

KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL

Subject Selection Information



Subject: Stage 5 Smart Thinking –
Unlock Your Potential
(100 hours)



Classification of the Course:

**Department Approved
Elective Course**

Nature of the Course

Aims to

- engage and encourage students to develop their critical thinking skills and recognise the key aspects of a critical thinking mind
- develop the essential skills to evaluate the vast and diverse amount of information you encounter in your daily lives. This will help face future challenges in a continually evolving world.

Through engaging in project-based tasks, students will have the chance to practice critical thinking, foster creativity, and write with a specific audience in mind.

Nature of the Course

- 2 core units

Introduces you to the key features of critical thinking – the process of argumentation and applying it to evaluate claims

- The core units are:

Core 1: Critical thinking in action

Core 2: Research skills to support the critical mind

Nature of the Course

Options

- students will do at least 2 of these in various areas of interest to reinforce the skills learnt from the core units
- allows you to delve deeper into specific scenarios of interest and challenge perceptions of the world around you.

Nature of the Course

Options include:

Option 1 – Strategies used in business and war

Option 2 – Predicting the future: How certain can we be?

Option 3 – Conspiracy theories: Where are the facts?

Option 4 – Strategies and innovations in sports: The path to victory

Option 5 – Advertising: Have they got your attention?

Option 6 – Solving problems of today and tomorrow

Option 7 – Recreating the human mind: The future of artificial intelligence (AI)

Option 8 – Blind justice: You've been selected for jury duty

Nature of the Course

Expected Outcome of the course

- after completing this elective, you will be able to apply critical thinking processes to analyse the strength and validity of information and claims
- skills that are valuable for learning in Stage 6
- critical and creative thinking is a general capability in most Stage 6 courses



Potential Assessment Structure

- Research and Project Task(s)
- Course Examination(s)



Elective fees for the Course:

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| 100 Hour Course | \$40 |
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If you would like to know more

If you would like to know more about Smart Thinking – Unlocking Your Potential

- **Talk to Mrs O’Keeffe, Head Teacher Science**