



# Runcorn State High School

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HORIZONS PROGRAM

ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE ACADEMY



## RUNCORN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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### Academy Overview

The Horizons Program Academic Excellence Academy at Runcorn State High School challenges students to develop and apply skills in divergent and critical thinking, teamwork and collaboration, innovation and creativity, and effective communication. The individual talents of each student in the Academy are nurtured by our specialist-trained teachers. The Academy is supported a rigorous curriculum that encourages students to become leaders in their field, and active members of their community.

### What does Academic Excellence look like?

Our Academic Excellence Academy provides learning experiences beyond the mainstream classroom. The academy, beginning in Year 7, focuses on delivering a fast-paced curriculum, embedding higher order thinking and mastery in the core academic subjects of Maths, English, Science and Humanities. Students then participate in project-based learning, personalized to their strengths, which will develop students ability to transfer their knowledge and apply in real world situations.

Our Excellence teaching team is comprised of staff who are dedicated experts in their field. They stay abreast of current and emerging research to ensure that the curriculum is dynamic and engaging. One of the key features of this model is the high level of contact these teachers are able to maintain with the students and parents throughout the year.

The Academic Excellence Academy offers:

- Curriculum extension with the development of higher order thinking, creative problem solving, critical thinking skills, and transfer application of skills to range of subjects areas and texts.
- Project-based learning using the inquiry approach, which enables independence and self-directed learning, allowing students to explore specific areas of passion.
- Increased exposure to a wider variety of academic opportunities, activities and challenges that provide deeper insight into the content being learnt in the classroom. This includes a range of excursions and academic competitions and challenges.

