

EVERY
STUDENT IS
EXCEPTIONAL



"I am deeply committed to providing an exciting point of difference and alternative for the Elanora community. The key to achieving this is thinking outside the box and broadening the options available for students"

Rochelle Lewis, Principal

Elanora

Over the last three years, Queensland students have demonstrated

enviable agility and fierce resilience in the face of enormous upheaval. The COVID pandemic caused disruption beyond measure to our schools and places of learning. We often hear people say that they would like things to go back to normal. Why would we want things to return to the way they were when they can be so much better than that? Together, let us create a new, better normal.

The Elanora State High School Academy Programs have been waiting patiently on the sidelines for the COVID disruptions to end. With a strong desire to capitalise on community connections and the expertise of her staff, Rochelle Lewis, Elanora State High School's newest Principal, is now the driving force behind these programs.

In many ways, 2023 is the perfect time for us to unveil the Academy Programs. Despite the upheaval of the pandemic, we are still fortunate enough to have on our staff three recipients of the Gold Coast Secondary Principal's Alliance 'Secondary Teacher of the Year Award' and two 'Secondary Leaders of the Year Award'. The calibre of our staff positions Elanora State High School to provide our students with a world class education that is tailored to the individual needs of the student. We are limited only by our imaginations and together we can dream big.

Underpinning each of our academies and the Elanora State High School community, is a strong focus on the environment and sustainability. Our school is positioned in what is, undeniably, one of the most sought-after areas of Australia; it makes sense to focus on nurturing our natural environment and developing our students' capacity for caring for our home here on the southern Gold Coast.

NEW & ENHANCED XCELERATE ACADEMIES



YEAR 7 2024



E-STEM ACADEMY
CHANGE MAKERS ACADEMY
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES ACADEMY
SPORTS & HEALTH SCIENCE ACADEMY
PADDLING ACADEMY
XCELERATE HIGH SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM
(INFORMATION FOR CURRENT YEAR 5 STUDENTS)

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E-STEM is a philosophy of inquiry learning that intentionally brings these subjects together with connections to real life as well as creating new areas of learning such as bioengineering and biotechnology. Just like oceanographers use science, maths and technology, and architects use technology, engineering, art and science, E-STEM will equip students to enter disciplines and careers that require a combination of interdisciplinary skills. It is a student-centred curriculum, in which students are encouraged to solve real-world issues using project or problem-based enrichment activities. E-STEM embraces the 21st Century skills needed for tomorrow: Creativity, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Communication.

Our **Change Makers** Academy seeks to pioneer critical and creative thinking within a Queensland State School environment. This program aims to develop socially-engaged future leaders who are flexible in their thinking and courageous in their questioning.

The Change Makers Academy empowers students who are concerned about the future of their world to explore possibilities and confidently pose solutions. Through authentic learning experiences, students of the Change Makers

Academy may become our politicians, educators, lawyers and journalists - the true change makers of our world.

The **Creative Industries** are dynamic and offer endless possibilities in cultural and creative production and services. Our vision is to provide students with opportunities to unleash their potential and channel their creative flair. Through a blend of theory and studio-based learning experiences, students will develop a range of highly advanced practical skills and specialised knowledge that are foundational to personal, community-based and professional art practice.

The Academy will guide students to fine-tune their artistic abilities, harness new technology, think critically, solve problems, communicate effectively, and work collaboratively as a part of multi-disciplinary school-based projects. They will learn to play a life-long role in supporting societal changes related to sustainability, mental health, quality of life and the promotion of inclusive societies.

Academy of Sports and Health Sciences embraces Elanora State High School's motto is 'Aim to Excel' and there is no better time to expand the current Health & Sports Science

Academy to enable students to excel in their chosen sport. This academy provides unique opportunities for every child to be engaged and have success in a sport of their choice.

Embedded within the **Paddling Academy** is a specialised, elite pathway which will lead to prominent representation at sport-specific national and international events. The program is coordinated by State, National and World Championship competitor, Sharon Kyme, who is a Level 3 Coach.

The program is enriched with external connections including Olympic competitors and Gold medallists.

Our **XCElerate High School Readiness program** enhances your child's transition experience through building familiarity with our school, our staff and their peers, as well as affording them new skills. It provides students with a specialised opportunity to experience an engaging and seamless transition into high school, building on our school's sense of community with an emphasis on belonging, meaning no student is lost at Elanora.