

Summer and living is easy

IT has been the wettest start to a summer in almost 25 years but Queenslanders and thousands of visitors have lapped up the balmy conditions and made the most of scorching beach weather and tropical evenings.

Today marks the beginning of the last full week of the summer slog for most, with state schools breaking up on Friday and signalling almost two months of emptier roads, slower living and happier children.

The Courier-Mail's award-winning team of photographers will be out and about every day, capturing our state's special lifestyle during the season when everyone wants to be in Queensland.

Almost inevitably, the holiday break will be marred by heartbreak and hardship, from wild storms to road tragedy and our team will keep our readers informed throughout.

But in the meantime, this is the last week of normal programming for many people.

For those eagerly awaiting Friday, here's an advance taste of summer in Queensland and for those who have to wait a little longer to enjoy some leisure time, here are some images of what life should be about.

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