



## Nursing, Sunshine Coast University Hospital Child & Adolescent Unit (CAU)

### Location

6 Doherty Street,  
Birtinya Qld 4575  
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**Purple lifts** 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

### Shift Times

Early (E)	Late (LE)	Short Early (FE)	Night (ZW)
0700 - 1530	1300 - 2130	0700 - 1330	2100 - 0730

Shift times may vary dependant on the clinical requirements of each area, please ensure you are familiar with your rostered shift times and any variances at commencement of placement (weekend shift times etc.)

### Placement Details

CAU provide individualised comprehensive care, in a safe environment that enables patients to achieve their maximum potential. CAU provides care for up to 27 patients, aged 0-18, patients must be still attending School. CAU has an adolescent room, a school room, an indoor playroom and an outside play area. There is a separate parent retreat with 2 bedrooms for emergency overnight accommodation.

CAU provides inpatient care for a variety of conditions and disease processes patients will be admitted under;

- Medical
- Surgical/ Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT)
- Orthopaedic
- Haematology/Oncology
- Psychiatry
- CAU also offer a limited ambulatory care role for haematology/oncology patients

### Learning Objectives/Opportunities

- Advanced assessment skills
- Complex paediatric medication management
- ISBAR Bedside Handover
- Patient documentation – CEWT, Nursing notes and other assessments
- Paediatric pain management
- Enteral feeding
- Wound Care
- Management of transfusions and infusions
- Participating/observing in deteriorating patients & medical emergencies
- Participating/observing in health education and advanced communication skills

**Pre- reading/revisiting** - Care of the paediatric patient and family, paediatric medications/calculations and anatomy and physiology of a child i.e. vital signs and parameters would be recommended prior to commencement of clinical placement.