

Year 7 in 2027

**Parent/Carer Information night
and
Excellence programs**



Acknowledgement

Windaroo Valley SHS would like to acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians of this land, the Gugingin people of the Yugambeh language group and recognise their connections to the lands, waters and skies. We are privileged to work, teach and learn on this land.

We acknowledge our ancestors, their struggles and their successes, our traditional and community elders past, present and emerging, as they continue to guide us on the paths they cleared and the footprints they have left behind.



Our Vision

Windaroo Valley State High School is an inclusive community dedicated to excellence in learning and quality outcomes for students.

We promote the holistic development of every student where everyone is Safe, Timely, Active and Respectful.

OUR VISION

Windaroo Valley State High School is an inclusive community dedicated to excellence in learning and quality outcomes for students. We promote the holistic development of every student where everyone is **Safe, Timely, Active** and **Respectful**.



OUR VALUES

Excellence In Learning



We are committed to academic excellence through a growth mindset, believing that every student can learn and be successful. Our staff and students contribute to a culture of continuous improvement through developing attributes of effective learners and enjoying learning. Academic, sporting and cultural excellence signature programs, combined with a wide range of curriculum offerings and a breadth of extracurricular programs provide pathways for students to grow, achieve and succeed.

Inclusiveness



Everyone deserves to feel respected, safe and happy at school. We celebrate diversity and difference and are open to new ideas. We treat others with honesty, consideration and respect. We take action to protect the vulnerable and believe in social justice and the peaceful resolution of conflict.

Collaboration



We deliver the best outcomes for students when we work collaboratively with our families and community. We know the power of teamwork, communication and bringing people together with a sense of purpose and collective responsibility. We care about each other, the environment and ourselves.

Community



Our students will be socially responsible, active, global citizens who behave ethically and with integrity. We learn from the past and look to create a better future, building relationships with our community based on mutual respect and trust. Our students will develop into young adults and leaders that seek to contribute to making the world a more positive place.

Why enrol at Windaroo Valley SHS

- Choosing a school for 6 years - broad range of subjects with flexible pathways through the senior phase.
- Flexible Day in Senior (11 & 12) so students can complete Certificate Courses, TTC, Diploma of Business, SATs
- Highest performing State school in Logan in NAPLAN and in terms of academic outcomes for students. 40% of students go straight to university to study a Bachelor's Degree
- Range of programs including sport, creative arts, cultural and community
- Wellbeing Hub – Culture of care and respect

Enrolment managed school

- Easiest way for out of catchment students to enrol is through our **Excellence Programs**



Tonight's information

1. Year 7 at Windaroo Valley

- a) BYOD
- b) Support
- c) STAR

2. Excellence Programs



BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

- Students will need a laptop device for year 7 in 2027 (Windows or Mac)
- All information can be found on the school website, including device type and specifications (no Chrome books)
- Laptops support our blended learning model where students use their device to enhance their learning
- No cost to connect to the school network

WINDAROO VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

BYOD IN YEAR 7



CHECK OUR PARENT BUYERS GUIDE.....

OUR BLENDED LEARNING MODEL

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is a new pathway supporting the delivery of 21st century learning. It is a term used to describe a laptop ownership model where students use their personally-owned mobile laptops to access the department's information and communication (ICT) network.



Other information

- We have a Student Dress Code (uniform)
- Student resource scheme (covers text books which are digital)
- We are a PBL school – Safe, Timely, Active, Respectful
- Student code of conduct

Captain Green says:
"be a STAR student!"



Year 7 at Windaroo Valley SHS

All Year 7s do a set curriculum (ACv9) :

- English, Maths, Science and Humanities
- A rotation of HPE, Japanese, Digital technology, Food technology and design and Creative arts or Performing arts



Learning support

- Support is provided at different levels
- Student Support Services
- Corrective Reading class
- Support classes

- Student data is tracked closely to identify additional supports
- These supports may include but are not limited to:
 - In class differentiation
 - Personalised learning plans
 - Corrective reading intervention program
 - Individual curriculum plans

