

2026 Year 7 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 Year 6 students can apply for entry into our *Year 7 Pinnacle Program*

How to apply

- An application form is available at the end of this document and is also available from the Kingscliff High School website:
<https://kingscliff-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment/year-6-into-year-7.html>

OR

- Applicants can choose to apply online – [2026 Year 7 Pinnacle Program Application](#)

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
- Participate in extracurricular opportunities

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
OR:
 - the online application form – [2026 Year 7 Pinnacle Program Application](#) before **Friday 30 May 2025 (Term 2, Week 5)**
2. Students must complete a selection assessment held at Kingscliff High School at 6:00pm on **Wednesday 11 June 2025 (Term 2, Week 7)**
3. Students must sit an interview on **Thursday 12 June 2025 or Friday 13 June 2025** (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 on Wednesday 11 June 2025. 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 via email by Friday 30 May 2025 (Term 2, Week 5).
- 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, 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 4 July 2025.

How do I get more information?

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

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ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH ENDEAVOUR

Application for Year 7 2026 Pinnacle Program

Student Name:

Name of Parent/Carer

Address:

Mobile Phone No:

Email address:

Current Primary School:

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 30 May 2025**

