

## About Big Picture

Big Picture Learning Australia is a not-for-profit company established in 2005.

Over 50 largely public schools around Australia work with us to implement the Big Picture design for learning in urban, regional and remote settings.

For further information go to:

<http://www.bigpicture.org.au>



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*'The thing about Big Picture that gave me the edge was the real-world experience.'*

**Hamish, Big Picture Graduate  
(Business Law)**

*'The quality of my son's work is so incredible, such high-order thinking and learning. I get a bit astounded every time he does a presentation.'*

**Serena, Hamish's Mother**

## Enrol now!

Big Picture Academy at J J Cahill Memorial High School is now open to applicants.

Please contact the school to find out more.

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# YOUR PATHWAY YOUR FUTURE

**Big Picture Learning at  
J J Cahill Memorial High School**



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# A new personalised learning opportunity for the Eastern and Inner Southern Suburbs of Sydney.

J J Cahill Memorial High School is joining with Big Picture Learning Australia to bring their innovative passion-based learning design to young people within a mainstream setting.

Research tells us that we learn best when we are personally motivated. Where there is passion for what we are doing, deep knowledge evolves naturally.

In Big Picture, students learn through their personal interests and design their own learning around a unique set of passions, needs, preferences and goals.

Students are supported to learn outside school on regular internships with expert mentors in the community, to test out their interests, grow their network of contacts and to plan their future pathway to employment, training or further study.

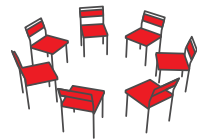
## What is the Big Picture design for learning?

The word "passion" is written in a red, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter "o" is replaced by a red heart shape.

Each student has a personalised learning plan designed around their interests and passions, with links to the curriculum.



Students take courses and work on a variety of projects in areas of personal interest that they design and manage.



Students learn in small groups of 17 known as an 'advisory' where there is a culture of belonging, support and respect.



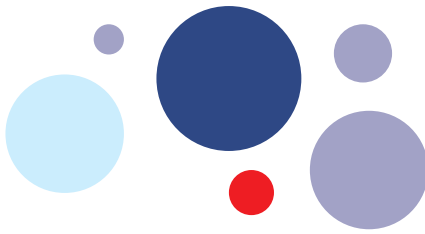
They also complete practical projects while on internship with an expert mentor in the community, to gain experience in a field of interest.



Students collect evidence of their learning in a portfolio and regularly present their work at a public exhibition. This is the basis of their assessment throughout school.



The International Big Picture Learning Credential is an education passport awarded to all senior students on pathways to employment, training and university.



## Personalised learning...the possibilities

### Choice

**What if I could choose what, when and how I learn?**

In Big Picture we design our own learning plans and projects around things that interest us. We manage our own time and go as deep as we wish into a topic.

### Relationships

**What if my school genuinely knew about me, my interests and talents?**

In Big Picture we believe in 'one student at a time in a community of learners'. Each student is unique, but not alone. We learn in a small advisory class of 17 with a single teacher. There is time to get to know each other and our capabilities really well. Families are regularly involved in our learning.

### Relevance

**What if I could pursue my passions now, instead of waiting until I finish school?**

In Big Picture we regularly learn on internships with expert mentors who have the same interests as us and can show us the latest thinking and technology. We can also complete external courses online or through TAFE so that we already have some qualifications upon leaving school.

### Practice

**What if I could make, create and experiment with ideas that interest me?**

In Big Picture we encourage active learning where we design the experiment, come up with the exercise regime, film the documentary, select the maths operations we need, research the history, write the song, stage an event, build the computer from scratch, or design the fashion label... to name just a few possibilities.

### Future Pathways

**What if I could learn in a personalised way and still get to where I want to go after school?**

In the Big Picture at J J Cahill Memorial High School, we have the opportunity to undertake the International Big Picture Credential (IBPLC) in Years 11 and 12 which unlocks non-ATAR entry to over 18 universities around Australia and provides meaningful information about our skills, qualities and knowledge to employers, TAFE colleges and universities.



*'At J J Cahill Memorial High School we understand that education is not a one size fits all proposition. We do everything we can to cater for the different learning needs styles and aspirations of the young people in our care. It is because of this that we have moved to implement the Big Picture Learning Design.'*

**Ralph David, Principal J J Cahill Memorial High School**

