

Pioneer is committed to providing innovative and engaging learning experiences for all students. Students who excel academically benefit from further extension in their studies and additional opportunities for creative and critical thinking. Pioneer is proud to offer our innovative LEAP program to help these students flourish and grow.

LEAP provides a focussed and high-performance learning environment for our most able and committed students. The program develops students' higher order thinking skills and exposes them to a wide range of enrichment opportunities.

LEAP Learning Excellence At Pioneer

An innovative learning program developed by Pioneer, in partnership with CQUniversity Mackay.

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State High School



Program structure

LEAP students remain together in the same class grouping for all of their subjects in Year 7. This helps to build a strong group identity amongst students in the program and also facilitates greater opportunities for extension and enrichment activities across all subjects. After Year 7, students remain together in the same class for core subjects such as English, Mathematics and Science until the middle of Year 10. This ensures that students can work collaboratively on a range of enrichment projects and extension opportunities over the course of their studies.



Enrichment opportunities

In addition to their regular studies, LEAP students have timetabled lessons every week to work on focussed enrichment and extension projects. During these lessons, students are mentored and supported by the school's Head of Department for Academic Performance and Learning. Each term, students' projects are linked to a different faculty at CQUniversity. Students visit CQUniversity Mackay at the end of each term to apply and extend their learning in a university setting. Students can still enjoy access to Pioneer's other programs, such as our Instrumental Music Program and AFL Centre of Excellence.



Partnership with CQUniversity

LEAP is delivered in partnership with CQUniversity. Each term, students participate in an enrichment project with university staff. Students work with a different discipline area within the university each term, exposing them to expert knowledge in a range of fields and building their familiarity with a university environment. During Year 7, students work with CQUniversity staff on projects relating to Health Sciences, Engineering, Creative Arts, and Multimedia and IT. The program establishes an ongoing partnership between students and CQUniversity that continues through their secondary schooling.



Beyond Year 7

Enrichment and extension opportunities continue beyond Year 7. The program will extend learning through building students' academic ability and opening up new possibilities for their further studies and careers beyond school. Students will learn about diverse career opportunities, and develop greater familiarity with and confidence for university study. Students will participate in further enrichment activities in areas of interest in Years 8, 9 and 10 and will be encouraged to explore further development opportunities with Higher Education providers in Years 11 and 12.

Entry into Pioneer's LEAP program is by application. Application forms are available from the school or can be downloaded from our website. Please contact the school for further information about this exciting learning opportunity.

LEAP into learning at Pioneer



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The LEAP program is an innovative learning program developed by Pioneer in partnership with CQUniversity Mackay, providing exciting enrichment and extension opportunities for gifted and talented Year 7 students.

- Entry is by application, based on students' academic and cultural abilities
- Students join a dedicated LEAP class for all subjects in Year 7
- Students engage in accelerated learning and extension across their core subjects, including English, Mathematics, Science and History
- Students participate in a specialist class each week to develop higher order thinking skills, work on enrichment projects and participate in mentoring activities
- Each term, students' enrichment projects are undertaken in partnership with a different discipline area at CQUniversity and culminate in a visit to the university to finalise these projects, work with academic staff and become more familiar with the university environment
- Over the year, students will complete projects relating to Health Science, Engineering, Creative Arts, and Multimedia and IT
- The program is built on a strong partnership with CQUniversity, including the ongoing support of university lecturers and access to university facilities