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The Think Bright Program focuses on creative and critical thinking to enrich the learning experience of students who have demonstrated initiative, leadership and problem-solving skills, and an interest in rigorous learning.

The program seeks to promote a growth mindset by extending higher order thinking and entrepreneurial skills through personalised, collaborative and challenge-based learning strategies. Teachers deliver a dynamic interdisciplinary program and embrace inquiry approaches to learning.

Creative, critical,
curious thinkers.

Co-designers of
challenging learning.

Confident, powerful,
resilient learners.



Curriculum

The curriculum is aligned to the Australian Curriculum with an emphasis upon integrated learning. Pedagogy is aligned to the Teaching for Effective Learning (TfEL) framework with an emphasis on challenge-based, inquiry approaches, with the understanding that students increasingly drive their own learning pathways.

Structure

For years 8-10 Think Bright students remain in the same class for the core subjects of mathematics, science, English and humanities and social sciences (HASS).

In each year level, Think Bright students also undertake a semester-length specialised subject, as outlined below.

Year 8 - F1 in Schools

Students have the opportunity to engage with the F1 in Schools competition. The objective is for students to acquire skills in Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing software to engineer a F1 model car to rigorous competition specifications along with other engineering activities.

Year 9 - Challenge-Based Project (CBP)

The ability to effectively research in the modern world is becoming more important than ever. Students are supported to discover and identify the differences between truth and fiction, build on a chosen interest and develop greater understandings. Students work individually or in groups to create and meet a challenge culminating in a final showcase.

Year 10 - Creative Construction

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics is undertaken to demonstrate the integrated nature of real world pursuits. Learners develop skills in design, digital and practical asset creation, coding, manufacture, and critical evaluation and analysis with an artistic emphasis.

Student commitment

It is expected that all successful applicants in the Think Bright Program will:

- intend to study up to SACE Stage 2 (year 12) at Brighton Secondary School
- successfully complete 3 years in the Think Bright Program, finishing at the end of year 10
- be an ambassador for the Think Bright Program through commitment to the whole school curriculum, policies and school values
- maintain a standard of rigorous learning and growth
- participate in Think Bright extension activities.

Enquiries are welcome – please contact the school on 8375 8200 or email dl.0803.admin@schools.sa.edu.au

