



Smithfield State High School

Aspiration
Belief
Motivation
Success
Our Partners

Trinity Beach
STATE SCHOOL

JAMES COOK
UNIVERSITY
AUSTRALIA

The Tropical North Learning Academy is a strategic partnership between Trinity Beach State School, Smithfield State High School and James Cook University. Trinity Beach and Smithfield form the Tropical North Learning Academy for the Department of Education, Training and Employment, with James Cook University being the tertiary partner.

Mission Statement: *Engaging young minds to meet the challenges of the future, by offering unique, world-class education programs from the early years to university and beyond.*

Through this unique alliance a seamless educational pathway is delivered from the early phase of learning to university and adult life. TNLA partners work together to provide a range of “learning enhancements”, called academies, for students at all stages of learning. Partners also work to ensure smooth transitions occur at the key junctures of schooling.

A key driver that underpins our educational direction is the question:

“Is life getting better in the tropics?”

Signature programs offered:

- Academic Excellence – specialist JCU Learning Academies for high achieving, tertiary aspirants from Year 5 to 12
- Philosophy in Action – explore future life in the tropics using the disciplines of philosophy and critical thinking
- Jazz and Contemporary Music – Jazz Academy for talented and aspiring musicians
- Early Years - onsite Montessori early childhood programs for children up to 3 years
- Soccer and Baseball Academies - for talented sportsmen and sportswomen
- Vocational Training – a diverse suite of accredited Cert III & IV courses

Plans are in place to expand the current programs to include:

- International learning partnerships through the Tropical Alliance of Universities
- Enhancing partnerships with industry and community groups
- World class e-learning capabilities providing access to global learning communities

