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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sunshine Beach State School offers a range of extension activities as well as those that are high interest or community events.

- School Art Show
- School Choir
- Music Excellence Program (see music brochure)
- Sporting opportunities: cross country, athletics, netball, tennis, water polo, swimming, softball, touch football, basketball, rugby league, rugby union, AFL, soccer etc
- Computer Club
- Mastermind Club
- Science Club
- Robotics
- Chess and Checkers Club

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

PARENT AND CARER INFORMATION

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Our vision for every student at Sunshine Beach State School is to ensure that they are provided with opportunities to extend and enhance their learning. We want talented students to feel proud, excited and develop a passion for learning and excelling.

At Sunshine Beach State School we have implemented a whole school approach to identifying students. These students with particular strengths are nominated by teachers and their achievements mapped to ensure extension and continual improvement. There is a particular emphasis placed on differentiating the curriculum in the classroom in order to cater for these students. In every classroom, staff endeavour to challenge, motivate and extend all students.

Our policy and ideals are based around the Gifted and Talented Framework for Education Queensland.

ACADEMIC TALENT PROGRAMS

Voices on the Coast is a two day literary festival at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC).

Readers’ Cup challenges our students to read widely, work collaboratively and continue developing a love of reading.

Kids in action Environmental Conference is a workshop aimed at inspiring our future environmental leaders.

ICAS UNSW (International Competitions & Assessment for Schools) are independent, skills based assessments with a competition element organised by the University of NSW.

Sunshine Coast Mathematics Tournament gives our high achieving Year 6 maths students a chance to test their mathematical skills against other students in the region in a stimulating and thought provoking environment.

Science Week Workshops. Our partnership with Sunshine Beach State High School allows our Year 6 students a stimulating hands on experience in fully equipped science labs and innovative science workshops.

Explorama held at USC offers various weekend workshops in the Arts, Sciences, Mathematics and Humanities.

Creativity in Science and Technology (CREST). Designed by the CSIRO, the program supports students in designing and carrying out their own open-ended science investigation or technology project.

Writing Competitions. Our aspiring writers are given the opportunity to develop their literary skills by entering various literary competitions.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Academic Talent Program is to monitor and extend students in order to advance their skills, knowledge and processes.