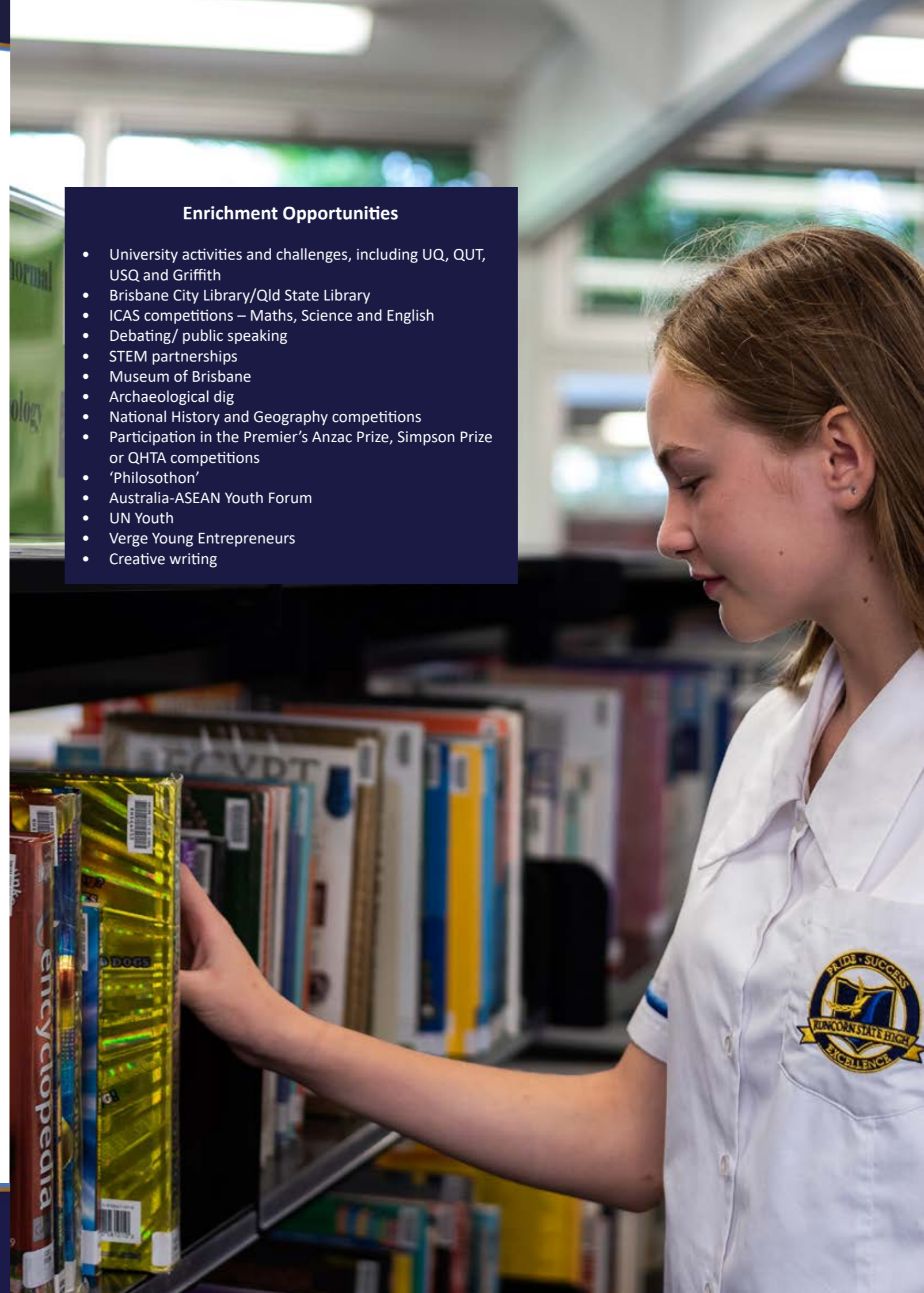
### Criteria

It is a requirement that Academic Excellence Academy students demonstrate the following:

- Academically be achieving at an A or B level for every subject.
- Maintain a high standard of effort and behaviour ('Very Good' minimum) across their subjects.
- Adhere to the school values of Pride, Success and Excellence, as well as to the 4 C's (Courtesy, Cooperation, Common sense, Consideration) at all times.
- An excellent level of attendance.
- Participate in a range of leadership activities, extra-curricular activities, competitions/ challenges, and school-wide events.
- A high level of effort in independent study and homework.

### Enrichment Opportunities

- University activities and challenges, including UQ, QUT, USQ and Griffith
- Brisbane City Library/Qld State Library
- ICAS competitions – Maths, Science and English
- Debating/ public speaking
- STEM partnerships
- Museum of Brisbane
- Archaeological dig
- National History and Geography competitions
- Participation in the Premier's Anzac Prize, Simpson Prize or QHTA competitions
- 'Philosothon'
- Australia-ASEAN Youth Forum
- UN Youth
- Verge Young Entrepreneurs
- Creative writing





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### Application Timeline

Application:	Exam:	Consideration:	Confirmation:
Applications for the 2021 Horizons Academic Excellence Academy will close on Friday, 4 September.	Applicants are invited to undertake an exam to demonstrate their academic ability and determine suitability.	Applicants assessed and reviewed by our Academic Excellence Staff.	Applicants will be contacted via email with the outcome of their application within 10 business days of undertaking their exam.

### Exam

Information in regards to the Academic Excellence Academy Exam will be communicated to the applicant's parent/ carer upon acceptance of application.

### Further Information

#### Fees and charges

Participation in the Academic Excellence Academy will incur a \$100 subject levy for 2021. This fee will go towards entry fees for challenges/ competitions, as well as a variety of specialist resources and experiences.

Throughout the year we will offer excursions which may incur an additional cost, however we will notify parents of any additional costs in a timely manner. Some of these excursions will be mandated and others optional, which will be made clear through communications.

#### Scholarships

Runcorn State High School offers Academic Scholarships for students who demonstrate exemplary academic achievement and leadership qualities. Further information regarding scholarships is available on the [school website](#).

#### BYOx

All students who take part in the Academic Excellence Academy must have their own device at school with them every day. Further information regarding device specifications is available on the [school website](#).

### How to Apply

1. Download or collect the Horizons Program Excellence Academy Application from the [school's website](#) or administration office.
2. Complete and submit the Horizons Program Excellence Academy Application via email to [horizons@runcornshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:horizons@runcornshs.eq.edu.au) or submit a hardcopy to our administration office.
3. A school representative will contact you to make a time to sit an exam.





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## Contact Us

For further information on the 2021 Academic Excellence Academy please email [horizons@runcornshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:horizons@runcornshs.eq.edu.au) or phone the school on (07) 3323 1609



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