



Kingscliff High School Pinnacle Program

Year 7 2024

*“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 known as the *Pinnacle Program*. The philosophy behind the Pinnacle Program 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://kingscliff-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment/year-6-into-year-7.html>

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) before Thursday 6 April 2023. (Week 11, Term 1).
2. Students must complete a selection assessment held at Kingscliff High School at 6:00pm on Wednesday 10 May 2023. (Week 3, Term 2).
3. Students must sit an interview during Week 4 or 5 Term 2 (held on 18, 19 and 22 May 2023)
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

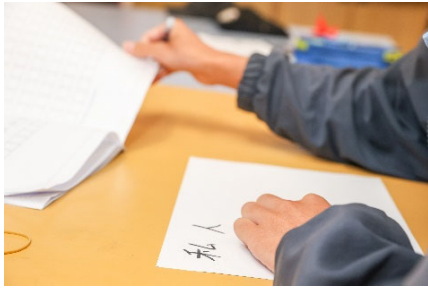
- Year 7 2024 Pinnacle Program interviews will be held during Week 4 or 5 of Term 2. Instructions will be distributed to applicants by email before Wednesday 10 May 2023.
- Students are asked to bring 2 (two) pieces of work with them which will need to be discussed in terms of how it demonstrates their 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 Friday 2 June 2023.

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 2024 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: _____

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