



28 January 2020

**Re: UNIFY - Critical Thinking Project**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that your child has been selected by our school to participate in a Critical Thinking Project. His/her selection is based on data that indicates your child's consistent excellent investment and achievement in learning.

This project is delivered online by Centenary Heights State High School in partnership with Brisbane School of Distance Education's IMPACT Project Team. Brisbane School of Distance Education (BSDE) offers a range of online extension opportunities and our school has joined with them to offer the Critical Thinking Project in 2020.

The Critical Thinking Project encourages students to construct arguments with reasoning. Students learn to ask deeper questions and appraise the arguments of other participants. It provides a valuable opportunity for your child to extend his/her thinking skills and experience online learning. Additionally, the project includes the chance to connect and collaborate with like-minded students from other state schools in Queensland, an online teacher, from BSDE, and staff from the School of Philosophy at University of Queensland.

The project will be delivered over 12 school weeks from 4<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and there is no cost to you. Your child will attend one web conference per week, lesson three Tuesday (at 12pm), in a medium-sized group. Each web conference goes for approximately 60 minutes and is delivered by an online teacher, from BSDE, with support from staff at our school.

Your child is also encouraged to engage in learning activities in their own time for at least 20-30 minutes each week. These activities can be accessed once the project begins via the website [www.elearn.eq.edu.au](http://www.elearn.eq.edu.au) and further details will be provided to you. Engaging in these activities ensures that your child gets the most out of the project so they are highly recommended. Many students will complete these activities at home if internet access is available.



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We are very supportive of your child's and our school's involvement in this project. It is a great opportunity! Feedback gathered from previous participants and their parents is positive and highlights the value of the learning and its transference into the everyday classroom. If you have any questions, or do not wish your child to participate, please contact the school Project Coordinator by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at [rmaye12@eq.edu.au](mailto:rmaye12@eq.edu.au). Given that the school is funding this project as an extension opportunity for your child, once the project has commenced and your child is enrolled, a commitment to the experience for the full 12 weeks is expected. My apologies regarding this initial short timeline, however, our school start date and the commencement date of the program restricts us. Registration for ROUND ONE will be occurring by close of business on THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY.

Yours sincerely,

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