



GIFTED AND TALENTED



2026 PROGRAM

SPINIFEX STATE COLLEGE

TERM 2



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Sharing Knowledge - Creating Our Future

The Spinifex State College Gifted and Talented Program has a long history of providing enrichment opportunities for Year 6 students. It offers students the chance to engage in extended study in an area where they demonstrate strong ability and genuine interest. All eligible students are encouraged to apply.

Programs Offered in 2026

The following programs will be available:

- **Junior Touch Development Program**
- **Creative Writing**
- **Science (Mining)**

The Program will run for **8 weeks during Term 2**.

- **Touch Pre Academy program** and **Science** will be held on **Friday from 1:30pm–2:20pm**.
- **Creative Writing** will be held on **Wednesdays from 1:30pm–2:20pm**.

Transport and Student Dismissal

Spinifex State College will arrange transport for Year 6 students from each school to the Junior Campus for their afternoon sessions.

At the conclusion of each session, students will be dismissed from the Junior Campus at **2:20pm**, and parents will need to organise their collection.

Application Process

Nomination forms are available on the **Spinifex State College website** or from the **Administration Office at the Junior Campus**.

All completed applications must be submitted to:

Spinifex State College – Junior Campus
Administration Office
6–12 Fifth Avenue

Applications must be received **before 3:00pm, Friday 27 March**.

A complete application includes:

- Completed **Nomination Form**
- Completed **Permission Form**
- **Written Selection Criteria** for each program the student is applying for

Notification and Key Dates

Families will be notified of successful applicants through their primary school by **Thursday 2 April**.

The Program will run from **Week 2 (27 April) to Week 9 (14 June)** of Term 2. **Culminating events** will be held during each program's final session in **Week 9, from 2:20pm–3:30pm**.



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SCIENCE PROGRAM

Outline:

Students will participate in an innovative program designed to interest and inspire students in Science specific to the mining industry. Students will participate in a variety of practical activities and research around this central theme. The aim is to inspire students to actively participate and learn about the Science involved in the mining industry and generate interest and excitement about this area of study.

Selection Criteria:

1. Outline your passion or interest in Science or Mining.
2. Explain how you are able to follow instructions and to work in group situations.
3. Discuss your ability to follow laboratory procedures carefully, to ensure your safety and the safety of others.
4. Explain your willingness to undertake experiments.

Please write up to 100 words for each criterion to explain why you think you should be involved in the program. Please present your response in no more than two A4 pages.

JUNIOR TOUCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Outline:

Students will be participating in a touch football program which is designed to engage and enhance their physical literacy and teamwork skills. Through the fast-paced nature of touch football, students learn the fundamentals of movement, agility, and coordination whilst developing tactical awareness and decision-making abilities. Moreover, touch football promotes inclusivity by accommodating for varying skill levels and abilities. It encourages students to support and respect each other, fostering a positive and supportive learning environment. By the end of this program, we are hoping to empower students to lead active and healthy lifestyles while fostering key values such as teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship.

Selection Criteria:

1. Outline your past sporting participation and achievements.
2. Explain a situation or situations where you have had to use teamwork in the past.
3. Explain a time when you have had to plan and lead a group of people.
4. Explain how you will be able to cope with the fitness/physical activity demands of this program.

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CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM

Outline:

As part of the Creative Writing program, students will become real writers and voices for their community.

Over the term we will work together to create a community project that will showcase ideas, stories and perspectives, highlighting creativity and progress in their writing.

Students will explore a range of writing styles, including stories, articles and descriptive pieces, while learning how to write clearly, creatively and with purpose. They will be encouraged to think like writers, experiment with new ideas and develop their own unique voice in our diverse community.

By the end of the program, students will have contributed to a meaningful publication that represents both themselves and their community. This final product will celebrate their creativity, teamwork and growth as writers.

Selection Criteria:

1. Submit a piece of creating writing, no longer than 300 words, that is based on a place, person or experience in our community. This can be a story, poem, description or other piece creative work that celebrates your writing skills and shows us something about this area.
2. Outline, in around 100 words, why you have an interest in creative writing.



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