

# 2026 Excellence Programs

## Excellence Program Information

Windaroo Valley State High School is pleased to invite students to apply for entry into our **Excellence Programs**. These programs are designed to extend and support Year 7 and Year 8 students who demonstrate outstanding ability and passion in the following disciplines:

- Academic Excellence (GTEK)
- Athletics (ACE)
- Music
- Japanese
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- Touch

## Program Selection Guidelines

Students may apply for **one** Excellence Program from the list above.

Alternatively, students may apply for **two** Excellence Programs, provided that one of the selections is GTEK. This means that if applying for two programs, students must select GTEK in combination with one of the following: Athletics (ACE), Music, Japanese, STEM, or Touch.

## How to Apply

To express your interest in applying for an Excellence Program, **all applicants are required to complete the standard Excellence Program Application form** on page 5 and 6 of this booklet.

When submitting your student's application, you are verifying that the information provided is true and correct, and you support your son or daughter's application for the Excellence Program.

## Additional Requirements for GTEK Applications

If you are applying for the GTEK (Academic Excellence) Program, please be aware there is an additional application component.

In addition to the standard Excellence Program application, **GTEK applicants must complete a separate GTEK Application Form** (see page 7). This includes a set of targeted questions designed to help us better understand academic strengths, interests, achievements, and passion for learning.

**Please ensure both the standard Excellence Program form and the GTEK form are submitted together to ensure your application is considered.**

## Application Submission Requirements

For your application to be considered, please ensure the following documents are submitted together:

- Fully completed Excellence Program Application form (including Participation & Achievements details on the reverse side)
- Supporting evidence of achievements, such as copies of certificates demonstrating academic success, commitment to school life, and leadership responsibilities
- Copies (not originals) of the student's last two report cards
- Other academic evidence e.g. NAPLAN

## Need Help?

If you have any questions or require support with the application process, please contact our enrolments officer at [enrolments@windaroovalleyshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@windaroovalleyshs.eq.edu.au) or 3804 2333.

# Excellence Program Information Guide

## Academic Excellence (GTEK)

Our Academic Excellence program locally known as GTEK promotes the building of relationships that foster student ownership for learning to prepare them for senior schooling. Optimising every student's opportunity to achieve their potential, lies at the heart of our GTEK Program at Windaroo Valley State High School. GTEK is targeted at students who achieve **high** academic results and have a passion for learning.

Program features:

- Entry on proven academic achievement and commitment to school life.
- Highest standards of behaviour and effort expected across the curriculum.
- Developing communication and higher order thinking skills.
- Students studying together the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science.
- Participation in National Competitions.
- Challenging and rigorous academic work.
- Three-year program (Year 7 - Year 9).

**For more information regarding the Academic Excellence Program please contact Kim Leamon on 3804 2333 or [klead2@eq.edu.au](mailto:klead2@eq.edu.au).**

## Athletics Excellence (ACE)

### **ACE Mission Statement:**

Provide an opportunity for every student within the program to achieve to their potential in the sport of track and field and cross country. These skills are also known to be highly transferable to other sports such as rugby league, basketball and touch football.

### **Features of the program include:**

- Development of skills that enhance athletic performance across a range of sports, with a particular focus on track and field.
- A range of excursions to enhance the learning outcomes of the students such as a trip to the University of Queensland Athletics Centre, Mount Warren Boulevard and Heartbreak Hill Runs.

**For more information regarding the Athletics Excellence Program please contact Lance Faulkner (ACE Coordinator) on 3804 2333 or [lwfa0@eq.edu.au](mailto:lwfa0@eq.edu.au).**

**\* Students must trial for ACE.**

**\* Trial dates for applicants - to be advised.**

## Music Excellence

Living in a world that is progressively saturated with music we believe that Music is a very important part of our cultural celebrations and personal growth. It facilitates creative expression and enriches the quality of life for those who both listen and perform. We have a strong commitment to the study of music and extending students beyond the classroom.

Features of the program include:

- Highest standards of behaviour and effort expected across the curriculum
- At least 1 instrumental music lesson a week with specialised teachers
- Optional vocal and guitar workshops
- Participation in performances within the community
- Developing Performance and Compositional skills
- ICT embedded through music technology studies

Music Excellence is designed to stimulate and ignite each students awareness, response and connection to music, while empowering their capacity of expression as a well-rounded musician.

**For more information regarding the Music Excellence Program please contact Louise Snow on 3804 2321 or [lmurt10@eq.edu.au](mailto:lmurt10@eq.edu.au).**

## Japanese Excellence

Japanese excellence is a course designed to equip each student with the skills necessary to achieve their goals in the study of Japanese language.

Students will have the opportunity to work with our experienced team of teachers, all of whom have studied and lived in Japan. The teachers are committed to building upon the current program successes, and further embedding the concept of life-long learning.

