

Year 7 2025 Pinnacle Program

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. Student selection utilises the NSW Department of Education High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) Policy in the domains of creative, intellectual, physical and social-emotional.

Who can apply?

- All current Year 6 students can apply for entry into our *Year 7 2025 Pinnacle Program*
- An application form is available at the end 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:

- Exemplify the Kingscliff High School's STAR student expectations
- Endeavour to do their best at all times
- Demonstrate exemplary behaviour
- Complete all assessments and class work
- Demonstrate executive functioning skills such as organisation, time management and willingness to collaborate
- 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 to: kingscliff-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au before **Friday 24 May 2024** (Term 2, Week 4)
2. Students must complete a selection assessment held at Kingscliff High School at 6:00pm on **Wednesday 5 June 2024** (Term 2, Week 6)
3. Students must sit an interview on **Thursday 13 June 2024** or **Friday 14 June 2024** (Term 2, Week 7)
4. Information will be gathered from the Primary School.

Year 7 Pinnacle Program – Selection Assessment

The **selection assessment** is completed at Kingscliff High School. Students complete four (4) tests of 15 minutes each in the following areas:

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

- Instructions will be distributed to all applicants by email by Friday 31 May 2024 (Term 2, Week 5).
- Students are asked to bring two (2) pieces of work with them and explain how this 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, including the High Potential and Gifted Domains and their motivation for applying for the *Pinnacle Program*.

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 the HPGE domains, 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 5 July 2024.

How do I get more information?

For more information on the *Year 7 2025 Pinnacle Program* please contact our *Pinnacle Program* Coordinator:

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Application for Year 7 2025 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 by Friday 24 May 2024