



Kawana Waters
State College

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**Reflect and
Improve
Senior
Education
Program**
Student Application
Year 10, 2026

Our vision

Kawana Waters State College is committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high quality educational opportunities for each and every child.

Our moral imperative is to maximise learning in our school, ensuring each student reaches their full potential.

'The opportunity for self-determination, to experience the fulfilment of work, and to follow a successful life pathway must be available to all,' (Everybody's Business, 2017).

In short every child deserves the chance to succeed.

What is the RISE program?

Reflect and Improve in Senior Education (RISE) is a program designed to provide opportunity for bright and motivated students. The RISE program strives to support families and young people to achieve their potential throughout Senior School and beyond. The program is underpinned by what research tells us works to develop resilience and exception attributes.

The program is designed to work with both students, parents and the school and aims to:

- Grow a culture of high expectations and rigor
- Prepare students to live and work successfully in the 21st century
- Foster social and emotional wellbeing
- Collaborate with tertiary institutions, industry and other organisations to support smoother transitions
- Develop transferable skills (work readiness/employability skills)
- Support informed decisions about future pathways.
- Provide a toolkit of study techniques and strategies to further support students through their Senior schooling journey

RISE students will participate in a number of workshops along with other like-minded students and their parents in Year 10. It is envisaged that there will be regular sessions delivered by educators from Kawana Waters State College and external agencies. Parents will be an integral part of this program.

Year 10 students interested in pursuing excellence are encouraged to apply.

Expectations

There is an expectation that students accepted into the RISE program will:

- Attend and actively participate in all RISE workshops
- Regularly attend all classes
- Maintain high levels of achievement across their subjects
- Demonstrate consistent effort and attitude

Details of the program

All sessions are designed to support both parents and students and will be run by the Senior School PLT and invited experts on a variety of topics.

Term 2 – Week 1 Wednesday 22 April	RISE – The Future of Work Masterclass presented by BOP Industries How the workforce of the future is changing and skills needed to excel
Term 2 – Week 3 Monday	High Impact Learning Strategies for Senior Success How learning really works: The science-backed strategies every senior student needs
Term 2 – Week 5 Monday	High Impact Learning Strategies for Senior Success How to remember what you learn: Note-taking and retrieval techniques that boost results
Term 2 – Week 8 Monday	High Impact Learning Strategies for Senior Success Creating a Study that works: Planning for assignments and Exams
Term 2 - Week 9 Monday	Year 10 Exam Block
Term 2 – Week 10 Monday	Year 10 Work Experience
Term 3 – Week 2 Monday	Look after yourself: Stress management with Callum Lahey-Dillon (School Psychologist)
Term 3 – Week 5 Monday	Know myself, know my career with Mr McLean (Guidance Officer)
Term 3 – Week 8 Monday	Understanding Senior Schooling: Getting the most out of my SET Plan
Term 3 – Week 10 TBC	RISE Celebration Evening

Identification of Students

The process for identifying students who are eligible for the RISE program is outlined below.

It is important that Step 1 is completed thoroughly so all evidence in your application can be considered. This will ensure a clear and concise understanding of student strengths and enable our Program facilitators design the most appropriate and challenging program.

Step One – Application

Students wishing to engage in the program are required to complete the attached Application form. Students are required to address the points below in their application;

- Who am I? (Personal attributes, academic strengths, extra-curricular involvement)
- Why should I be considered?
- What are my aspirations for the future and how will this program support me with that?

Should you need additional space when responding to the topics, feel free to write your application on a separate page and attach to the application form.

In submitting the application, please ensure you are prepared to adhere to the expectations of this program by:

- Attending and actively participating in all RISE workshops (including after school sessions)
- Regularly attending all timetabled classes
- Maintaining high levels of achievement
- Demonstrating consistent effort and attitude in all of my classes.

Please return the completed application form to Mr Allan, Deputy Principal Senior School at the front office by the end of week 9, **Friday 27 March**.

Step Two – Selection

Applications will be reviewed by a panel and will determine selection of students eligible for the RISE program in the upcoming school year.

Successful applicants of the RISE program will be announced by **Thursday 2 April 2026**.

Step Three – Monitoring

Kawana Waters State College will monitor students in the RISE program to assess suitability. If a student fails to attend and meet the requirements of the RISE program, the student may be deemed unsuitable for the program.





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