Throughout their course of study, each student will build the skills and confidence they need to effectively communicate in Japanese across the four skills sets (reading, writing, speaking and listening). Best practice textbooks and e-learning coursebooks provide students with the opportunity to advance their skillsets at an appropriate speed.

Students will get the chance to build their skill sets by participating in state and national academic competitions, excursions and theme events. Japanese excellence classes experience language immersion activities with visiting exchange students.

**Students will be selected for the program based on their application. For more information about the program, please contact Halyley McLaren on 3804 2332 or [harmac10@eq.edu.au](mailto:harmac10@eq.edu.au).**

## STEM Excellence

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

STEM Excellence challenges students to explore their passion for STEM to reach their highest academic potential, leading to fulfilling careers and future leadership roles in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics.

Features of the program include:

- Entry on proven academic achievement and commitment to school life
- Develop skills in technical machinery and technology
- Highest standards of behaviour and effort expected across the curriculum
- Challenging and rigorous academic work
- Participation in National Competitions
- Developing communication and higher order thinking skills
- Work with industry professionals and Universities in hands on workshops

STEM Excellence aims to develop students as life-long learners so that they become:

- knowledgeable, with deep understanding
- creative
- active investigators
- effective communicators
- independent and reflective learners
- self-directed learners

**For more information regarding the STEM Excellence Program, please contact Adam Dunwell (STEM Coordinator) on 3804 2333 or [adunw3@eq.edu.au](mailto:adunw3@eq.edu.au).**

## Touch Excellence

The touch football program provides an opportunity for students to achieve their potential in the sport of touch football. Touch football has over 700,000 players across the nation and is one of the sports that is truly for all ages and genders.

Program Features

- Development of key technical skills required for success in the sport.
- In depth education to improve game awareness and strategies that lead to increased success.
- Understanding fitness requirements for touch football to increase success.
- Using knowledge of diet and hydration to increase performance.
- Opportunities to branch out into referee and coaching skills.
- Open to girls and boys.

**For more information regarding the Touch Excellence Program, please contact David Bonser on 3804 2333 or [dbons1@eq.edu.au](mailto:dbons1@eq.edu.au).**

**\* Students must trial for Touch.**

**\* Trial dates for applicants - to be advised.**

# Excellence Program Application 2026

## Checklist for Parents/Guardians

To complete your child's application for the Excellence Program, please follow these steps carefully:

### 1. Complete the Excellence Program Application Form

Fill out all sections of the form thoroughly, including the Participation & Achievements details on the reverse side. Number your preferences in order with 1 being 1st preference. **Note - you do not need to number each program.**

### 2. Provide Supporting Documentation

Attach copies of certificates or documents that demonstrate your child's academic achievements, involvement in school life, and leadership responsibilities.

(Please submit copies only — do not send original documents.)

### 3. Include Academic Reports

Provide copies of your child's last two school report cards.

### 4. For GTEK Applicants Only

If applying for the GTEK program, please also complete the separate GTEK Application Form and include it with your submission together with copies of NAPLAN reports.

### 5. Verify and Sign

By submitting the application, you confirm that all information provided is accurate and you support your child's application.

## Excellence Program Application - Parent/Guardian to complete

Student Name	Parent Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current Year Level	Parent Signature
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current School	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Parent/Guardian Details</b>	
Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Address
Mobile Phone <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email Address <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Postcode

# Excellence Program Application - Student to complete

Student Name	Current Year Level	Date of Birth	Gender (√)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate which WVSHS Excellence Programs that your student is applying for, numbered in order of preference 1-5 (1 is 1st preference). Note only the number of programs you are applying for.

Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	ACE	<input type="checkbox"/>	Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/>	STEM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Touch	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**1. School and Outside School Related Activities, Achievements / Qualifications**  
(eg Eisteddfods, Opti-Minds, Chess, Maths Challenge, ICAS Competitions, School Teams, Premierships, Representative teams, Music, Drama, Art, Dance, Gold Coast Club Sport, Gifted & Talented Workshops)

## 2. School / Club Representation

## 3. Why I would like to be part of the Excellence Program.

## Academic Excellence (GTEK) Program Application - Student to complete

Students are to complete this section themselves providing as much detail as possible.

### **1. School Leadership Positions and Outside Leadership Positions**

(eg Student Councillor, House Captain, Youth Groups, Cultural Clubs)

### **2. School and Outside School Related Activities, Achievements / Qualifications**

(eg Eisteddfods, Opti-Minds, Chess, Maths Challenge, ICAS Competitions, School Teams, Premierships, Representative teams, Music, Drama, Art, Dance, Gold Coast Club Sport, Gifted & Talented Workshops)

### **3. Community Service**

(eg 40 Hours Famine, Charity Work, Volunteer Work)

### **4. Personal Qualities**

Please use extra pages if required when listing Participation and Achievements