

Program summary



The **Junior Learning Academy** is designed for high performing academic students to support their intellectual development and to help them reach their full potential. The program fosters the academic, social and emotional growth of the students and allows high achieving and highly motivated students to be grouped together, so that they can be challenged and encouraged by their peers. Philosophical and critical thinking is the underpinning principle of this curriculum. Students also participate in regular James Cook University workshops.

In the **Senior Learning Academy**, the emphasis is on preparing our students to be academically successful and develop the skills they will need for their tertiary studies. The Senior students will continue to participate in James Cook University workshops coordinated by university staff.



Aspiration, Belief, Motivation, Success

Aims

The JCU Learning Academy aims to drive a culture of aspiration and success, with an expectation of high academic achievement. Students are supported in developing the attributes of a lifelong learner:

- A knowledgeable person with a deep understanding
- A creative and critical thinker
- A collaborative worker
- An effective communicator
- A global citizen
- A reflective and self-regulated learner



Smithfield State High School

For more information

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JCU Learning Academy

The James Cook University Learning Academies are the cornerstone of the Tropical North Learning Academy, a partnership that exists across Smithfield State High School, Trinity Beach State School and James Cook University.

The Learning Academy programs are designed for high performing students to support their intellectual development and to help them reach their full potential.

There are 4 Academy phases that target specific year levels:

- **Young Scholars - Years 5 to 6**
- **Junior - Years 7 to 9**
- **Senior - Years 10 to 12**

Young Scholars is the Academy program for students at Trinity Beach State School.

Students from these programs may join the Junior Learning Academy in Year 7 at Smithfield State High School.



Eligibility

Minimum Eligibility Criteria

Students will be chosen using a combination of the following:

- **Student Achievement Data**
 - *Academic results - result ratings of A/B in English, Maths, Science and Humanities*
 - *NAPLAN results - Top two bands across the majority of the criteria*
- **Consistent attendance, no less than 95 per cent**
- **Aspirations for a tertiary pathway**
- **Behaviour that supports individual and group learning**
- **Works independently and is developing self-directed learning skills**
- **Conscientiously works to meet set goals**
- **BYOD - students must have their own laptop to bring to every lesson**



**For further information
please visit our website**

<https://smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au/>
Home > Curriculum > Specialist programs



Community Partners

James Cook University Partnership

Benefits of the partnership with James Cook University include:

- Students have visits to the JCU Library and facilities
- JCU run workshops for academy students
- Students are guided and informed about university pathways through regular on-campus JCU visits



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