



## 2018 Kingsgate School Student Consultation

Special Character & General School Business

### ABSTRACT

This is a summary document of all responses to the 2018 Student Consultation Survey which focussed on the general business and the special character of the school. It provides the reader with summarised responses from hard data to the questions directly asked within the consultation process and also identifies common and strong themes that emerged from comments made by the stakeholder group.

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STUDENT CONSULTATION SUMMARY  
NOVEMBER 2018  
SPECIAL CHARACTER FOCUS

Q1. Do you think the Pastors of the Churches that are represented at KingsGate should have more to do with us at school?

Yes	No	Not Sure	Not Bothered
48%	2%	18%	32%

Q2. We want to have a "graduate profile" here at KingsGate. What Christian characteristics do you think are the most important to have developed by the time you leave KingsGate School?

To be kind and loving	20%
To be a servant leader	16%
To be faithful and have a strong relationship with God	12%
To be motivated achievers	12%
To honour God in Sports	12%
To be obedient to God and to those who teach us	10%
Loyalty	2%
Truthfulness	2%
Listening	2%
All the Fruits of the Spirit	2%
Confidence	2%
Well behaved	2%
Self-control	2%
Humility	2%
Respect	2%

Q3: How would you rate your teacher's ability to weave Christian values and teachings into the way they deliver lessons?

Exceptional	Strong	Developing	Poor	Non-existent
5.88%	41.18%	17.65%	23.53%	11.76%

Q4: Do you think we should do more faith-based activities as a whole school? If you answer "yes" and have some ideas, please write them down in the comments sections.

Yes	No
70.59%	29.41%

*Table 1: Ideas the students had in regard to doing more faith-based activities*

More class opportunities for learning Christianly together
More camps where faith can be developed through actions
Whole school games in our houses to develop qualities of Christian character
Whole school devotions where we can share and grow in our faith together
More opportunities to "get to know" students from across the school (interclass)

Q5. What do you think we do well as a school to display our Christian character? (What are our strengths)

*Comment: There was a wide range of answers in this section with students often acknowledging the same idea but using different words. Their summarised thoughts are therefore placed into the main themes that emerged.*

We do our devotions	We display humility
We collaborate and work as a team	God is weaved into all our learning
We have a desire to serve others	We are kind & compassionate
We develop and have a faith in God	We are empathetic of others
We are welcoming to and of all	We are forgiving of one another
We care for one another	We learn our memory verse
We play sports in a Christianly manner	We are patient with one another

Q6: What do you think we could do better to display our Christian faith and character? (What are our weaknesses)

*Comment: Emerging themes have been summarised from the collective answers. The first two as these were/are particularly important themes that came to the fore.*

Have more self-discipline	By being more honest
To use the Bible more as part of our learning	By listening to our teachers more
Not to call one another bad names	Not to tease other about differences
To be fairer when we play on the field	To be better behaved in class
To be more servant hearted	To be better collaborative problem solvers
To show God's love by going to more places	Learn to share more
Put definitions of things on walls	To have more input from the churches

STUDENT CONSULTATION SUMMARY  
NOVEMBER 2018  
GENERAL SCHOOL BUSINESS

Q1: Do you feel the school provides you with a safe physical and emotional environment?

Yes	No	Getting better	Getting worse
60%	0%	40%	0%

Q2: Do you feel discipline standards at KingsGate is consistent and fair for all students?

Yes	No	Sometimes	Not sure
52.63%	10.53%	26.32%	10.53%

Q3: Do you think you your teacher lets you know how well you are doing and where you need to improve often enough?

Yes	No
82%	18%

Q4: What do you think are the 2 most important things that KingsGate School needs to focus on in 2019?

*Comment: Answers have been summarised. Dark red is the dominant theme with the lighter red being strong themes as well.*

More challenging work/push us further	More variation in the way we learn
More sporting opportunities	Behaviour (playground generally)
More school spirit days	More Bible reading time / GOD time
More clubs (dance, singing etc)	Multi Language environment

Q5: Would you like your teacher to communicate with your parents more often about how you are doing at school?

Yes	No	Not bothered
26.32%	5.26%	68.42%

Q6: What subjects would you like to see taught more in 2019?

*Comment: Answers have been summarised. Dark red is the dominant theme with the lighter red being strong themes as well.*

Sports	Art
Science	Music
Drama	Biology
Engineering	Languages
Sign Language	Geography
Business Studies	Spelling
Bible studies	Strand Maths

Q7: Do you think we need to do more whole school or house related activities in 2019?

Yes	No	Not bothered
75%		25%

Q8: Could suggest ways we could improve your learning experience next year? What would make your school time more engaging for you?

*Comment: Answers have been summarised. Dark red is the dominant theme with the lighter red being strong themes as well.*

More day trips out of school	More faith-based learning
More sports activities/clubs	More set homework tasks
More independent learning	More ICT opportunities
More Art opportunities	More collaborative projects
More help for visual learners	Introduction of Coding
More assemblies	More opportunities to display learning
More opportunities for class music	More focus in reading and writing

**Summary Statement:** Kingsgate School students feel they are being educated in a safe physical, emotional and spiritual environment where discipline and behaviour standards reinforce good behaviour expectations. They believe there is a need for more self-discipline and self-motivation amongst the student body while at the same time are wanting teachers to challenge them further in their academic education. They have identified a need for more activities to occur outside the classroom as a means to broaden their educational experience while at the same time have identified PE and sporting activities as a facet of school life that needs to be addressed in regard to their frequency and quality in the coming year. Students recognise that their teacher's ability to weave a Biblical world view throughout their teaching needs to continue to develop and indeed present to the staff a need for more familiarization with the Bible itself. Students recognise the benefits of school-wide combined activities as opportunities to develop relationships with one another and view them as important and effective ways to develop, nurture and disseminate a healthy Christian attitude throughout the school. The students feel that their teachers are doing a good job in communicating with them their achievement levels and their next steps in learning and have also identified a number of areas where they would like to see the school curriculum expand in the coming years such as teaching Drama and languages. KingsGate School students have also identified particular character strengths that they believe a graduate should possess upon leaving KingsGate such as being motivated learners who are kind and empathetic.