

Excellence Programs

Art+Design Excellence: Pathways for creative students - Years 10 – 12

A partnership with Queensland University of Technology Creative Industries Faculty and School of Design and Griffith University Queensland College of Art

Art+Design Excellence: 100 futures – Year 8

Art+Design Excellence: JumpstART – Year 7

KG Dance Excellence: Classical Ballet, Contemporary and Jazz for students in Years 7 – 9

Trackdance Program: Various dance styles for students in Years 3 – 6

Music Excellence: Designed to deepen music students' knowledge and understanding of music theory through AMEB studies in order to extend their application in the dimensions of performance, composition and analysis of music. Years 7 – 9

Sporting Excellence:

- **Football School of Excellence:** A partnership between Football Queensland and KGSC. Years 7 – 12
- **Queensland Golf School of Excellence:** A partnership between Golf Australia and KGSC. Years 7 – 12
- **Junior Sharks Program:** Years 4 – 6
- **Queensland Tennis School of Excellence:** In affiliation with Tennis Queensland and KGSC. Years 7 – 12
- **Junior School Tennis Program:** The ANZ Hot Shots Program and Tennis Excellence Development Program. Years 4 - 6
- **Volleyball Excellence:** Years 6 – 12

Partnerships

Queensland Ballet Academy at Kelvin Grove State College:

A transformational educational and artistic collaboration, which will seamlessly deliver a world class practice in professional ballet, underpinned by agile futures-focused learning pathways with an explicit focus on student-centred wellbeing. The academy delivers professional ballet training programs to students in Years 7 – 12.

Gateway to Industry Schools Programs in Manufacturing and Engineering, Building and Construction, Food, Wine and Tourism, Health, Information, Communication and Technology, Minerals and Energy, Screen and Media:

The Gateway to Industry Schools Programs are initiatives funded by the Department of Education and Training. The programs aim to raise awareness of the different pathways into industry and to create opportunities for students to be exposed to a range of learning experiences that will assist them in their future career choices and pathways to employment.

Australian Computer Society: 'Inspiring Our Next Tech Super Heroes – Think Ahead, Create the Future, Change the World'. Equipping our students with the relevant ICT skills required for the future.

Michelle Bridges: Michelle Bridges is one of Australia's most influential health and fitness experts and has partnered with KGSC as our Nutrition Ambassador for our Sporting Excellence programs.

Academic Programs

Academic Achievers Program: Years 7 - 9

In recognition of the diversity within our Middle School, the college offers the Academic Achievers (AA) program in year 7, 8 and 9. This program offers extension and enrichment through the Australian Curriculum in the core subjects (Mathematics, Science, English, History and Geography) for academically gifted and talented students.

High Achievers Program: Years 5 - 6

Opportunities for enrichment for high achieving students in Years 5 – 6. Offering future pathways for our best and brightest state school students from within the Brisbane City Cluster of Schools. Programs include English, Mathematics, Science, ICT and games development, Business, Performance and JumpstART.

Extra Curricular Activities

Students are encouraged to participate in the many extra curricular activities available at the college. Activities include Italian Club, Robotics, Geography Club, AFL, Chaplaincy Committee, Choir, Magazine Committee, Drama Club, Running Club, Chess Club, MakerSpace/DigiSpace, Young Women's Group, Yarn Group, Environmental Committee, Weights Club, Social Justice Committee, Basketball, Art Club, Maths/ Problem Solving Club, Writer's Club/Slamasaurus, Rugby, Journalism Club.

Community

Our Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) work closely with the college to promote a sense of community among parents. Our P&C have a number of sub school committees as well as Parent Advisory Groups operating in varying models in each of the three sub schools. These groups provide opportunities for parents to be involved with the college and their child's education.



Prospectus

Prep - Year 12

Futures-focused
economic and community empowerment way beyond today



gateway to industry schools
manufacturing and engineering



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Kelvin Grove State College

The Pursuit of Excellence With All Our Might

Principal’s Welcome

Welcome to Kelvin Grove State College where we take a holistic approach to developing young people’s learning. Our Junior, Middle and Senior school curriculum is progressive, inclusive, innovative and caring, while still incorporating the core elements of education that have traditionally been essential for success. The college has an outstanding history of our students achieving some great academic results and authentic connections to future pathways while also demonstrating their ability and readiness to make a valuable contribution to the wider community. We know they will continue to do so in the years to come. It is, and always has been, our people – students, families and staff - who make the ‘magic happen’ every day and are our greatest strength. This makes our college an outstanding place to grow, learn and to interact.

Through our Prep to Year 12 learning program, students live out the college values and embrace our motto, “With All Thy Might”. Kelvin Grove State College has always focused on creating learning opportunities for our young people to help them to realise their dreams and potential for their brightest futures.

In delivering our curriculum, we are cognisant of the fact that “We’re trying to prepare kids for jobs that don’t exist, using technologies that haven’t been invented yet, to solve problems we don’t even know are problems yet: Karl Fisch 2007 ‘Shift Happens’.

We have a long-established reputation for academic excellence as well offering our Schools of Excellence in Visual Arts, Dance, Music and Sports Excellence programs in Golf, Football, Volleyball and Tennis where students are able to combine their passion for learning and incorporate their academic program at the same time.

