

# PINJARRA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## Growing Learners for Life

### OUR VISION

At Pinjarra Senior High School, we don't just teach subjects—we develop learners and 'learnership' – skills for learning well. We believe in creating an environment where everyone continues to grow their capabilities, embraces challenges as opportunities, and builds the skills to thrive in a changing world.

### OUR LEARNING CULTURE


**INNOVATIVE:** We explore creative approaches to learning that connect classroom experiences with real-world contexts. Students and staff continuously develop skills to approach problems from different angles, designing solutions that matter to them and their community.

**CONNECTED:** We build meaningful relationships that enhance learning—between students, teachers, ideas, and our wider community to foster a strong sense of individual and collective wellbeing. Learning thrives through collaboration, communication, and connecting knowledge across different areas of life.

**RESILIENT:** We view challenges as opportunities to develop new capabilities. When we encounter difficulties, we respond with strategic persistence, seeking feedback and applying effective approaches to move forward. This capacity to problem solve and grow develops agency for life.

### WHAT WE VALUE

#### GROWTH

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- We recognize that learning is a journey without a destination—there's always a next step in development.
  - Every member of our school community is developing their learning capabilities, with today's achievements becoming tomorrow's starting points.
  - We actively spend time in our learning zones, embracing the productive stretch that builds new neural pathways and expands our capabilities.
  - Success is measured through progress over time, not just end results.

## **RESPECT**

- We develop our capacity for understanding and valuing different perspectives, recognizing that this sometimes involves productive struggle.
- Learning environments are safe spaces where mistakes are treated as valuable information and feedback is seen as a gift.
- We honour diversity by learning from each other's experiences and approaches.
- Everyone contributes to our vibrant learning community through their unique perspectives and efforts.

## **EMPOWERMENT**

- Students and staff develop the skills to direct their own learning journeys, identifying goals and creating pathways to achieve them.
- We build the capacity to apply effective learning strategies, seeking and using feedback to refine our approaches.
- Reflection is practiced as a powerful tool for developing self-awareness and identifying next steps.
- Challenges are approached with a toolkit of strategies that continues to expand through experience.

## **ADAPTABILITY**

- We develop the capacity to adjust our approaches when faced with new situations.
- Learning experiences are designed to build transferable skills that can be applied across different contexts.
- Students practice applying their learning to unfamiliar situations, strengthening their ability to navigate change.
- Taking considered risks in learning is encouraged as a way to discover new possibilities.

## HOW THIS LOOKS IN PRACTICE

### For Students:

- Setting specific learning goals and tracking progress over time
- Developing strategies to work through challenges rather than avoiding them
- Actively seeking and applying feedback to improve
- Recognizing when they're in their comfort zone and choosing to step into their learning zone
- Building their learning toolkit through varied experiences

### For Staff:

- Designing learning experiences that provide appropriate stretch for diverse learners
- Giving process-focused feedback that guides next steps
- Modelling their own learning journey and growth through embracing challenges
- Creating opportunities for students to develop learning strategies, not just content knowledge
- Collaborating to enhance teaching approaches and student learning

### For Our Community:

- Engaging with the school as partners in developing lifelong learners
- Supporting the development of growth mindsets at home and in community settings
- Celebrating progress and effort alongside achievements
- Contributing real-world contexts that enrich learning experiences

At Pinjarra Senior High School, we're not just preparing students for the future—we're developing their capacity to create it. By focusing on growth, respect, empowerment, and adaptability, we build learners who continue to expand their capabilities throughout life.