

# Kingscliff High School Pinnacle Program Information Brochure

## Year 7 2023

*“Celebrating individual growth through real world, respectful and passionate learning on Bundjalung land”*



## What is the Year 7 Pinnacle Program?

Each year Kingscliff High School runs a program to cater for aspirational Year 7 students. This program has gone by several different names including the *Academic Stream* and most recently the *Endeavour Program*. In 2023 it will be known as the *Pinnacle Program*. The philosophy remains the same, that is, to provide a challenging educational environment for students who endeavour to display high levels of academic and personal achievement with a commitment to learning.

## Who can apply?

All Year 6 students can apply for entry into our Year 7 Pinnacle Program. Application forms are available in the centre of this document. A copy of this document is available from the Kingscliff High School website:

<https://www.kingscliff.nsw.edu.au>

## Expectations of students in the Year 7 Pinnacle Program

As a member of the Pinnacle Program it is expected that students will:

- Comply with Kingscliff High School's STAR student expectations
- Endeavour to do your best at all times
- Demonstrate exemplary behaviour
- Complete all assessments and class work
- Maintain a diary to ensure all work is submitted punctually
- Maintain high standards of attendance



## What is the selection procedure?

There are four steps in the application/selection procedure:

1. Complete the attached application form and return to Kingscliff High School in person or by email ([kingscliff-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kingscliff-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) before Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 (Week 6, Term 2).
2. Students must complete a selection assessment held at Kingscliff High School at 6:00pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (Week 7, Term 2).
3. Students must sit an interview during Week 8 Term 2 (14-17<sup>th</sup> June 2022).
4. Information will be gathered from the Primary School.

## Year 7 Pinnacle Program Assessment

The selection assessment is a 60 minute written exam completed at Kingscliff High School.

It consists of four equal parts

1. Literacy: Reading and Comprehension – students will be given a written article and asked several questions to gauge their comprehension of the source.
2. Literacy: Writing – students will be asked to compose an extended written composition in response to stimulus material.
3. Numeracy – students will be expected to complete several questions at the Stage 3/4 Mathematics level.
4. Creative and Critical Thinking – students will be asked to answer a number of questions designed to test their creative and critical thinking skills.

## The Interview

- Year 7 2023 Pinnacle Program interviews will be held during Week 8 of Term 2. Instructions will be distributed to applicants by email before 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- Students are asked to bring 2 (two) pieces of work with them which will need to be discussed in terms of how it demonstrates their achievement and capacity as an engaged and independent learner.
- Each interview will be approximately 15 minutes long. The student will be asked a series of questions related to their individual learning processes and their motivation for applying for the Pinnacle Program.



## The Information from the Primary Schools

The information collected from the Primary Schools may include:

- Student literacy and numeracy levels as identified by Year 5 NAPLAN results
- The Yearly report from Year 5 and the Half Yearly report from Year 6
- Student profile information on levels of maturity, cooperation and diligence
- A recommendation / reference from the Principal (or their delegate)



## When will I know if my application has been successful?

Successful applicants will be contacted by email before Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## How do I get more information?

For more information on the **Year 7 Pinnacle Program** please contact:

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**Application for Year 7 2022 Pinnacle Program**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent / Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Primary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Primary School Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT / CARER'S SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

Please comment on your child's:

- Commitment to learning
- Achievements and aspirations (academic, cultural, sporting and leadership)
- Any disability provisions that may be required for equitable access

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Name of Parent / Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to Kingscliff High School or by email [kingscliff-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kingscliff-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) before Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022*