Our specialised learning programs such as accelerated pathways to universities, particularly to QUT with whom we share a geographic boundary, meet the needs of a wide range of students. In our Middle school (Years 6 to 9) we have Academic Achiever classes with a focus on enhanced learning experiences relevant to the key learning areas and P-12 programs that prepare students for the Schools of Excellence courses. The college has well established authentic industry links and partnerships providing vocational pathways for our students. We are partnered with a number of Gateway to Industry School Programs (GISP) where our students and staff are interacting with cutting edge industry partners and employers to ensure the currency of skills and establishing careers pathways with employers. Links with industry through apprenticeships and traineeships are available to our senior school students.

We are proud of our 20 year partnership with Education Queensland International to provide an opportunity for International students to come to the college and gain an education in Australia while also preparing our students for their place in the global community that enriches the learning

experiences of all students. Having one of the first international student programs accredited by Education Queensland International means we have well established, effective support structures for overseas students, both at school and with homestay families. Our learning program caters for students of different backgrounds, abilities and interests.

The college offers a rich curriculum and the co-curricular opportunities preparing our students to take their place in tomorrow’s world. We marvel at the contribution our students make to our college as their talents and skills grow and develop. Underpinning everything we do in the college is an explicit focus on the Happiness and Wellbeing of every member of our community. If we ensure this happiness and wellness is maintained, the students are able to access the “Magic’ that happens in the college every day and realise, or even exceed, their potential.

Motto, Just Cause, Mission and Values

Our Motto

“With All Thy Might”.

Our Just Cause

“Nurturing globally competent learners, leaders and citizens”.

Our Mission

“A Prep to Pathways learning community delivering wellness and excellence, guided by our College Values”.

Our Values

The College values shape our unique culture of Trusting Relationships, allowing all members of Kelvin Grove State College to build a productive community where our central value of Happiness is an explicit focus. Kelvin Grove supports and encourages the values of...

Courage and resilience – Refuse to give in to doubt and fear

Draw on moral and physical courage in times of adversity. Realise that no matter what happens, you can cope with dignity and strength.

Creative and critical thinking - Engage in lifelong learning

See empowerment through problem solving, analysis and creativity. Enjoy the pursuit of excellence through learning.

Integrity and honesty - Think and act ethically

Do what you know to be right rather than what is easy or convenient. Be accountable for your own actions. Ensure consistency between what you say and what you do. Be honest.

Respect - Believe in the inherent worth of each person

Respect yourself and others and act with compassion. Show empathy by working to understand the viewpoint of others and how they are feeling.

Responsibility - Recognise the connections among personal, social and environmental wellbeing

Act responsibly, ethically and in a disciplined way to make the world a better place. Understand that our choices and actions affect the rights of others, including future generations.

Valuing Diversity - Recognise the common humanity of all peoples

Advocate for fairness and support the rights of others. Challenge injustice and promote understanding.

Our College

Our college is divided into three sub schools and we work together to ensure the transitions between sub schools are seamless. Each sub school plays an important role in our Prep to Pathways community.

Junior School Campus: Prep to Year 5

With a firm focus on the acquisition and consolidation of literacy and numeracy skills, our Junior School provides students with a solid start to their formal schooling. Best practice Prep classrooms, in partnership with QUT, ensure that our students’ first year at Kelvin Grove State College will prepare them for future learning.

Our classroom teachers remain current with pedagogical and curriculum development and as early adopters of the new Australian Curriculum, are well positioned for its full implementation in 2020. Strategies for differentiation are embedded in classroom practices and ensure that we support and develop the needs of all our students.

Our specialist teachers - Physical Education, Italian, Music, Library and Visual Art, have developed unique programs for our Junior School students. Our Physical Education curriculum has strong links with our College’s Excellence programs and includes Golf, Soccer, Tennis and Dance. Music lessons take place in purpose built music rooms with students as young as Year 1 composing and taking part in music sessions. This runs alongside our Instrumental program for both strings and percussion.

Our Librarian supports our classroom teachers by enhancing literary experiences in weekly lessons and beginning the College’s continuum in referencing and editing skills. From Year 2, students participate in engaging Italian lessons and enjoy school events such as Carnevale.

Middle School Campus: Years 6 - 9

The Middle School plays a pivotal role in our prep to pathways philosophy. Our Middle School pathway focuses on:

- Igniting our spark
- Becoming our best
- Ready for our future

This exciting pathway directs us to meeting our target of all students, seeing greater than a year’s worth of growth in a happy classroom.

Our pathway also reflects the needs of our learners in the early years of adolescence. Early adolescence is a distinct period in a child’s life often characterised by rapid physical growth, exposure to a range of social pressures and changes in intellectual, emotional and moral development.

We believe that the key to a successful middle schooling experience lies in the strength of the partnership between the teacher, the student and home. We encourage all parents and carers to actively participate and be involved in their child’s education through the middle school years.

Senior School Campus: Years 10 - 12

At Kelvin Grove State College in the Senior School we promote the concept of excellence in teaching and learning. Students are provided with opportunities to excel within academic, excellence and vocational areas. We focus on collaboratively working to improve student engagement and to optimise student potential, allowing a focus on the importance of lifelong learning.

In the Senior School we aim to:

- Engage students in their learning to ensure deep knowledge and depth of understanding;
- Celebrate student achievement and success; and
- Value each student as an individual.

Our aim is to provide improved educational outcomes for all students by focusing on each individual student’s aspirations. This is accomplished through a Three Year Senior Curriculum, which caters for student’s specific needs through our Academic curriculum, Acceleration courses, University units and Vocational pathways.

We believe in providing students with multiple pathways that enhance learning and employability. Flexible delivery is the key to these multiple pathways – accomplished through the tertiary links; enrichment courses; industry mentors; structured work placements; traineeships and apprenticeships.