

## Extracurricular Activities

**Academic:** Students participate in national competitions, debating, mock trials, HSC seminars, additional tutorials, work experience programs, excursions related to curriculum, careers education evening. Visiting native speaking Japanese and French teachers assist with classes Yrs 5-12.

**Cultural:** Sister school in Togane, Japan, with annual reciprocal visits; award winning newspaper/journalism team ("Smithy's Flyer"); opportunities for debating, public speaking, school musical and performing arts activities; dance festivals; annual arts and craft festival.

**Social:** Dances are held each term; camps conducted for Year 7; social and academic excursions; merit scheme in operation K-12; weekly assemblies.

**Sport:** An international sized gymnasium and expansive sporting fields are a feature of the school. A wide range of sporting opportunities in local, regional and state competitions is provided. Recreational sports also feature in the sports program.



## Distance Education

The Distance Education Centre offers schooling to those students in Years 7 to 12 unable to attend mainstream schools or who need to study a subject not offered at their home school.

Any enquiries about Distance Education guidelines should be directed to:

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Southern Cross Distance Education Centre  
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## Towards Tomorrow

Enquiries welcome:  
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## Southern Cross School K-12



Southern Cross School K-12 offers a modern and unique learning environment that combines Years K - 6, 7 - 12, K-6 Support Unit, 7-12 Support Unit and Distance Education Centre on the one site.



"Our prime purpose is to prepare students for a life of learning"

## Years K - 6



K to 6 students enjoy a wide range of learning activities with a strong focus on basic skills delivered by highly qualified and dedicated staff. The emphasis is also on individual development, achieved through supportive welfare processes.

Basic skills test results are consistently above state average.

Opportunities for advanced learning in English, Maths and Science.

K-6 students have access to a wide range of sporting opportunities with ample sporting equipment and playing areas. Teams compete in statewide competitions with outstanding success.

Students have a wide range of support services including counselling, remediation and specialised reading instruction and support.

A safe and happy learning environment is supported by a strong welfare program.

The transition to secondary education is facilitated by a special program across Years 6-7 involving K-6 and 7-12 staff.

Assemblies for K-2, 3-4, 5-6 are held on a regular basis where parents/guardians are most welcome.

The progression to secondary education is enhanced by a developing middle school curriculum (Years 5-8).

## K - 12 Features

- The self-select program is designed to encourage enthusiasm for teaching and learning in both staff and students. It promotes higher achievement for our students through quality teaching practice and challenging and innovative curriculum. It also encourages a mindset amongst all students that is more likely to lead to learning success.
- 140 computers available throughout the school in computer laboratories, libraries, classrooms and resource rooms with Internet access.
- Large international standard gymnasium.
- Senior student common room.
- Performing Arts/dance studio and in-school radio station.
- Fully equipped specialist rooms for visual arts, photography, ceramics, industrial technology, food technology, hospitality, music and science.
- Two P & C run canteens.
- Basketball courts, cricket nets, netball and volleyball courts, sporting fields and a wide range of sporting equipment including water sports.
- Two comprehensive libraries.
- K-6 and 7-12 support units for students with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities.



- Across Years 5 to 8 continuous languages program in French/Japanese.
- Integration program across Years K-12 where students with disabilities are integrated into mainstream classes.
- Literacy and numeracy support is provided by part-time support teachers (learning difficulties).
- Computer Skills course for all year 7 and 8 students designed to assist in the development of computer skills.

## Years 7 - 12



Students in Years 7-10 enjoy a comprehensive and wide range of elective subjects in addition to the core learning areas, which can be continued in the senior years. A successful school-to-work program is run for students not wishing to continue in senior study.

In addition to the core, traditional subjects, students in years 9 and 10 are also able to select from a range of courses including sport, lifestyle and recreation, marine studies, photography—film and video, food technology and languages.

Southern Cross School K-12 students have performed very well at HSC level (top 10% of the State in a large range of subjects), with many furthering their education at NSW and Queensland universities. For students committed to seeking employment an alternate, non-HSC program is also available.

In Years 11/12, students can follow a traditional academic path, i.e. English, mathematics, science and the humanities or focus on vocational subjects such as business services, hospitality, building construction, entertainment industry or information technology.

Subjects are offered which also gain advanced standing at TAFE. Students are also able to take part in a traineeship program in conjunction with HSC studies at school.