



Southport State High

**ROUND 1
EXCELLENCE
PROGRAMS
YEAR 7 2027
APPLICATION GUIDE**

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE APPLICATIONS



General Information

Students may apply for the Academic Excellence Program in Junior Secondary. To be accepted into the program students must demonstrate a high level of academic ability in the core areas of Mathematics, English, Science and HaSS (Humanities and Social Sciences). Students accepted into the program will partake in Academic Excellence classes for all four of the core subjects. Students must submit supporting documentation including the last two school reports, most recent NAPLAN results. Copies of academic awards and achievements may also be submitted to support the application.

Expectations for all students in Academic Excellence

- All students will participate fully in the Academic Excellence program.
- All students will follow all school rules and will represent Southport State High School in an exemplary manner both at school and in the wider community.
- All students will achieve a B or above to maintain their place in the Excellence Program (bursary students are required to maintain A's).
- All students will need to achieve an excellent rating for effort and behaviour in all subjects.

Academic Bursary

Students deemed as exceptional in their academic ability may be offered a \$500 bursary to be credited to their Southport State High finance account to assist with any future financial outlays required as part of their schooling. This one-off credit is offered to only a select few outstanding Academic Excellence students.

Agreement

The awarding of a place in the Academic Excellence Program and/or a bursary takes into account the results of the written application, Academic Excellence exam, school reports, NAPLAN results and any supporting documentation. The decision of the Principal, with respect to the awarding of places in the Excellence Program and awarding bursaries, shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

How to Apply

The Academic Excellence Program applicants are required to:

- Access the Southport State High School website www.southportshs.eq.edu.au. All of the Excellence Program information, application details and forms can be found under the Curriculum tab on the website in 'Excellence Programs'.
- Complete the Academic Excellence written application form and provide all documentation as outlined in the application checklist. The closing date for applications is **3.30pm Wednesday 25th February 2026**. (*Please do not submit originals, as all components of this application will remain the property of the school*).
- Students must be available to attend the Academic Excellence exam on **Wednesday 4th March 2026**. (Details will be emailed to parents the week of the exam with an arrival time of 8:15am and pick up at 10:30am on Wednesday 4th March 2026 at our Enterprise Centre).

Student Monitoring

Student progress within the program will be monitored through various points in the year ensuring individual success as well as expectations and standards are being met.

CREATIVE ARTS EXCELLENCE APPLICATIONS



General Information

Students may apply to be a part of the Creative Arts Excellence Program which offers five strands – Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre, Visual Art and Music (Instrument or Voice). Students are welcome to apply for more than one strand. To be accepted into the program students must demonstrate a high level of ability in their chosen field with supporting documentation including copies of two school reports and achievements outside of school in their chosen area/s.

Expectations for all students in Creative Arts Excellence

- All students will participate in the school programs in the area/s for which they were accepted into the program.
- All students will follow all school rules and will represent Southport State High School in an exemplary manner both at school and in the wider community.
- All students will achieve a high B or above in their chosen area of expertise in the Arts to maintain their place in the Excellence Program (bursary students are required to maintain A's).
- All students will need to achieve an excellent rating for effort and behaviour in all subjects studied at Southport State High School.

Creative Arts Bursary

Students deemed as exceptional in their talents may be offered a \$500 bursary to be credited to their Southport State High finance account to assist with any future financial outlays required as part of their schooling. This one-off credit is offered to only a select few outstanding Creative Arts Excellence students.

Agreement

The awarding of a place in the Creative Arts Excellence Program and/or a bursary is based on the audition requirements, school reports and supporting documentation. The decision of the Principal, with respect to the awarding of places in the Excellence Program and awarding bursaries, shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

How to Apply

The Creative Arts Excellence Program applicants are required to:

- Access the Southport State High School website southportshs.eq.edu.au. All of the Excellence Program information, application details and forms can be found under the Curriculum tab on the website in 'Excellence Programs'.
- Complete the Creative Arts Excellence written application form and provide all documentation as outlined in the application checklist. The closing date for applications is **3:30pm Wednesday 25th February 2026**. (Please do not submit originals, as all components of this application will remain the property of the school).
- Students must be available to attend a Creative Arts Excellence audition to be held in the week beginning Monday 9th March 2026. Further details will be emailed to applicants the week prior.

