

IS YOUR SCHOOL INTERESTED IN JOINING THE NSW BIG PICTURE LEARNING NETWORK?

Apply now for 2026 and 2027



Are you a leader looking to help your students discover their potential?

Big Picture Learning Australia (BPLA) offers an innovative learning design for engaging students at over 20 public high schools in NSW with the full support of the NSW Department of Education (DOE).

The goal is to offer an important choice within public schooling to young people who are looking for a personal and flexible approach to learning that enables them to:

- learn through their interests and passions inside and outside school,
- build independent learning skills and a rigorous approach to researching and presenting their work,
- develop ideas about their futures and, importantly,
- choose the pathway of the **International Big Picture Learning Credential** to successfully enter university, further training or employment.

While BPLA does not operate schools, we work with public high schools and the NSW Department of Education to establish a Big Picture Learning Academy within existing high schools.



"A Big Picture Academy helps young people to develop the human capabilities they will need to step confidently into life beyond school in an increasingly complex world."

**Rachel Byrne - Principal
Hunters Sports High School NSW**

1. GET IN TOUCH WITH BPLA

How do schools apply?

The first step for principals is to contact **Big Picture Learning Australia** to discuss your school context and to learn more about how the Big Picture Learning design is implemented in practice.

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2. SUBMIT AN EOI

The next step is to contact the **NSW Department of Education (DOE)** to request a copy of the Expression of Interest form *Consideration to establish a Big Picture Academy*. Your submission will be evaluated by NSW DOE and BPLA.

3. BECOME AN EXPLORING SCHOOL

If successful, your school will be invited to become an **Exploring School for a period of 6-12 months**. This phase involves briefings and information events for the executive and school community, visits to BPL schools, along with assistance to build the new structures and practices that will prepare your school to successfully implement the Big Picture Learning design.

If your school is interested in creating a BPL academy in your school, you will need to be prepared to:

- start with a minimum of two advisories,
- be confident about resourcing and sustaining the academy from your existing school budget,
- ensure that you are not competing with another local school that currently offers a BPL academy.

For further details please browse
<https://www.bigpicture.org.au>

Join the movement for
school transformation today
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*“Big Picture is for **all** students. If they’ve got a desire to really learn and want to follow a pathway, Big Picture will work for them.”*

**Michael Saxon - Principal
Liverpool Boys High School NSW**