

# Kingfisher Program - Gifted & Talented Program

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Kingfisher Program

'To accomplish great things,

we must not only act, but also dream,

not only plan, but also believe.'

Anatole France

The Kingfisher Program aims to mentor students with talents in sporting, cultural, civic and/or academic pursuits by providing an environment where students are given opportunities to enrich their abilities.

**PROGRAM:**

Students in the Kingfisher Program will be timetabled into the same PROMOTE class. Students in each year level meet with their Teacher Mentor daily and for an extended lesson on a weekly basis. This will enable Teacher Mentors to know their students well and to support and encourage them where needed.

Students with similar talents across the Year levels will meet twice a term during extended PROMOTE lessons or for excursions/activities. On these occasions students will have access to specialist teachers, experts or facilitators in their nominated strength area.

A student in the Kingfisher Program will develop an Individual Plan with their Teacher Mentor. This Individual Plan aims to cater for and extend the student's abilities over the course of the year. The Plan will be reviewed each semester.

It is expected that many of our future School Leaders in various fields will emerge from the Kingfisher Program.

**TEACHER MENTORS:**

Students will be supported by their Teacher Mentor where their enrichment program impacts on their regular program i.e. Teacher Mentors may assist where student absences due to competitive opportunities may require a student to apply for special consideration for assessment.

Teacher Mentors will be leaders in their curriculum field and will be suitably trained and committed to the Program.

They will assist with organization of extra curricular opportunities where necessary.

Teacher Mentors will guide students in their enrichment. They will develop a student's Individual Plan to cater for and extend their abilities.

Teacher Mentors will celebrate student successes.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF KINGFISHERS:**

Students will participate in a minimum of three extra curricular activities (either competitive or enrichment) throughout the year.

These might include; National Science/LOTE/ Maths competition, Public Speaking, Eisteddfods, Bond University Student for a Semester Program and Griffith University GUESTS program, Optiminds Challenge, Training session with an elite level coach.

Students will be positive and active participants in school life. This may include; membership of Student Council, Leos, International Prefect, Choir, Backstage or Support Crew, Peer Mentoring, Volunteer Usher at School Events, PROMOTE leader.

Students in the Kingfisher Program will have as part of their Individual Plan an expectation to maintain their academic progress and motivation in the Program.

## HOW TO APPLY?

Contact: Kingfisher Program Coordinator

- Students will need to provide their last two academic reports.
- Any evidence of achievements in the areas of sporting, cultural, civic and/or academic pursuits.
- A statement of 400 words on &ldquo;Why you feel you would benefit from the opportunity to be in the Kingfisher Program&rdquo;.
- Students will be selected by a panel including the relevant Year Leader, Program Coordinator and specialist teaching staff.

Criteria for entry include:

- Students must uphold the PROMOTE values.
- Students must be active participants in school life.
- Students must display motivation to be involved in the extra curricular commitment required.
- Students must be a positive role model for other students.
- Kingfisher scholarship winners will gain automatic entry in year 8 and will be reconsidered in following years.

[Apply Here \(Application Form\)](#)