Audition Information

Auditions will involve students participating in a work-shop style session where they will learn from the Creative Arts Excellence teachers to showcase their talents.

-There are no preparations required for the dance, drama and musical theatre auditions.

-There are preparations required for music excellence and visual art excellence.

-Students auditioning for Music Excellence are required to pre prepare one song (1-2 minutes in length) and a scale that they will perform for the music excellence teachers. Therefore, they will need to bring their required sheet music for this performance. They will also participate in a workshop style audition with the music excellence teachers as part of their audition. Students who play multiple instruments should audition on their strongest one.

-Students auditioning for Visual Art Excellence are required to bring a portfolio of two artworks. They will also participate in a workshop style audition with the visual art excellence teachers as part of their audition.

Please refer to the PowerPoint on the website for more information including tips and tricks, what to bring and what to wear.

If a student cannot attend their audition time, please notify the Creative Arts Excellence Coordinator by email at least a week in advance.

Uniform

Please be aware that some Creative Arts Excellence subjects have a uniform that must be purchased in addition to the school formal and sports uniforms.

SPORTS EXCELLENCE APPLICATIONS



General Information

Students may apply to be a part of the Sports Excellence Program which offers seven strands – General Sports Excellence, AFL Excellence, Touch Football Excellence, Netball Excellence, Soccer Excellence, Basketball Excellence and Rugby League Excellence*. To be accepted into the program, students must demonstrate a high level of ability in their chosen sport with supporting documentation including two school reports, NAPLAN results and achievements outside of school in their chosen sport/s.

*** Please note that Rugby League Excellence in 2027 is Year 7, 8, 9 AND 10 ONLY.**

Expectations for all students in Sports Excellence

- All students will participate in the full sporting life of the school. This includes participating in the school swimming carnival, athletics carnival and cross-country event.
- All students will follow all school rules and will represent Southport State High School in an exemplary manner both at school and in the wider community.
- All students will achieve a high B or above in their chosen area of expertise to maintain their place in the Excellence Program (bursary students are required to maintain A's).
- All students will need to achieve an excellent rating for effort and behaviour in all subjects studied at Southport State High School.

Sports Bursary

Students deemed as exceptional in their talents may be offered a \$500 bursary to be credited to their Southport State High finance account to assist with any future financial outlays required as part of their schooling. This one-off credit is offered to only a select few outstanding Sports Excellence students.

Agreement

The awarding of a place in the Sports Excellence Program and/or a bursary takes into account the trial process, supporting documentation, school reports, and the interview process. The decision of the Principal, with respect to the awarding of places in the excellence program and awarding bursaries, shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

How to Apply

The Sports Excellence Program applicants are required to:

- Access the Southport State High School website southportshs.eq.edu.au All of the Excellence Program information, application details and forms can be found under the Curriculum tab on the website in 'Excellence Programs'.
- Complete the Sports Excellence written application form and provide all documentation as outlined in the application checklist. The closing date for applications is **3:30pm Wednesday 25th February 2026**. *(Please do not submit originals, as all components of this application will remain the property of the school).*
- Students must be available to attend a Sports Excellence trial to be held as follows: Monday 9/3 – General Sport (2:45pm - 4:00pm); Tuesday 10/3 – Touch (8:50am-10:10am); Thursday 12/3 – Soccer (10-11:20am) and Basketball and Rugby (11:50am-1:10pm); Friday 13/3 – AFL (8:50am-10:10AM) and Netball (1:40pm-2:50pm)*.

