

FISCBig PictureAcademy– Expression of Interest Form



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Enrolling for 2026

Student details

First name

Middle name

Last name

Male Female Other

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Date of birth

DD / MM / YYYY

Current Grade

Name of current school

List other schools if you have attended different schools in the last three years

Year

School name

Year

School name

Residential address

Street address

Suburb

Postcode

Postal address (if different)

Street address

Suburb

Postcode

Parent/Carer details

Parent/Carer 1

First name

Last name

Relationship to student

Contact details

Mobile number

Email Address

Parent/Carer 2

First name

Last name

Relationship to student

Contact details

Mobile number

Email Address

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YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING:

Tick the box which best describes your interest level in each of your current school subjects (one tick per subject):

SUBJECT	Not interested	A little interested	Pretty interested	Very interested	Extremely interested
ENGLISH					
MATHS					
SCIENCE					
HISTORY					
GEOGRAPHY					
PDHPE					
MARINE STUDIES					
CHILD CARE					
METALS/TIMBER					
PHOTOGRAPHY					
AGRICULTURE					
DRAMA					
MUSIC					
ART					

What are the things you are most interested in doing in your life?

Tell us about a difficult time in life from which you have learnt a valuable lesson?

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Tick the box for the response that suits you best.

What do you find most distracting when you are trying to do you work?

☐ Other students	☐ Loud noises	☐ Uncomfortable chair
☐ Information you are not interested in	☐ Other: _____	

What do you do to relax?

☐ Read	☐ Listen to music
☐ Exercise or play sport	☐ Other: _____

You find reading a book

☐ Takes too long – get fidgety	☐ Best thing ever	☐ Pretty boring, would rather be outside
☐ Other: _____		

I prefer lessons where:

☐ We discuss things	☐ We move around	☐ I choose what to learn about
☐ Other:	☐ We write things down	

When I learn a new skill I prefer to:

☐ Just get on with it	☐ Have someone explain it to me
☐ Watch someone else as they do it	☐ Work it out myself

When I have a tough decision to make, I:

☐ Listen to advice from friends	☐ Make a list of pros and cons	☐ Go for a walk to clear my head
☐ Other: _____		

When I concentrate I most often:

☐ Focus on words or pictures in front of me	☐ Discuss the problem and possible solutions in my head
☐ Fidget with a pen or pencil	☐ Other:

If I am explaining something to someone I tend to:

☐ Explain to them in different ways until they understand	☐ Show them what I mean
☐ Encourage them to try and talk them through my idea as they do it	☐ Other:

Tell us about a time when you were a leader

Tell us about you [continued]

How would your class mates describe you as a student?

[illegible]

How would your current teachers describe you as a learner?

Describe what it is like and what's going on when learning is working well for you.

What are your strengths at school?

[illegible]

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Tell us about you [continued]

What are your strengths outside of school?

What are your weaknesses at school?

What would you like to do more of outside of school?

List 3 activities/hobbies that you've done outside of school and explain why they are important to you:

1.	
2.	
3.	

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Tell us about you [continued]

What would you like to do when you complete your schooling?

List three (3) careers you are interested in:

1.
2.
3.

What post-school pathway are you considering?

☐ TAFE ☐ UNIVERSITY ☐ EMPLOYMENT ☐ OTHER _____

Where do you see yourself....?

in 12 months?

...in 3 years?

...in 6 years?

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Student writing

Please explain (in approx. 300-400 words) why you want to join the FISC Big Picture Academy, as this will help us understand how to best support you as a learner. (In students handwriting please)

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Parent/Carer Writing

Please explain why you want to join the FISC Big Picture Academy.

How will you support your child as a big picture student?

Big Picture Expectations

Students are invited to join Big Picture based on a combination of their written application and the enrolment interview. Please be advised that all Big Picture students are, at all times, required to satisfy the criteria below, in order to maintain their position within the program:

1. Maintain an attendance rate in excess of 90%
2. Perform to a personal best standard in all aspects of schooling
3. Uphold the College's values of Respect, Aspiration and Responsibility
4. Meet responsibilities for assessment and portfolio development
5. Fulfil Internship commitments

Students will be supported in their endeavours to satisfy the above conditions. Negotiated processes will be available to assist students wherever possible. **The College reserves the right to review and possibly cancel student placement within the Big Picture framework at any point in time.** This review will take into consideration the best interests of the student, the impact on other students and staff in the program and the overall best interest of FISC. If a student has their Big Picture position cancelled the College may offer a position in the mainstream curriculum or require the student to find an alternative educational setting.

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Parents/guardians are a vital part of students' success in the Big Picture program. Students need support and encouragement in maintaining attendance and participating in excursions and internships.

Additionally parents/guardians attendance at student exhibitions and learning plan meetings is mandatory.

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Additional information

Please forward the following documents with your Expression of

Interest: 1/ Copies of your two (2) most recent school reports.

2/ Supporting medical documentation relevant to your learning needs.

3/ Any other documents that you feel might support your Expression of Interest.