

## At Pioneer, we believe that excellence in teaching drives excellence in learning.



**Debbie Robinson** is the recipient of a prestigious Pioneer Fellowship. Debbie is passionate about literacy and empowering students with the language skills they will need for a challenging and rapidly changing world. Debbie is using her fellowship to engage with the latest international research in literacy education. Her findings will shape the future direction of our innovative Literacy Enhancement Program. All Year 8 students are supported and monitored through the program. The program ensures that all students have the literacy skills needed to engage successfully with the broader curriculum.



**Mick Nixon** is the Head of Science at Pioneer. Mick recently received the Outstanding Teacher Bursary at the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy state awards. This significant accolade recognises the leadership that Mick provides both within and beyond our school in connecting students with the booming mining industry through innovative and engaging science programs. Pioneer is an active member of the academy, providing students with a range of opportunities through engineering camps, field trips, industry-based projects and our outstanding Earth Science program.



**Casey McManus** is another recipient of a Pioneer Fellowship. Casey is a young teacher with a strong vision for how technology can be used to engage students with real-life learning. Casey is using her fellowship to learn more about the latest international trends in digital pedagogy. Her findings will shape the future direction of our laptop program and the way in which our teachers use technology to enhance and enrich student learning. Casey is currently completing her Masters in Education and her research into the use of laptops in a one-to-one environment has been published in academic journals.



**Jaime Smith** is just beginning her teaching career at Pioneer, but is already establishing herself as a dedicated and highly effective teacher. Jamie received the Isolated Children's Parents' Association's award for the most outstanding pre-service teacher in Queensland. Jaime completed her final practicum at Clermont, where her enthusiasm and professionalism impressed her colleagues. Jaime has been part of Pioneer's rigorous Beginning Teachers' Program, which ensures all new teachers are supported in utilising teaching approaches that reflect the latest educational research.

## These are just some of the ways in which Pioneer is ensuring that excellence in teaching is driving excellence in learning.

To find out more about our innovative school, visit our website or contact us to arrange an interview. Pioneer also hosts an Information Evening and School Tour for prospective students early in Term 3 each year. Visit our website for details.

Scholarship applications for prospective students are available online and close mid-year.

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Welcome to our school. Pioneer State High School is a dynamic and progressive learning community. Our students enjoy the benefits of dedicated and professional teachers, excellent facilities and an extensive range of high quality curriculum and extra-curricular programs. We are committed to living out our vision of being “partners in learning for the twenty-first century in an innovative, inclusive and caring community”.



## A focus on quality teaching and learning

Pioneer is a mindful community, committed to enhancing students' use of the Habits of Mind: sixteen powerful habits that support thoughtful and intelligent action. Students are explicitly taught about the habits and apply them across all of their subjects. The Habits of Mind are part of the broader Dimensions of Learning: an internationally acclaimed, evidence-based approach to teaching. Pioneer is currently implementing this framework to provide a consistent and rigorous approach to teaching and learning, based on world best-practice.

## Academic excellence

Pioneer offers a rigorous and wide-ranging curriculum, with a strong focus on:  
**Science:** including Marine Studies, Earth Science and a wide range of opportunities through the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA);  
**The Arts:** including Film and Television, Visual Art, Dance, Speech and Drama, Music and an extensive range of related co-curricular opportunities; and  
**Information Technology:** including a range of IT curriculum offerings, a laptop program, and an emphasis on embedding the use of ICTs across all subjects.



## Innovative pathways in vocational education

Pioneer is committed to providing students with high quality training that opens up pathways into exciting and rewarding careers. At Pioneer, students can undertake nationally recognised qualifications in Visual Arts, Community Recreation, Childcare, Hospitality, Business, Information Technology or Resource and Infrastructure Operations. Pioneer's new Trade Training Centre provides students with access to state-of-the-art equipment and training in Engineering. As part of the QMEA, Pioneer connects students with careers in the booming mining industry.

## Pastoral care and support

A true strength of Pioneer is the welcoming, caring and inclusive nature of our community. This is reflected in our Care system, in which each student is supported by the same Care Teacher throughout their time at Pioneer. Students are also assisted by a range of wellbeing programs and support personnel and are encouraged to play an active role in our community through mechanisms such as our Student Council. Pioneer uses the acclaimed School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support program to reinforce responsible and respectful behaviour.



## A tradition of sporting excellence

Ever since Cathy Freeman won the Sportswoman of the Year Award in 1987, our school has maintained a strong tradition of sporting excellence. Students at Pioneer participate in a wide range of sports, including the school's specialties of Touch Football, Futsal, Soccer, AFL and Volleyball. Pioneer offers a Future Stars program to elite athletes, providing these students with additional coaching and support. Pioneer's students enjoy the use of excellent sporting facilities and school teams have competed at regional, state and national levels in several sports.

## Cultural opportunities for all

Pioneer is a vibrant hub for the creative arts. Students at Pioneer enjoy participating in a wide range of cultural activities across music, dance, drama, visual arts and new media. These include symphonic and stage bands, string and percussion ensembles, choir, dance groups, drama groups and a strong instrumental music program. Pioneer offers an outreach program to our partner primary schools, engaging younger students with the arts and supporting their smooth transition to secondary school.

