

How it Works: Secondary Schools

For 2019 student programs



Participation

- All Queensland state primary and secondary schools can take part in IMPACT Centre initiatives.
- Consider the demonstrated evidence-base of the IMPACT Centre including:
 - [measurable improvement to student outcomes](#);
 - [positive measurable change to teacher capability](#).
- Match your improvement agenda to our student and staff initiatives and invest accordingly.



Student Activities

Weekly web conference

- A group of up to 14 students logs in to 1 x 60-70 minute web conference each week
- Two groups can logon at the same time i.e. 28 students – we provide you with an online teacher for each group.
- The web conference session is delivered by a specialist teacher from the IMPACT Centre, with the support of your web conference supervisor (see staff involvement on the next page).
- The day and time of this session is negotiated and then timetabled for the round.
- Schools nominate 2-3 possible session times for each group and we can generally accommodate one of these.
- Each student must work at their own computer (PC or laptop) with reliable internet access.
- Each student **must** wear a *headset with microphone* to successfully participate. You must purchase this equipment if it is not already available (approx. \$20-\$50 per unit – [view details](#)).
- You may need to book a venue if the classroom isn't suitable, e.g., library, computer lab.



24 hour access to reinforcement and extension activities

- Students, enrolled staff and parents can access additional project activities and resources at any time with internet access via www.elearn.eq.edu.au.
- Involvement in these additional activities is not compulsory, but is highly recommended as they help your students reinforce and extend their learning.
- Some schools devote class time to the eLearn activities or create a project club to encourage students to complete the activities outside of class time.
- Some schools encourage students to access activities at home and complete them with parent support.

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Staff involvement

- We request and recommend that you provide a **Web Conference Supervisor**.
- Your Web Conference Supervisor has the unique opportunity to log in to each session and learn alongside your students, co-teach with our specialist teachers, experience technology-enabled learning, and support your participating students.
- You can appoint one person to this role or share the opportunity – suggested candidates include class teachers, librarian, coach, STLaN, HOD, or teacher-aide.
- Your school also needs to appoint an **IMPACT Project Coordinator** to coordinate your school's participation, lead student selection, nominate preferred session times and submit your student registration details.

NB: Your IMPACT Project Coordinator and Web Conference Supervisor can be the same person.

Timing of project rounds

- There are three rounds per year, with each round running for **12 school weeks**.
- There are no lessons in Term 1 Week 1, or during NAPLAN week (at the request of schools).
- Lessons can continue into December if requested by schools.

Round 1: Feb 4 – May 13				NAPLAN	Round 2: May 20 – Aug 23				Round 3: Aug 26 – Nov 29			
Feb	Mar	Apr	May		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
T1 Wk 2 to T3 Wk 3					T2 Wk 5 to T3 Wk 6				T3 Wk 7 to T4 Wk 8			

Selection and pathways

- Select students according to the selection criteria – see individual project outlines.
- You can involve students in one or more programs each round and across the year.
- You can register multiple groups in each program e.g. 3 x Critical Thinking groups.
- Groups normally consist of 12-14 students.
- Most medium to large schools select full groups of 14 students, with students coming from your school only.
- Consider developing strategic pathways for cohorts or for individual students – examples below.

Example Pathways	Round 1	NAPLAN	Round 2	Round 3
Critical Thinking Groups >>	Critical Thinking		Critical Thinking	Critical Thinking
Thinking Progression >>	Critical Thinking		Philosophical Thi.	Legal Thinking
U2B Writing Prep >>	Just Write Yr 9		Just Write Yr 8	Just Write Yr 8
U2B Numeracy Prep >>	Solve IT Yr 7 & 9		Solve IT Yr 8	Solve IT Yr 8
STEM Experience >>	Code Breaker		Web Coder	Marine Zone
Extension Writing >>	Critical Thinking		Just Write	Write On
Create your own >>				

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