepares students who are graduating and moving on to other tertiary training institutions. It is a pleasure for Ai to help students find suitable jobs and she also keeps an eye on the progress of students studying with us. Her contact with the entertainment sector in Brisbane ensures that we all keep up to date with key events happening in the city.



**Accommodation and Student Services: Ellen Cosmas**  
Ellen is available to assist students with accommodation requests and support. Always willing and able to talk with students, Ellen is happy to explain the activities available and often gives helpful hints on how to make the most of your experience and stay in Brisbane.

## Course Information

### Courses and Services

- Vacation English
- Intensive English
- English for Business
- IELTS preparation
- Cambridge Exam Preparation
- Intensive Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Semester
- Internship
- OPUS Paid Work and Study
- TKT teacher training for Non-English speaker
- CELTA teacher training for native English speakers
- Study Group programs
- EAP English for Academic Purposes

### Sample Timetables

Class times are subject to change and you should only use this timetable as an example of what type of structure to expect.

**Monday – Friday**  
08.30 – 10.00 am Class  
10.00 – 10.15 am Break  
10.15 – 11.45 am Class

**Friday**  
12.30 - 2.00 pm Class

**Monday – Tuesday**  
11.45 – 12.30 pm Lunch  
12.30 – 2.00 pm Class  
2.00 – 2.15 pm Break  
2.15 – 3.45 pm Class

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Aspect 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 Aspect with exact flight details - airline, flight number, arrival date and time, place of origin. This information should be faxed directly to the school. Students must provide Kaplan Aspect 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 actively look for their name displayed on a sign held by our Kaplan Aspect 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 Aspect – College logo and the student name on it.
- Domestic Airport – Baggage reclaim 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 Aspect 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 Aspect transportation representative by telephone on: 3353 0644 and tell the person answering where they are waiting.

Other numbers that you can use include:

School Line, Brisbane

Normal working hours 8am-5.30pm Monday – Friday

Phone: +61 7 3220 1011

Emergency After hours – 24 hours, Brisbane

Phone: 0408 322 079

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



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### Independent Transfers

Students can choose to take a taxi, train or bus from the airport.

#### Taxi

There is a taxi rank outside the international flight terminal building. A taxi journey to the host family will vary in price, but will cost approximately AUD30.00 – AUD65.00.

#### Bus

Shuttle bus services run regularly from the Airport to the Central city. Students can then connect with other bus services, which run from the Central city bus depot to all main suburbs in Brisbane.

#### AirTrain

There is a train station located at the airport that operates to the city centre. Students can then connect to other transportation services from the city centre. The approximate cost of the AirTrain is AUD13.00 one way.