Tamborine Mountain College is an independent, non-denominational, co-educational, secondary school in the Gold Coast hinterland with a student population of approximately 180. The College’s intention is to always remain small, ensuring optimum learning with a family-like, safe, learning environment. The Principal is Mrs June Melbourne who has been at the College since 1998.

Quality education in a safe learning environment is fundamental to Tamborine Mountain College. We have a wide range of student abilities, from extremely gifted academically, to those who sometimes struggle and are looking for a more caring, personal educational experience. Students feel safe on our small, caring campus.

The College offers affordable education. Our fees are kept low to assist families in this locale to choose a private education for their children. Scholarship applications, based on academic excellence and/or sporting excellence are available. Financial assistance is also available through a Bursary application.

New buildings and facilities, as part of the building program, include an excellent science centre and a fully digital resource centre opened in 2012. The College has excellent IT facilities and operates on a wireless network with mobile laptop trolleys available for classroom usage.

At Tamborine Mountain College student–centred learning is our focus so that students reach potential in this caring learning environment. We cater for the individual and recognise and celebrate personal success and achievement. The College has a strong academic core with after-school tutorials for Gifted and Talented students as well as for those requiring extra personal assistance. As a Valued-Partner of Griffith University, College students benefit from early entry to university and scholarships for Year 12 students. Most of our students choose to go onto tertiary studies.

The College has an excellent reputation in Academics – one OP1 student was awarded the Vice Chancellor’s Scholarship to Griffith University, whilst another was awarded one to Bond University valued at $120,000. The Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship has also been awarded to one of our outstanding students. Several Year 12 students are pre-selected for university entrance through GUESTS each year. College students in Year 10 focus on an individual career set plan to assist in decision making for subject selection at Senior level for future goals. Through work experience, school-based traineeships and apprenticeships, students start preparing for the real workforce, but can still have options at the end of Year 12 to continue studies at tertiary level.

Co-curricular activities, including camps and subject specific excursions show how learning outside the classroom is valued. Extracurricular activities are also highly valued, including debating, public speaking, titration, competitive sport, school productions, snow trips, overseas trips and equestrian competitions. Excellence in debating and public speaking skills results in many of our students going through to the Finals in these events. College theatrical productions occur every year and these are performed to local primary schools and the wider locale in order to generate a close community involvement.
The College is part of an Independent Sporting Association with students in regional competition and even State selection. Sport is encouraged at participation level and to a high competitive level depending upon the individual. Every year a student is nominated and receives the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin Award from the Queensland Olympic Council.

Tamborine Mountain College has set standards in the areas of behaviour and uniform. Our students are polite, co-operative and respectful. They are expected to behave appropriately as students of this College. Our small student population allows for individual assessment and attention, as part of our Behaviour Management Policy, to strive for excellent students as well as excellent citizens in society. Uniform is expected to be worn correctly at all times, with girls’ skirts at a modest length just below the knee and boys with neat and tidy hairstyles above the collar.

A Pastoral Care program strengthens the social climate of the College. Although there is no actual religious affiliation or instruction, moral and social expectations are reinforced in our school community. Close communication exists with parents and an active Parents & Friends Association is supportive of the College. International students are made welcome with a Host Family arrangement, through our caring parent body.

The College has a spirit that is strengthened by the school song “Arrows of Tomorrow”, sung proudly every week by the students on Assembly. “Victory & Valour” is the College motto and two large bronze lions, thus named, stand as sentries at the administration entrance to symbolise these noble pursuits.

Tamborine Mountain College teachers and staff have a close bond with students. Our students enjoy education – we believe the key to success is to enjoy whatever you are learning and to have the confidence to follow your dreams and desires.