Our Excellence Programs

6 x Excellence Programs

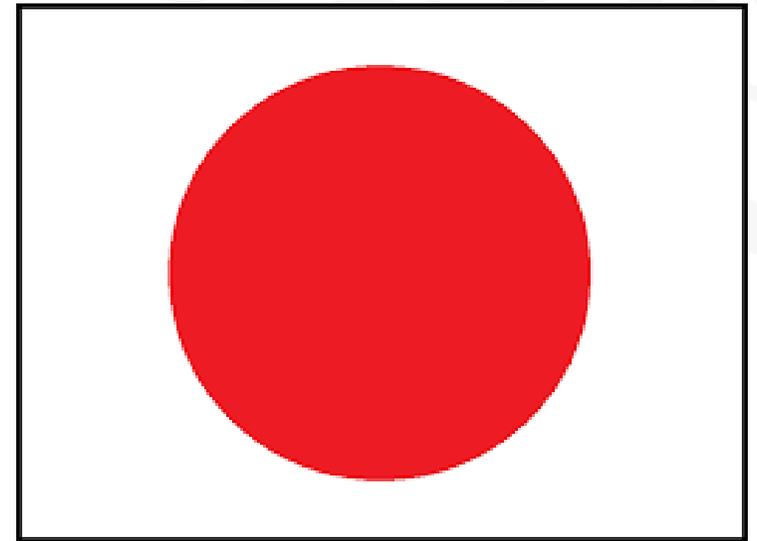
- Academic Excellence – GTEK
 - Athletics Excellence – ACE
 - Touch Football Excellence
 - Music Excellence
 - Japanese Excellence
 - STEM Excellence

- All are Year 7 and 8
- GTEK is Year 7 to 9

You can only be accepted into one excellence + GTEK



Japanese Excellence



Why learn another language?

- 94% of the world's population (6.15 billion people) speak a language other than English.
- Australia is linguistically diverse, with over 200 languages spoken.
- 22% of Australians (5.6 million people) use a language other than English at home.
- Learning another language builds the skills to communicate respectfully and effectively in a globalised world.



What is Japanese Excellence?

- A specialised two-year language program across Years 7 & 8
- Supports students to achieve excellence in Japanese language learning
- Provides a rich, engaging, and academically challenging learning environment
- Builds confident communication skills and deep cultural understanding
- Develops adaptability, leadership, and critical thinking skills
- Prepares students for future academic success and opportunities in an interconnected world, where language skills are highly valued



Japanese Department



HOD Mr Sean Harmer
Miss Tayla Dennis
Ms Caitlin Dittman
Dr Hayley McLaren

Enrichment and Cultural Opportunities

Excursions and Incursions

Japan Club

Anime Night

Japanese Bento Box Lunch Day

Interschool Speech Competition

Griffith University / LTQ Brisbane Speech Contest

Celebration Lunch for High-Achieving Students



Joining Japanese Excellence



- ✓ Students with an interest in languages and a curiosity about other cultures.
- ✓ Motivated learners eager to deepen their understanding of Japanese language and culture, while also enhancing their English communication skills.
- ✓ No prior Japanese experience is required – all levels of language learner are welcome.

