

Sevenoaks Big Picture Academy





Overview

The Big Picture Academy at Sevenoaks Senior College offers students an opportunity to engage and connect with education by developing a personal learning plan that enables each student to pursue their passion. Students learn through attending work placements, exhibiting their work, and talking about their experiences.

Students will design and develop a special interest project and reflect on what they learn. This is the Big Picture learning cycle that connects students to an educational experience that is relevant, enjoyable and interesting.

As part of their personal plan, the Big Picture Academy provides students with opportunities to achieve the 22473VIC Certificate II in General Education for Adults. This is a very useful qualification to have if a student has gaps in their schooling and may not have completed Year 10. This Certificate can be a direct pathway to TAFE entry.

Students will also have the opportunity to achieve a FSK20119 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways whilst also building a comprehensive Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA), a transcript of their achievements to the end of Year 12.

Advisories

Students in the Big Picture Academy operate in a number of advisories (classes) and are taught by experienced advisors (teachers).

Each advisory will provide students with a personalised learning program that allows them to pursue their own special interests whilst achieving a variety of academic outcomes.

Each advisory is supported by staff specifically trained to work with young people and assist them to manage their busy and sometimes complex lives. These staff include two education assistants, a youth worker, a nurse, tutors and an Aboriginal teacher.

During advisory time, students will participate in a number of master classes where course content and skills will be taught to ensure they can move along their learning continuum. Students will also enjoy opportunities to learn outside of the classroom via excursions, internships, traineeships and/or workplace learning with mentors. Students will work towards the International Big Picture Learning Credential.

For more information or to book an enrolment interview please call

08 6235 7200

Big Picture Course Options

Employability Skills and Training Program

Students can be allocated to a Certificate course that meets their needs, ability and experience. Students can achieve at least one of the below qualifications during their two years in the Big Picture program:

- 22473VIC Certificate II in General Education for Adults*
- 22474VIC Certificate III in General Education for Adults*
- FSK20119 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways*
- Access to school based traineeships
- Access to mainstream courses

Students who complete the 22473VIC Certificate II or III in General Education for Adults will be able to access a range of courses at TAFE. These are nationally recognised and transferable qualifications.

Students may also be enrolled in FSK20119 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways during their time in the program. This certificate is valuable for students wishing to move directly to employment or to explore other vocational training opportunities.

Pathways to further study

Students with university aspirations who are strong independent learners have the opportunity to pursue their passions and develop a graduate portfolio that will showcase their skills and knowledge in a particular field of interest.

This pathway requires the student to develop a senior thesis, demonstrate a high level of specialist knowledge and experience, and build a network of experts and mentors in their chosen field. Students who produce a portfolio of a high enough standard can apply for direct access to a number of courses at a range of universities. Students may also complete a Certificate III in General Education for Adults.

All students in the Big Picture program will develop a post school action plan that may lead them to applying for preparation courses at select universities. Advisors in the Big Picture program work closely with the College Careers Counsellor to ensure students are given every opportunity to succeed.



Enrolment & Opportunities

The Big Picture Academy is a highly sought after reengagement program that caters for students from across Perth. Enrolment is by interview only.

Students have the opportunity to study at the Academy for up to two years (age permitting) to complete studies and attend the College presentation ceremony.

Expectations of our students include:

- Attending internships and work shadowing
- Completing individual learning plans
- Researching special interest projects
- Developing a portfolio of work
- Exhibiting their work
- Completing a formal qualification
- Journal writing and reflection
- Engaging with guest speakers
- Participating in leaving to learn activities (excursions)
- Attending class everyday
- Woking towards the International Big Picture Learning Credential

Enrichment Options

- Healthy Lifestyle Programs
- Fitness and Wellbeing opportunities
- Cooking
- Art and craft workshops
- Community projects
- Volunteering opportunities
- Access to Polly Farmer Foundation Follow the Dream Program and Deadly Sista Girlz Waalitj Foundation
- Access to Murdoch University via the Big Picture portfolio entrance option (where applicable)

*These qualifications are a proposed offering for the next academic year. At the time of publication, no agreements have been entered into with a Registered Training Organisation for the delivery of these qualifications. On the basis of interest from students, the College will initiate a formal partnership agreement with a RTO for the delivery of the qualification.



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