*Exact times and dates of trials will be emailed to applicants after the application closing date.

Trials include our testing and training session, and will be hosted by our expert coaches and teaching team.

Trial Information

Students will be required to attend a minimum of one trial before being accepted into the Sports Excellence Program. Students must attend the trial of the specific Sports Excellence Program they are applying for. No private testing or trialling will take place. If a student cannot attend their Sport Excellence trial, please notify the Sports Excellence Coordinator by email at least a week in advance.

Uniform

Please be aware that specialised sport subjects have a representative uniform that must be purchased in addition to the school formal and sports uniforms.

APPLICATION FEE (for Non-Catchment Applicants only):

A once only, non- refundable \$100 administration fee must be paid with the submission of an application to any Excellence Programs for any students who currently reside **outside** of the Southport State High School catchment area. Please note, this fee is **payable once only**, even if submitting multiple Excellence Programs applications.

Please refer to our school website for a current map of the catchment area:

<https://southportshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments/catchment-area>

PAYING BY Qkr!*: (preferred method of payment) *please see further instructions on our website.

Qkr! Links/Information:

[Payments \(eq.edu.au\)](#)

Qkr! Can be downloaded from [Apple External link](#)_OR

[Google Playstore External link](#). Qkr! will be used to make payments for any activities that will not be invoiced eg. Subject Levies, Fun Day, Catchment Fee etc.

Some Android users may not be able to download the APP, in this case parents can pay through the [QKR Website Portal External link](#). You will need to login using your account credentials (Qkr! email & password). Please access the website portal through your computer or tablet.

PAYING IN PERSON: Payment by Credit Card, EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque.

Payment can be made at the school finance office on Monday to Wednesday from 8:00am to 12:30pm. *Please note: Finance is closed on Thursdays and Fridays.*

PAYING BY BANK TRANSFER: Account Name: Southport SHS General.

BSB: 064-430 (CBA)

A/C: 00090200

Reference: CATCH (student name)

Excellence Program Fees

The fee to participate in Academic, Creative Arts and Sports Excellence Programs is \$180 per program per year.

Students are welcome to apply for more than one program either within the same Excellence Program or across the various Excellence Programs offered.

Please note, students accepted into two or more programs may not be able to partake in a particular program for the full school year due to timetable requirements. Individual cases will be discussed at your enrolment interview upon entry into the Excellence Program.

Upon acceptance into a program the preferred method of payment is Qkr!

School Fees

All students pay an annual resource levy of \$400 per year. This levy does not include stationery.

School fees must be up-to-date to participate in excellence programs, paid subjects and excursions. Payment plans are offered for school fees only. All other program fees, subject levies and excursions are expected to be paid in full by the due date.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is a student able to apply for more than one Excellence Program?

Yes, students are welcome to apply for more than one program either within the same Excellence Program or across the various Excellence Programs offered. For example, Dance Excellence and Academic Excellence. However please note, students accepted into two or more programs may not be able to partake in a particular program for the full school year due to timetable requirements. Individual cases will be discussed upon entry into the Excellence Program.

2. Are there any commitments outside of school hours?

Yes, Excellence Program students are required to commit to extra-curricular activities offered by their respective programs. Extra-curricular activities offered are in line with individual student interests and abilities.

3. Are there bursaries* offered?

Yes, bursaries are awarded to students who are within the top 5% of their cohort at the conclusion of the Excellence Program testing and trials during the final stage of the application process.

4. What are the intake years for the Excellence Programs?

Prospective Year 7 students may apply for any Excellence Programs in the year prior to admission (i.e. when the student is in Year 6).

5. Do you have to re-apply for the Excellence Program each year?

No, student progress within the Excellence Program is monitored throughout the year and providing their results and the expectations and standards set by the program are being met, they will remain in the program. The Excellence Program fee is payable for each year of the program.

*Bursaries formally known as Scholarships.