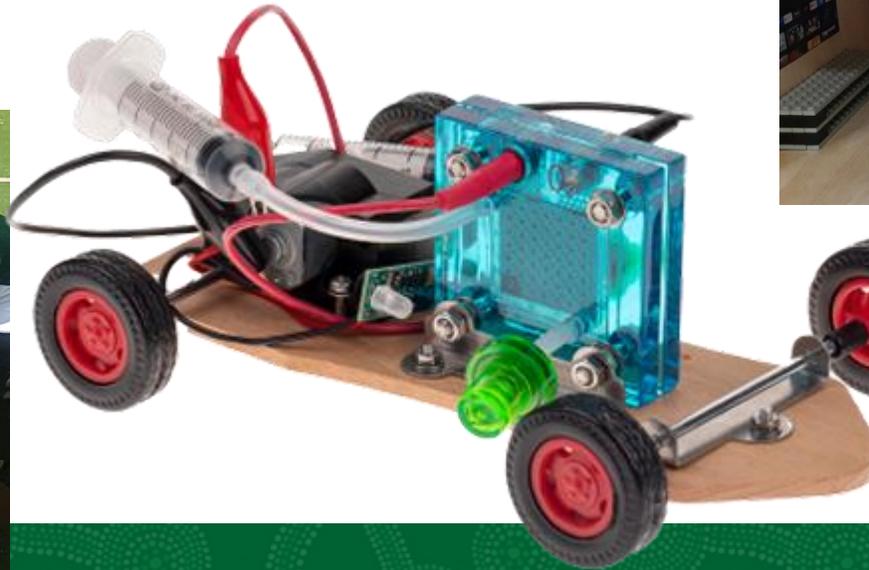
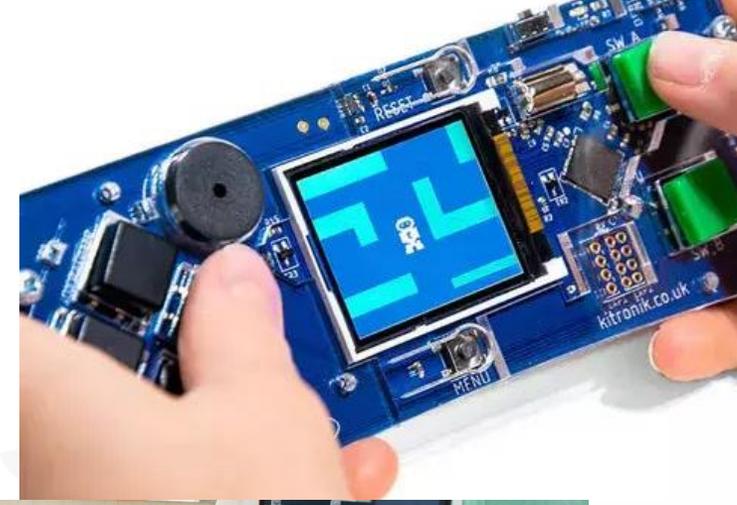
- Japanese Coordinator - hrmcl0@eq.edu.au
- HOD Humanities and Languages - sharm9@eq.edu.au

STEM Excellence



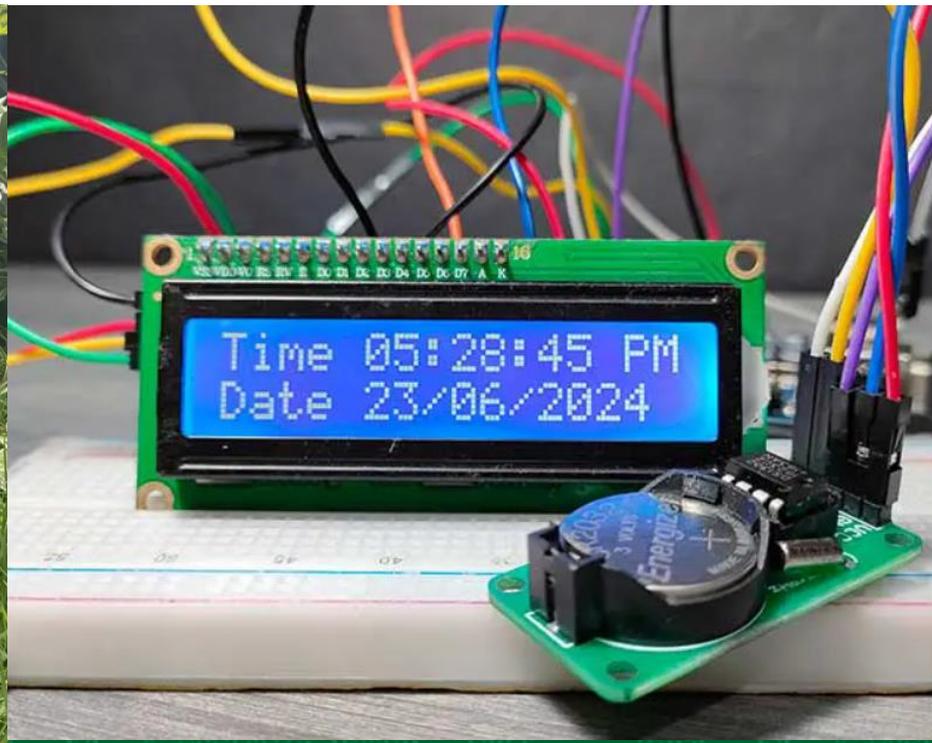
Year 7 Program

- Hydrogen Energy Experimentation
- Space Design & Engineering
- Rocketry
- Game Design



