



# YOUR PATHWAY YOUR FUTURE

Big Picture at Kingscliff High School



'Big Picture is an opportunity for me to excel that no other school offers.'

## A new personalised learning opportunity for the North Coast

Kingscliff High School is joining with Big Picture Learning to bring their personalised design for learning to young people in the North Coast, within a mainstream setting.

Research tells us that we learn best when we are personally motivated. Where there is passion for what we are doing, deep knowledge evolves naturally.

In Big Picture, students learn through their personal interests and design their own learning around a unique set of passions, needs, preferences and goals.

Students are supported to learn outside school on regular internships with expert mentors in the community, to test-out their interests, grow their network of contacts and to plan their future pathway to employment, training or study.

# What is the Big Picture design for learning?



Each student has a personalised learning plan designed around their interests and passions, with links to the curriculum.



Students take courses and work on a variety of projects in areas of personal interest that they design and manage.



Students learn in small groups of 17 known as an 'advisory' where there is a culture of belonging, support and respect.



They also complete practical projects while on internship with an expert mentor in the community, to gain experience in a field of interest.



Students collect evidence of their learning in a portfolio and regularly present their work at a public exhibition. This is the basis of their assessment throughout school.



The International Big Picture Learning Credential is an education passport awarded to all senior students on pathways to employment, training and university.



# Personalised learning...the possibilities

#### Choice

What if I could choose what, when and how I learn?

In Big Picture we design our own learning plans and projects around things that interest us. We manage our own time and go as deep as we wish into a topic.

## Relationships

What if my school genuinely knew about me, my interests and talents?

In Big Picture we believe in 'one student at a time in a community of learners'. Each student is unique, but not alone. We learn in a small advisory class of 17 with a single teacher. There is time to get to know each other and our capabilities really well. Families are regularly involved in our learning.

#### Relevance

What if I could pursue my passions now, instead of waiting until I finish school?

In Big Picture we regularly learn on internships with expert mentors who have the same interests as us and can show us the latest thinking and technology. We can also complete external courses online or through TAFE so that we already have some qualifications upon leaving school.

### **Practice**

What if I could make, create and experiment with ideas that interest me?

In Big Picture we encourage active learning where we design the experiment, come up with the exercise regime, film the documentary, select the maths operations we need, research the history, write the song, stage an event, build the computer from scratch, or design the fashion label... to name just a few possibilities.

## **Future Pathways**

What if I could learn in a personalised way and still get to where I want to go after school?

In the Big Picture at KHS, we have the opportunity to undertake the International Big Picture Credential (IBPLC) in Years 11 and 12 which unlocks non-ATAR entry to over 14 universities around Australia and provides meaningful information about our skills, qualities and knowledge to employers, TAFE colleges and universities.



"At Kingscliff High School, students are at the centre of what we do. Our personalised approach allows for our strategy of innovation, excellence and individualised learning to equip students to be problem solving individuals who can create their own pathways through the world outside school."

Michael Hensley, Principal Kingscliff High School



## **About Big Picture**

Big Picture Education Australia is a notfor-profit company established in 2005.

Over 50 largely public schools around Australia work with us to implement the Big Picture design for learning in urban, regional and remote settings.

For further information go to:

http://www.bigpicture.org.au





'The thing about Big Picture that's gave me the edge was the real-world experience.'

Hamish, Big Picture Graduate (Business Law)

'The quality of my son's work is so incredible, such high-order thinking and learning. I get a bit astounded every time he does a presentation.'

Serena, Hamish's Mother

# **Apply now!**

Big Picture Academy at Kingscliff High School is now open to applicants for Years 9 and 10 in 2023.

Please visit the school website to download an Application form. Contact details:

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