

# Programs of Excellence



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Can I apply for more than one Program of Excellence?

Students may wish to apply for more than one Junior Secondary Program of Excellence.

### Can I accept a place in more than one program?

If a student receives an offer of a place in two or more programs, the student will be required to select one Junior Secondary Program of Excellence. Each program has distinctive curriculum components that occur during the student's curriculum experience. Each Junior Secondary Program of Excellence class operates a distinctive class with an accelerated learning pathway, therefore students cannot participate in more than one program.

### How do I apply for one of the Junior Secondary Programs of Excellence?

To be considered for enrolment in our Programs of Excellence, parents and students are required to submit a completed enrolment pack which includes an expression of interest. Applications for our Junior Secondary Programs of Excellence identify the closing date. Please refer to our website for this detail. Applications received after the closing date will be placed on the Junior Secondary Programs Excellence Wait List and parents will be contacted only if positions become available.

### What is the application process for the Programs of Excellence?

#### Maths and Engineering

**Acceleration:** To qualify for the course, students are required to perform well in the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) test, which is conducted at Indooroopilly State High School. Unfortunately Indooroopilly SHS is not able to provide this ACER test to individuals via post or allow them to complete a separate exam in conditions outside of the permitted time and location that has been approved by ACER. Indooroopilly has

entered into a contractual relationship with ACER to administer this exam and this company identifies very strict and regulated test conditions and requirements that we are not permitted to vary. Due to copyright restrictions associated with the ownership of this examination, we are also not able to provide the student's completed exam paper to any student or parent, or identify any particular performance strands. We will advise the successful shortlisted candidates by email and invite students to book a Mathematics and Engineering Acceleration Interview. Interviews are 15 minutes in duration.

#### Spanish Immersion & Chinese

**Acceleration:** Students are invited to attend an interview which will be held in the School Hall at Indooroopilly State High School. The Interview will be 15 minutes' duration and will focus on the student's personal interests, expectations of the program, academic records and any previous language learning experiences. Students are required to bring a photocopy of their Semester 2 report to this specialist language interview. Our staff will retain this report and update our enrolment record. As part of this interview process, all candidates are required to provide a 100-word response (personal reflection). Further information and advice will be provided to students prior to the interview regarding this personal reflection.

**Music Acceleration:** The school will invite students to submit a Music Acceleration Program Application Form, including supporting documents and audition video (on a USB). Our Music teachers will review all student evidence including video auditions prior to interview shortlisting. We will advise the successful shortlisted candidates by email and invite students to book a Music Acceleration Interview. Interviews are 15 minutes in duration.

### What happens after I accept a place in a Program of Excellence?

For outside catchment enrolments

who have also applied for a Junior Secondary Program of Excellence, we will notify successful candidates of offers into these programs during Term 2. Should your student be successful in obtaining a position in one of the excellence programs, we will then invite you to book an enrolment interview for Indooroopilly State High School. The enrolment interview is an important opportunity for our specialist staff to get to know your student, and for you to ask us any questions you have about our school. Attendance at an enrolment interview is a requirement for entry to Indooroopilly State High School.

### I live outside catchment and haven't been offered a place in a Program of Excellence; can I still enrol?

For students who are not offered a place in an excellence program, we will hold your application on our wait list, and advise further information during Term 3. When considering students on the wait list, we look at both the relevant year level and the total school enrolment number. This is to ensure that we can successfully cater for any late in-catchment enrolments to our school. As well as managing the number of students and classes in each year level, we are also required to adhere to our total school enrolment capacity.

### If I am successful in my entry to a Junior Secondary Program of Excellence, am I required to attend the Preparatory Program for this course?

Once you have accepted a position in our Junior Secondary Program of Excellence your student will be invited to attend the compulsory preparatory program held each week for six weeks during Term 3. The preparatory programs will provide key insights into the accelerated learning opportunities for students, support students to get to know their classmates and ensure a successful transition to Year 7 the following year.