

The Young and Deadly Mob

Information for Families



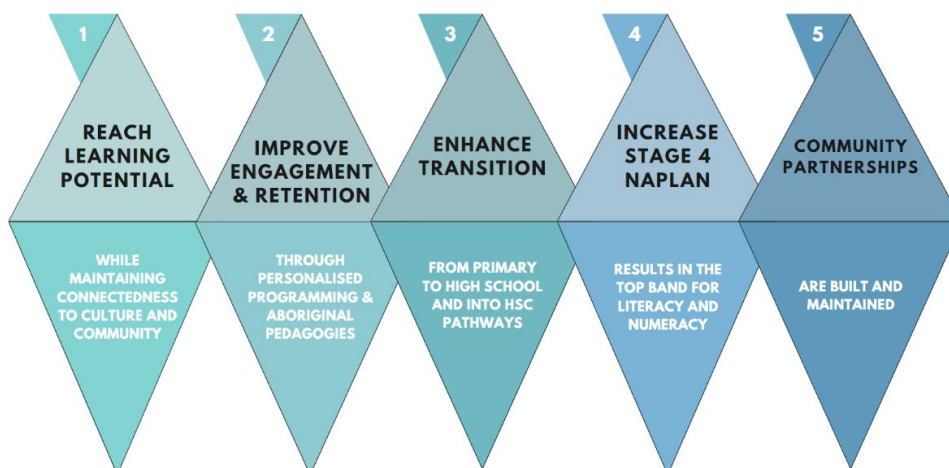
Aurora College – Igniting new ways of learning

- Aurora College is the state’s first virtual school. It is a ‘stand-alone’ school with currently over 800 students across the state. The Young and Deadly Mob program running at Aurora College began in 2022. Since then, over 100 students have participated in this online program created for Aboriginal High Potential and Gifted students.
- Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment. Students login to their daily class from their home school at a negotiated time to participate in their Aurora lessons. Aurora College also operates one of the state’s first fully digital school libraries.
- Aurora College is a a provision for students in rural, remote and regional NSW. We offer:
 - Year 5 and 6: Opportunity Class lessons in Mathematics, Science and Technology
 - **Year 5 to 8: Young and Deadly Mob learn Mathematics, Science and Technology (also English in Years 7 and 8)**
 - Year 7 to 10: Selective School classes in English, Mathematics and Science
 - Year 11 and 12: the opportunity to study one or more Preliminary and/or Higher School Certificate subjects that may not be available in their local school.
- Students study the other subjects in their local government school. This unique provision allows students to access a challenging academic program without the need to leave their local community. This model helps students to learn by grouping them with other students of similar ability, and by using Aboriginal Pedagogies, close community consultation, and using specific learning strategies for High Potential and Gifted students.

The virtual Aboriginal High Potential and Gifted Students Program

- The Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships Directorate (AOPD) is funding this program over 5 years. The AOPD has worked closely with the Aurora team and with representation from across the community, Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (AECGs) and within the Department of Education.

Goals for Young & Deadly Mob



- Potential students are identified by the Department of Education as Year 5 Aboriginal students who achieved in the top two bands in Check-in or NAPLAN assessments. Schools, parents and students then submit an application.
- Each student of the Young and Deadly Mob program will:
 - complete an orientation program in Year 5 in Term 4
 - study Mathematics, Science and Technology in Year 6 at your local government primary school
 - study Mathematics, Science and English in Year 7 and 8 at your local government high school.

How will Aurora and the home (partner) school work together?

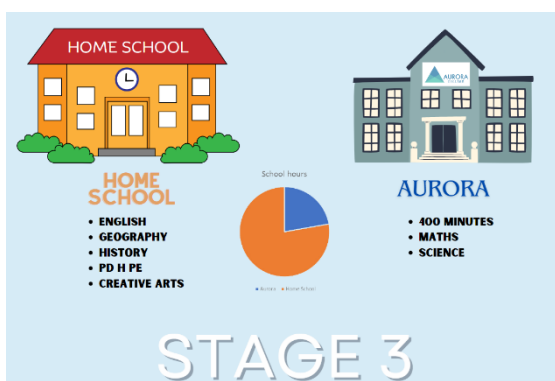
- When a student becomes a shared enrolment between Aurora and their home school, each school must plan for and support the curriculum of each shared student. It is an educational partnership.
- Aurora will provide students with a laptop, headset and webcam to participate in lessons. Partner schools will be required to provide a desktop computer and allocated Aurora space to support student learning. The student laptops can be taken home to complete set tasks and support learning.
- Supervision will be provided by the Aurora College teacher as well as by the home school. Students will be working in a space that is visible to staff at the primary school they attend.
- In each partner school, Aurora funds the release of a suitable teacher to fill the role of Aurora College Coordinator (ACC). The ACC adds an important layer of support for the educational, social and emotional needs of our high potential and gifted students and helps with communication to the student’s family.
- Aurora College has sole responsibility for teaching, assessing and reporting in Mathematics, Science and Technology (and English in Yrs 7-8). The home school delivers learning in all other subjects.
- Aurora College produces an academic report at the end of Semesters 1 and 2. An interim report is also provided early in Term 1 of Year 6. Parent/teacher interviews are conducted in Term 1 and as required.

Program special features

- A Residential School each year gives students the opportunity to meet and work with their peers and teachers. The college provides supervised bus transport to and from the residential school. The program includes lessons, tutorials, masterclasses, mentoring sessions and excursions. Transport and accommodation costs for AHPG students will be paid for by the program.
- The Masterclass Program is a key component of the online and Residential School programs. Students are able to connect with and learn from a variety of individuals and organisations who are leaders in their chosen field.

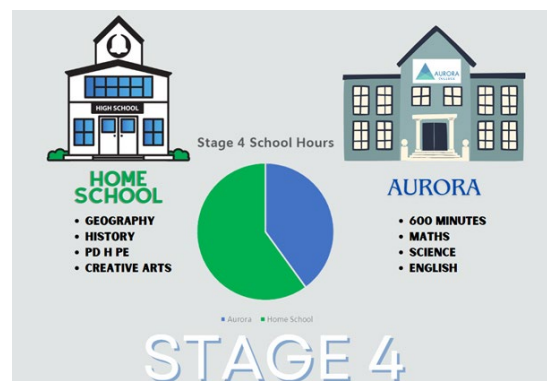
Stage 3 program overview

- During Term 4, Year 5 will undertake an orientation, then in Year 6 will undertake all of their Mathematics, Science and Technology learning with Aurora College.
- Students bring their technical equipment with them to their high school.



Stage 4 program overview

- In Year 7 & 8, students will now study in English, Mathematics and Science for a total of 600 minutes per week. This includes a Science practical lesson each fortnight that is presented by a teacher in the home school.



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