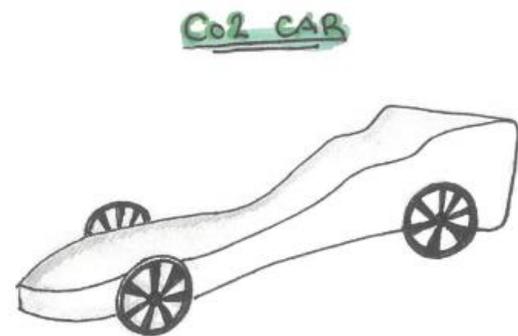
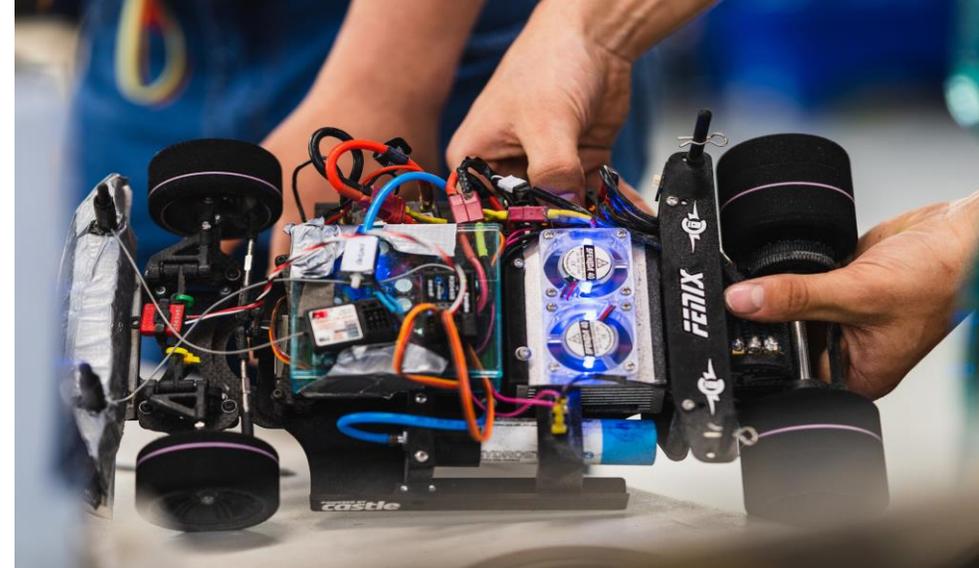
Year 8 Program

- Arduino Electronics and Laser Cutting
- Projectile Physics
- CAD Modelling and CNC Production
- Online Media Design and Advertising





What's NEXT?



Positives:

- small/light
- low profile design
- ↳ aerodynamic + stays on the ground
- ↳ blown force
- smooth slopes and edges.

Negatives:

- wheels stick out on the side
- ↳ makes the design less aerodynamic

Improvements:

- have the wheels inside the car to reduce drag

COSMETICS

price etc

USED FOR:

- Parties
- Events
- Everyday
- Work
- Selfcare
- Influencers



Products/Tools:

- Brushes
- Eyelash curler
- Blush
- Mascara
- Lip stick
- Nail polish
- Shampoo
- Skin care

WHY?

Cosmetics are a big part of many people's lives.

STAY (Cosm) QUE

- ① What or how you use which easiest
- ② Have using a because confused if yes, what H
- ③ Can u when tool too expecter results
- ④ Have any cosmetic physical i (a) shal



AUSTRALIAN SPACE DESIGN COMPETITION

EDUCATING THE FUTURE OF THE AUSTRALIAN SPACE INDUSTRY



OUR TEACHING TEAM

Classroom

Mrs Louise Snow
Coordinator
Year 7 & 8 Teacher
Vocal ensembles

Instrumental

Mr Harrison Brown- Strings
Mr Scott Foley- Multi
Mr Peter Smith- Percussion
Miss Tsai – Beginner strings
Dr Bartley- Beginner low Brass
& percussion
Kris Unwin- Guitar
Harrison Russell- Drumline



Windaroo Valley State High School

Music Excellence



Music Excellence

Join Windaroo Valley SHS's Music Excellence Program and turn your passion for music into a masterpiece. From rocking the stage to composing your own symphony, your journey to greatness starts here!"

