Lockhart State School and Community

- Mon - Fri flights to Cairns
- Lockhart Community is isolated by floodwaters usually in term 1 and most of term 2, no road access.
- Fresh fruit and vegetables can be problematic.
Location

We are located here
Living in Lockhart River

- Transport irregularities
- Climate
- 4WD vehicle
- Dogs / Pets
- On-line shopping
- Water Filtration
- Some access to external PD
- Exposure to a rich, ancient culture
Families

• Families want the best for their children
• They are supportive and interested in what their children are doing
• Families need support from the school
• Families are very respectful of teachers and the role they play in the community
Lockhart River

• A community of approximately 500 people
• Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
• Most people in the community are indigenous
• Directly north most of Cairns
• Less than 2 hours by plane
• At least 13 hours by car from Cairns on unsealed roads (1250km)
Community

- Welcoming and friendly
- Safe
- Alcohol is banned
- Alcohol abuse at various times
- Fishing is more productive than down south
- Magnificent birdlife
- Beautiful, changing countryside
Welcome to Lockhart

- Airport built by the Americans, and used as a base for bombing raids.
- RFD and Skytrans now service the airport.
- Mon – Fri flights to Cairns
Climate

Experience a wet season for 3 to 4 months of the year.
The Big Wet

All roads are impassable for up to 4 months of the year
Population

Comprised of 7 tribes and 7 dialects
Culture and Language

Dance is very significant in Lockhart Culture
Dance Practice

School children participate in traditional dance
Laura Dance practice

The community participates every 2 years
Local Council and AMP

The School shares a very good working relationship with the Lockhart River council.
Community Facilities

- Council Office
- Post Office
- Health Clinic
- Church
- Local Shop
- Police Station
Post Office and Banking
Art work at health centre
Police Accommodation
New police station and courthouse
Community church
Community Store
Local wildlife
Dogs
Getting to/from Lockhart
Skytrans
Pascoe River
Seaswift barge
Housing
Local houses
Teacher accommodation

- Sometimes Shared
- Furnished but good to bring your own things
- Foxtel and Digital Free to Air available
- Power and gas
- LAC Mowers available
Community houses
Health workers accommodation
New community houses
Iron Range Cabins
Community library & radio
Lockhart Art Centre
Things to do
The Waterfalls
Portland Road
Fishing at Quintell Beach
Locals at Quintell
Taylors Landing
Mt Tozer
Sunset at Quintell Beach
Chilli Creek in flood
Green Python
White-lipped green tree frog
Red starfish
Bird eating spider
White-tailed rat
Palm Cockatoo
Lockhart Sunrise
The School

- Approximately 125 students Pre-prep to Year 12
- Literacy and Numeracy are the focus
- All classrooms Air Conditioned – well resourced
- Interactive Whiteboard in all classrooms
- School starts 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm
School Wide Approach
Lockhart State School Expectations

- Respect Self, Respect Others and Respect the Environment
- Structured lessons and activities
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
- Explicit teaching model – I Do, We Do, You Do
- Literacy and Numeracy focus – 90% of the day
Financial Benefits

- $2400 additional payment every semester
- $1000 annual payment for AMP
- Around $200 extra in your pay
- Rent is around $2 per day
- Extra week holiday at the end of the year
- 5 Days RAIS leave every year
- Remote Area tax Incentives
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Resource Centre
Upper classroom and prep
Pre Prep building
Covered play area
Main teaching (B block)
A Lockhart Classroom
Covered play area and upper classes
Cooking Classes
Art Class
Finished Product
Sunset at Lockhart