

Glossary of Terms

Ability Grouping: Placing students of similar ability in the same class or group for purposes of instruction. Research shows that when students are able to work with like-minded peers, and the pace of instruction matches their ability, they experience fewer negative social-emotional issues and academic achievements are heightened.

Acceleration: Faster presentation of content to more closely match the speed at which (extension) students learn. This can occur within the students' class in one or more subject areas; OR the child may need to work in one or more subject areas with a higher year level; OR the child may need to move forward a whole year.

Compacting: Eliminating repetition, minimizing drill, and accelerating instruction in basic skills so that students can move to more challenging material.

Differentiated Instruction: Refers to a systematic approach to planning curriculum and instruction for academically diverse learners, with the dual goals of honouring each student's learning needs and maximizing each student's learning capacity.

Bloom's Taxonomy: Benjamin Bloom created this taxonomy in the 1950's as a means of expressing qualitatively different kinds of thinking (Remembering, Understanding, Applying, Analysing, Evaluating, Creating)

Higher Order Thinking Skills: Thinking that focuses on the top levels of Bloom's Taxonomy, i.e., Analysing, Evaluating and Creating.

Explorama G&T Program

Run by Kids College Queensland at the University of the Sunshine Coast, in holiday times.

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What's new!

Junior Summit Program

Noosa District State High School brings talented and highly motivated 4, 5 & 6 primary students together with specialist High School teachers to work on projects as diverse as Electro technology, Hospitality, Aviation and Design. Expressions of interest are at the end of each year.

Crest Scholars Program

Sunshine Beach SHS offer the 'Young Crest Scholars Program' for students in Years 4, 5 & 6. The program is designed to provide enrichment opportunities for highly motivated students to develop their skills in critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity and innovation focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Guest Authors

Opportunities to work with some of our leading and local children's authors and hone our writing skills.



Be the best you can be....

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Academic Talent Development





Curriculum Differentiation- All Year Level Teaching Teams plan for and teach units of work that cater for different levels of ability. All teachers make adjustments for student ability learning styles and individual needs.

Literacy and Numeracy Extension and Support groups are offered to targeted students in Years Prep to 6. The focus in Extension groups is on higher order thinking skills and problem-solving, and consolidation and catch-up in support small groups.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs/ Express are personalized, responsive, and challenging on-line learning resources for home and school use. They provide drill and practice style as well as extension and consolidation exercises.



ICAS If you didn't get enough of NAPLAN, ICAS is for you. Students can elect to sit for international assessments in Digital technologies (Computer Skills), Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths from May through to August. This is recommended for students who have achieved an 'A' in a related subject, previously achieved a 'credit' or 'distinction' on an ICAS test, performed in the 'upper 2 bands' in NAPLAN or any student who is sufficiently robust and just wants to 'give it a go'. The feedback is useful if acted upon and the awards highly regarded.

Reader's Cup Teams from each class in Years 2-6 read 8 set books between them to compete in a game show format. Ribbons are awarded to place getters and teams compete for a perpetual Bendigo Bank trophy which is engraved with their names. Heats and Finals are contested at the end of Term 2. Spectators are welcome.

Voices on the Coast Literature Festival held at the University of the Sunshine Coast in June. This is a great opportunity for students in Years 4 to 6 to experience University for a day and listen to many of Australia's leading authors and illustrators talk about their craft.

Maths Olympiad Extension maths students in Years 2 -6 compete in class teams to solve maths problems using collaboration and higher-order thinking skills and a 'think-pair-share' format - students work independently, with a partner and then as a group to reach consensus. Ribbons are awarded to all place-getters.

District and Regional Maths Competitions A number of mathematicians will have the opportunity to participate in maths challenges organised outside the school at a District and Regional level.

Interschool Debating Competition Years 4, 5 & 6 NSS competes against local schools for Junior and Senior Bendigo Bank sponsored trophies. Multiple teams of enthusiastic, augmentative people required.

At any time... if you have any writing - short story, poetry, persuasive argument and you would like to be published, there are a number of opportunities throughout the year for competition entries.



Be the best you can be....