

Big Picture Academy Application Form

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

What year group are you currently in? (Please Circle)

<u>Yr 7</u>	<u>Yr 8</u>	<u>Yr 9</u>	<u>Yr 10</u>	<u>Yr 11</u>	<u>Yr 12</u>
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Before you complete this application, make sure you have read the information provided with this application form overviewing the Big Picture Academy at Karratha Senior High School, the Big Picture Philosophy, Distinguishers and the expectations of each Big Picture student.

The Big Picture Program's philosophy is *"One student at a time in a community of learners."* It is important that you understand what is required from you as a student in the program. Please read the following expectations and tick each box indicating that you are willing and able to commit to the expectation.

EXPECTATIONS OF A BIG PICTURE STUDENT

- ☐ Show respect for others and yourself.
- ☐ Take responsibility for your own learning.
- ☐ Continuously work to improve your skills, knowledge and abilities.
- ☐ Complete all set learning tasks and project work.
- ☐ Plan and manage your time over the term, the week and each day in your Big Picture Planner.
- ☐ Identify and explore your interests - through projects, speaking to people in the community and Internship placements.
- ☐ Build a portfolio of your work.
- ☐ Maintain a learning journal, making at least two entries per week.
- ☐ Write a personal narrative at the end of each term, reflecting on your learning, experiences and personal growth.
- ☐ Investigate and develop a plan for your education and future pathway post Grade 10.
- ☐ Participate in all excursions and school-based activities.
- ☐ Present your learning at your exhibitions at the end of each term.
- ☐ Present yourself in full school uniform every day and maintain high attendance.

In the case that a student fails to meet the expectations of being a Big Picture Student, we will hold a meeting with families to determine suitability for the program.



Big Picture Academy Karratha SHS Expectations

- All students must apply in writing.
- Students will write narratives.
- Students will maintain a learning journal.
- Students will engage in diverse reading.
- Students will persist with work and work consistently.
- 'Learning Through Internships' will be pursued and supported.
- Students and parents will participate in four Learning Plan Meetings each year.
- Students and parents will participate in four exhibitions each year.
- Students will engage in many different types of writing such as essays, research papers and rationales.
- Students will engage in a variety of maths related real world problem solving exercises.
- Students will be responsible in the school environment and adhere to the school code of conduct.
- Students will maintain a high level of respectful behaviour within the advisory and in the broader community.
- Parents need to attend learning discussions and community evenings.
- Students will engage in service learning and internships.
- Parents need to maintain reliable communication with the advisor.
- Students will engage in academic rigour and deep thinking.

Please provide the names of two teachers who know you well and would be able to provide information about your ability to successfully participate in the Big Picture Academy and meet the above expectations.

1. _____ 2. _____

Name two things within your school life of which you are proud:

1. _____

2. _____

Name two things outside your school life of which you are proud:

1. _____

2. _____

Student Section

We are interested in why you wish to join the Big Picture Academy. Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible.

Why have you chosen to apply to join the Big Picture Academy?

What goals do you intend to set yourself as a learner?

Which of your personal qualities and behaviours would you aim to improve or develop through your involvement in the Big Picture Academy?

Describe a time when you have taken responsibility for yourself and/or others?

What future or career goals do you wish to pursue through the Big Picture Academy?

Any other information about you that is relevant to this application.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Section

Student Name: _____

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to assist your son/daughter to complete their application to join the Big Picture Academy at Karratha Senior High School.

Applications are to be handed in to the Big Picture office or Administration Desk.

In Big Picture, families are enrolled too. Parents and carers are active participants in their child's learning; they are involved in creating learning plans, assessing student work through exhibitions and are encouraged to regularly visit their child's Advisory. Please read the following expectations and tick each box indicating that you are willing and able to commit to the expectation.

EXPECTATIONS OF A BIG PICTURE PARENT/GUARDIAN

- ☐ Ensuring that my child is at school on time each day.
- ☐ Contacting the school directly whenever my child is sick or unable to be at school.
- ☐ Ensuring that my child is appropriately attired for school and work placements.
- ☐ Attending my child's Learning Plan meetings and Exhibitions each term.
- ☐ Participating in events hosted by my child's Advisory.
- ☐ Transporting my child to and from their internship workplace where necessary.
- ☐ Supporting the program and my child, by seeking out possible mentors.

How do you believe the Big Picture Academy will benefit your child and his/her education?

What key personal qualities, such as resilience, persistence, confidence and positivity, do you hope that your child will develop over his/her time in the Big Picture Academy?

What interest areas and opportunities are you keen for your child to pursue during her/his time in the Big Picture Academy?

Please ensure that you include your preferred email contact below to ensure clear channels of communication should you and your child be successful in gaining admission into the Big Picture Academy.

Email: _____

Name/s: _____ Signature/s: _____

AFTER THE BIG PICTURE YEAR 12...

Karratha Senior High School's Big Picture Academy has signed up for the International Big Picture Learning Credential.

We are delighted to inform you that as of 2023 all Big Picture Academy Leavers from our academy will be awarded this Credential and will be sent their Learner Profile at the end of year 12. In order for this to be the case, advisory teachers are required to upload student details and data to an established computer program from which Learner Profiles are created.

This credential will link to students digital portfolios and can be used as a tool for seeking employment, training and also for university entry to many universities nationwide if the quality of student work is deemed as high enough for this pathway.

We are excited to be leading the way in this new way of measuring students achievements and we will work to ensure each student leaves with a credential that helps them to achieve their intended postschool pathway.

For further information on the credential please follow the link below:

<https://www.bigpicture.org.au/what-international-big-picture-learning-credential>