



Runcorn State High School

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HORIZONS PROGRAM

EXCELLENCE ACADEMY
APPLICATION



Horizons Program Overview

Runcorn State High School is renowned for its aspirational, challenging and rewarding learning opportunities. We are proud of our school community and the strength of our diversity. We have a learning environment in which challenge and choice create opportunities for each and every student to excel.

With dedicated staff and an innovative curriculum we strive for personal excellence. Our students are enveloped in opportunity in the academic, cultural and sporting facets of school life. We have a firm commitment to social justice, promoting a sense of community spirit and connectedness.

Academies on offer are: Academic, Creative Industries and Sport.

Horizons Program Overview

Applicants must demonstrate:

Academic:	Strength in academic studies
Creative Industries:	Potential excellence in Instrumental Music and/or Vocal Music
Sport:	Potential excellence in sport (district/state/national level)
All Areas:	A strong capacity for involvement in school activities

Academy Exams/Auditions/Trials:

Further information in regards to exams/auditions/trials will be communicated to the applicant's parent/carer via email after application submission.

Academic:	Examination set by the Australian Council of Education Research which will be held at Runcorn State High School.
Creative Industries:	Audition for Vocal/Instrumental Music.
Sport:	Trials and interview.

Candidates will be selected on the basis of the following:

- Responses to the attached questionnaire.
- Résumé of activities and achievements over the past two years.
- Copies of school reports for the past year and NAPLAN results (must be attached to the application).
- Results of Academy Exams/Auditions/ Trials.



Horizons Program Student Expectations

Students accepted into the Horizons Program must:

- demonstrate a commitment to the school's core values – Common sense, Cooperation, Consideration and Courtesy;
- support for all aspects of the school's Uniform Policy reflected by wearing the school uniform with pride;
- demonstrate a commitment to the pursuit of excellence, reflected in their effort and behaviour;
- demonstrate a commitment to the leadership role that is implicit for all Horizon Program participants.

Horizon Program students who fail to demonstrate the school's high expectations around effort and behaviour may face disciplinary action in accordance with the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan; be removed from the Horizon Program and/or excluded from applying for future Horizon Program Excellence Academies.

Application Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be in the appropriate year level to apply (**Please refer to the Excellence Academy Selection section below to see which academies are available to each year level**)
- Complete and submit a Student Enrolment Application prior to submitting a Horizons Program Excellence Academy Application; (**Applicable to new enrolments only**)
- Attach copies of their school report cards for the past year and most up to date NAPLAN results; (**Applicable to new enrolments only**)
- Attach supporting documentation when submitting the Horizons Program Excellence Academy Application. (e.g. **Copies of awards, certificates or references**)

Applications must be submitted no later than 5pm on Friday, 3 September 2021.

What happens after your Horizons Program Excellence Academy Application is received?

1. Applicant's parent will receive an email confirming that the Horizons Program Academies of Excellence Application has been received.
2. Applications will be processed by administration and forwarded to the relevant Head of Department, providing all application requirements have been met.
3. Applications will be assessed for suitability by the relevant Head of Department and an email will be sent to the applicant's parent with an invitation to participate in an exam/audition/trial.
4. Applicant's parent/carer will be contacted via email with the outcome of their application within 10 business days of undertaking their exam/audition/trial.



Scholarships

Students can apply for an Academic, Creative Industries or Sports scholarship, which will cover certain costs linked to schooling at Runcorn State High School. Scholarships are valid for up to two years and are reviewed at the discretion of the Principal. Scholarships can only be sustained over a two year period if the student has maintained the criteria for selection into the Excellence Programs.

Further information in regards to Runcorn State High School's Scholars Program can be found on the school website.

Excellence Academy Fees

Participation in an Excellence Academy will incur a subject levy which will go towards entry fees for challenges/competitions, as well as a variety of specialist resources and experiences. Subject levy fees vary between Excellence Academies:

Academic Excellence Academy - \$100.00 subject levy

Sporting Excellence Academy - \$50.00 subject levy

Music Excellence Academy - \$100.00 subject levy

Additional costs may be incurred throughout the year to cover excursions and other extra-curricular activities, however parents/carers will be notified of any additional costs in a timely manner.

Student Applicant Details

Family name

Given name

Residential address

Gender

Male Female

Date of birth

Current school

Current year level



Primary Parent/Caregiver Details

Title	<input type="text"/>
Family name	<input type="text"/>
Given name	<input type="text"/>
Residential address	<input type="text"/>
Relationship to student	<input type="text"/>
Contact number	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>

Excellence Academy Selection

Please indicate which excellence academy/academies that you are applying for:
(Please note, applicants can choose no more than one Sporting Excellence Academy)

Academic (available to Year 7 and 8 only) – complete sections 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music (available to Year 7 and 8 only) – complete sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball (available to all year levels) – complete sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Touch Football (available to all year levels) – complete sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baseball (available to all year levels) – complete sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please complete the appropriate sections according to the excellence academy/academies that you have specified above. If completing a hard copy application, please print your responses clearly in the space provided for each section.



Section 1 – Academic Achievements

Please outline your academic aspirations and list any academic awards and/or achievements you may have received either through school or within the community in the space provided below:

Section 2 – Sporting Achievements

Please outline your sporting aspirations and list any sporting awards and/or achievements you may have received either through school or within the community in the space provided below:



Section 3 – Music Achievements

Please outline your aspirations in Music and list any Music awards and/or achievements you may have received either through school or within the community in the space provided below:

What instrument/s do you play?

Do you own your own instrument?

Yes No

Section 4 – Effort & Behaviour

If the Horizons Program panel was to obtain a referee report on you regarding your effort and behaviour, what could they expect to hear? Please respond in the space provided below:



Section 5 – Leadership & Community Service

Please outline any recent leadership roles or positions you have held either at school or within the community (e.g. School Captain, Student Representative, Student Ambassador, House Captain, sports team, music ensemble, band, and participation in school or community fundraiser) in the space provided below:

Please note – this section is optional, if this section is not applicable to you please proceed with the rest of the application

Section 6 – Contribution to Runcorn State High School

In the previous sections you have been able to demonstrate your achievements. Please outline how you will contribute to the Runcorn State High School community and why you are deserving of a place within your chosen Horizon Program Excellence Academy/Academies in the space provided below:



Section 7 – Declaration

I/We hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge that all of the information in this Horizons Program Excellence Academy Application and the supporting documentation submitted or made by me/us to the school is true, accurate and complete.

I/We understand and accept that Runcorn State High School reserves the right at any stage to withdraw a place within the Horizons Program which has been offered on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information.

I/We understand and accept the conditions of the scholarship as set out in the 'HORIZON Program Student Expectations' on page 2.

Student Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Caregiver signature

Date

Before submitting your application please ensure that you have met all of the 'Application Requirements' outlined on page 3.

Submit your application along with the supporting documentation via email to horizons@runcornshs.eq.edu.au.

Alternatively, submit a hard copy to the school administration:

Runcorn State High School

132 Hill Road, Runcorn QLD 4113