



Runcorn State High School

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HORIZONS PROGRAM

**CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
MUSIC EXCELLENCE ACADEMY**



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Academy Overview

Runcorn State High School has a proud history of offering unique opportunities to its students in the area of music. The Horizons Program Music Excellence Academy is specifically designed to support and foster the development of young musicians on a holistic level so that not only are students achieving excellence in Music, but their leadership, citizenship and interpersonal skills are also developed.

The academy seeks to link students with music industry experts so they are guided to develop real-world skills specific to the music industry from contemporary artists. Students will be challenged to compose music, as well as listen to and experience music in a range of contemporary and traditional styles.

What does Music Excellence look like?

The Horizons Program Music Excellence Academy provides opportunities for students to develop as musicians through focused classes, workshops and lessons led by expert Music Excellence Teachers.

As part of the academy, students will be challenged to compose, perform and analyse music. Students will develop their skills through:

- Increased exposure to music learning opportunities.
- Intensive workshops with guest artists.
- Music technology including studio recording and composition software. Live performance opportunities for school and public audiences.
- Trinity School of Music exams - internationally recognised music credentials which can also allow students to bank points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education in the upper grades of the academy.
- Engagement in the Karawatha District Instrumental Music Program as a mentor for primary school students throughout workshops and associated events.
- Engagement in the school Instrumental Music Program - lessons and ensemble rehearsals.

To remain part of the Creative Industries Academy throughout the year, students must maintain a very high standard of effort and involvement across their study areas. Excellence students should readily engage in extracurricular music offerings at the school and look for opportunities to extend themselves through involvement in community Arts events such as Eisteddfods and external performances.

The Music Excellence Academy will offer places for students who excel in brass, woodwind, percussion, strings, voice, piano and guitar.

Criteria

It is a requirement that Music Excellence students demonstrate the following:

- maintain a high standard of effort and behaviour (very good minimum) across their subjects and, academically be passing all subjects with no less than a B overall for Music.
- 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.
- involvement in and commitment to at least two of our weekly music extra-curricular activities such as band, string ensemble or vocal group.
- commitment to the study and development of skill in two instruments.
- active participation in the music department through performances at events in the school and wider community.
- a high level of effort and achievement in music tuition.
- commitment and focus on musical development, including regular rehearsal at home.





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Application Timeline

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

Audition

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

Further Information

Fees and charges

Participation in the Music Excellence Academy will incur a \$100 subject levy for 2021. This fee will go towards hiring specialist artists to work with students, 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/carers of any additional costs in a timely manner. Attendance at these excursions will be encouraged but not mandated.

Participation in the instrumental music program for the year is \$100, however students who own their own instrument will receive a \$25 discount. This cost covers instrumental music tuition for the year, as well as resources such as sheet music.

Scholarships

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

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All students who take part in the Horizons Program Music 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 or submit a hardcopy to our administration office.
3. A school representative will contact you to make a time for an audition.





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Contact Us

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





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