Kingscliff High School Academic Stream Information Brochure

Year 7 2017

“Inspiring students to become lifelong learners and aspirational citizens”
What is the Year 7 Academic Stream?

Each year Kingscliff High School creates classes in Year 7 to cater for high achieving students. These classes are referred to as the Academic Stream. The philosophy behind the formation of the Academic Stream is to provide a challenging educational environment for students who have displayed high levels of academic and personal achievement and commitment to learning in primary school. It is designed to meet the need for highly gifted students to be with their intellectual peers in order to be appropriately challenged and to view their own abilities more realistically.

Who can apply?

All Year 6 students can apply for entry into our Year 7 Academic Stream. Application forms are available at the Kingscliff High School administration office, your local primary school or they can be downloaded from the school website at: www.kingscliff-h.schools.det.nsw.edu.au

Expectations of students in the Year 7 Academic Stream classes

As a member of the Academic Stream classes it is expected that you will:

- Comply with Kingscliff High School’s STAR student expectations
- Attempt to do your best and excel at all times
- Demonstrate exemplary behaviour and observe all rules and instruction
- Complete all assessment work, including extension work, class work, group work and assignments on time
- Maintain a diary to ensure all work is submitted punctually
- Maintain high standard of attendance
- Maintain an average of 70% across all subjects
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 before Friday 29 April 2016 (Week 1).
2. Students must sit a selection exam held at Kingscliff High School at 1:30pm on Wednesday 25 May 2016 (Week 5).
4. Information will be gathered from the Primary School.

The Selection Exam

The entrance exam is a 60 minute written exam which is completed at Kingscliff High School.

It consists of three 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.

The Interview

- Academic Stream interviews will be held in Week 7 Term 2, students will be notified in Week 5 with the date and time of interview.
- Students are asked to bring a piece of work with them which will need to be discussed in terms of how it demonstrates their achievement and capacity as an engaged, independent learner.
- Each interview will be approximately 15 minutes duration. The student will be asked a series of questions related to their individual learning processes and their motivation for applying to be in an Academic Stream.
- Students are welcome to have a parent/guardian join them in the interview.
The Information from the Primary Schools

The information collected from the Primary Schools will 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)

How do I get more information?

For more information on the Year 7 Academic Stream please contact:

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Application for 2017 Year 7 Academic Stream

APPLICANT DETAILS

Student Name: ________________________________________________________________

Name of Parent / Carer: _________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________

Mobile phone number: _________________________________________________________

Email address: ______________________________________________________________

Current Primary School: _______________________________________________________

PARENT/CARER’S SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Please comment on your child’s:
• Commitment to learning
• Achievements (academic, cultural, sporting and leadership)

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Name of Parent / Carer: ______________________________

Signature: _________________________________________ Date: ____________________________