



ACADEMIC CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM



Introduction

The Academic Curriculum Enhancement Program celebrates Ipswich State High School's focus on excellence in learning by offering students the opportunity to participate in a program that challenges their critical and creative thinking skills, whilst building personal and social capabilities. The program is designed for the student looking for an opportunity to engage in an academic program with enrichment activities and a real world focus.

Academic Curriculum Enhancement Program (ACE)

The ACE Program consists of classes operating within the Australian Curriculum across the middle phase of learning in Years 7, 8, and 9 in English, Mathematics and Science and Humanities in Years 7 and 8. It also provides the opportunity to engage in an elective subject such as STEM and Humanities becomes an elective option in Year 9 also. The program gives students the opportunity to work on a challenging, in school academic program, and to engage with our partners from UQ, USQ, Griffith and QUT.

The ACE Program targets students who

- Have maintained at least a B in English, Maths and Science and a B or higher in effort and behaviour, and have excellent attendance.
- Have the desire to achieve and are self-motivated. They enjoy the opportunity to experiment and take risks to continue to grow as a learner.
- Seek opportunities to engage in school and enrichment programs so that they will be able to continue to develop their academic skills in a number of areas.

Ipswich State High School celebrates the diversity of its students and supports an inclusive education. ACE provides students with a supportive learning environment so that they may extend their skills through challenging and fun tasks aimed at preparing them for an academic pathway in the senior years at school.

Community Partnerships

The ACE program provides its students with the opportunity to meet and work with others who enjoy the challenge in Academic programs. Students will be able to participate in a range of enrichment activities as part of the program. This may include Days of Excellence, How to *Write a Book in a Day*, *Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians*, *Dorothy Mackellar Poetry Awards*, *OPTIMINDS*, *TRITATION* and *National History challenges*, and *ICAS competitions in English, Maths, Science, Spelling, Writing and Digital Technologies*.

Immersion Days

The students will come together once a semester for an immersion day. The focus is to build relationships, execute teamwork and focus on developing skills in creativity and lateral thinking.

Application Process:

1. Complete Application Form and have your application endorsed by your current teacher.
2. Copy Supporting Documentation
3. Submit via email (Michelle Snell – Deputy Principal, Inclusion msnel10@eq.edu.au or Catherine Marshall – Head of Department of Teaching and Learning – cmars100@eq.edu.au)

Application Form

Student Details

Surname:		Given Names:	
Date of Birth:	Current School:	Current Year Level:	

Parent/Guardian Details

Parent/Guardian/Carer's Surname		Parent/Guardian/Carer's Given Name	
Address:			
Suburb:	Postcode:	Phone H:	Phone W:

Current teacher's endorsement

Referee (Teacher)	
Name of Referee:	Position:
Telephone (W):	Mobile:
Please complete the following explaining why this student is a suitable applicant for the ACE program at Ipswich State High School.	
Academic performance	
Student attendance	
Student interest areas or areas of excellence	
Student motivation/mindset	

Supporting Documents Required:

- Last 2 Report Cards
- Diagnostic Tests – including NAPLAN and or PAT R or M etc

Prerequisites

Please consider the following minimum entry requirements when applying for the ACE program:

- Minimum B level of academic achievement in Maths, English, Science and Humanities
- Minimum B level of effort and behaviour
- 80%+ level of attendance

Application Agreement:

I understand the responsibilities involved in being a member of the Ipswich State High School ACE program as indicated above.

I agree to participate in a process to review progress at least twice per year.

I understand that an invitation to be part of the ACE program will be reviewed and that a separate selection process is required for each new academic year.

I understand and accept the requirements and expectations of the ACE program at Ipswich State High School.

Student Name _____ *Student Signature* _____

Parent Name _____ *Parent Signature* _____

Michelle Snell, Deputy Principal, Inclusion *Signature* _____ *Date* _____

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Information Included	Pre-requisites met	Interview Required	Accepted into Program	Further Action

Comments, Initial and Date