

Spinifex State College – Mount Isa

Junior Secondary Philosophy

QUALITY TEACHING

- Teachers use the Explicit Instruction model of teaching and learning utilizing a common language and consistent quality practices.
- Full scope and delivery of Secondary Curriculum programs.
- Access to specialist teaching areas such as science and technology laboratories, music and industrial workshops, kitchens and creative arts spaces.



PARENT & COMMUNITY

- Successful students have involved parents so we encourage parents to stay connected to their students' learning.
- Parents are invited to school events such as Meet the Teachers, School Open Days, Interview Nights and cultural and sporting events.
- Parent involvement in school planning, assemblies, special events and award ceremonies is welcomed.



DISTINCT IDENTITY

- Spinifex State College has a dedicated Junior Secondary Campus providing programs for years 7 to 9.
- Designated undercover lunchtime areas for each year level with shared, supervised activity areas.
- Year 7 classes based on core teacher model with a gradual release to more teachers in year 8 and 9.

LEADERSHIP

- School Council Representatives are elected for each form class. Selected students join the whole school Student Council.
- Junior Secondary Student Council run activities during lunchtimes for students.
- A Junior Secondary Leadership and teaching team provide quality programs.

STUDENT WELLBEING

- Each year level has a dedicated Deputy Principal and HOD to case manage students.
- Positive, caring staff focused on providing quality programs to Junior Secondary students.
- Comprehensive program to transition students from Primary to Junior Secondary including G&T Program, Open Days, Information Evenings and Tools 4 Change day.

LOCAL DECISION MAKING

- Our school focus is to develop policy and practice that caters to OUR STUDENTS' needs.
- Our Junior Secondary agenda is collaboratively developed and reviewed regularly.
- Parents have a range of opportunities to have input into the decision making processes including: Parents and Citizens' Association and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee.