If you love playing your instrument, singing and performing the Music Excellence program is for you.

How can I get involved now and gain guaranteed entry into the program?

Area Band - Monday afternoons from Term 2



AREA
Band

STARTING TERM 2

MONDAY AFTERNOONS

3.30pm - 4.30pm

WVSHS Music Block

Area Band is a free, supervised instrumental ensemble:

- open to Year 4 to 6 students currently learning an instrument
- extends instrumental music skills in a high school setting

To register please email Area Band Coordinator Scott Foley
Scott Foley - sfole44@eq.edu.au

**Consistent attendance + Good behaviour =
Guaranteed entry to WVSHS's
Music Excellence Program**





Music Excellence Program at WVSHS

What to expect

- 2 Years in length (Year 7 & 8) includes 3 classroom music lessons a week
- Plus at least 1 x Instrumental Music lesson & 1 x Instrumental ensemble rehearsal a week
- Exciting excursion and incursion opportunities
- Opportunities to record in a functional Recording studio
- Exciting ensemble and performance opportunities

Expectations and entry requirements

- High standard of behavior and effort expected across the curriculum
- Students must learn an instrument and perform with the relevant ensemble or be involved in the vocal ensemble.
- Expectation to own at least one Music Excellence Polo shirt (\$30)
- Area band – automatic acceptance



Instrumental Lessons & Cost

- \$120 instrument hire (does not include percussion or bass)
- No additional levy to learn any of the SER instruments listed below

Instruments students can learn (included in their SRS)

- Strings
- Percussion
- Multi (Brass, Woodwind, Bass Guitar)
- Vocals
- Drumline

Additional Instruments (paid per semester)

- Guitar- with external teacher
- \$10 per week, paid a semester in advance



Ensembles at WVSHS

- Vocal Ensemble
- Performance Vocals- Junior and Senior (audition based)
- Drumline
- Percussion
- Stage Band
- Area Band
- Concert Band
- String Ensemble
- Beginner Strings
- Chamber Strings



Athletics Excellence

ACE

Lance Faulkner
ACE Coordinator

Athletics Excellence - ACE

- Athletics develops highly transferable skills to a range of other sports:
- Touch Football, Soccer, Basketball, Rugby League, Netball.



ACE Training Term 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30am to 8:30am	Discus Javelin Run Club		Shotput Javelin Run Club		
Lunch		ACE HP Squad: Strength & Conditioning		Barbell Club	ACE HP Squad: Strength & Conditioning
3:00pm to 4:00pm	Long /Triple Jump Hurdles/Sprints Run Club		High Jump Sprints Run Club		

ACE High Performance (HP) Squad: is a highly specialised squad aiming to target the highest performing athletes in the school, with strict entry criteria.



Lance Faulkner

ACE Coordinator

- Background in Decathlon, with a special interest in Sprints, Hurdles & Jumps.
- Level 3 World Athletics – Jumps
- Level 3 Performance Development Coach:
 - Sprints, Hurdles, Relays and Throws
- Level 2 Pro Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Accredited Exercise Physiologist
- Athletics Australia – Course Development Team & Presenter Levels 1, 2 and 3.

2026 ACE Goals Per Year

Year 7 – Learn the **Fundamentals** of all event groups (Run, Jump, Throw)

Year 8 – Learn each event in **greater detail** (100m, Hurdles, Discus, etc) - Students will be learning multiple events as students at this age should not be specialists... Yet!

Year 9 and Above - All students can participate in training. Our High Performance squad for aims to build toward the attainment of higher level of performance (eg: State and National Honors being the goal)

		Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Year 7 (12-13yrs)	Unit	High Performance Mental Skills	Jumps Theory	Health For Athletes	
	Unit	Performance In-class Decathlon	Event improvement	Event improvement	Fitness Project
	Excellence Standard	All students to learn Basic Competition model of all events in the decathlon.	Students to develop skills in 2 event groups, at least 1 should be a running event (sprints or middle distance).	All students should revisit competition model for all events, while maintaining a focus on 1 technical event group and 1 running event group.	
Year 8 (13-14yrs)		Sports Nutrition	Thows Theory	Recovery Practices	Fitness Project
		Performance In-class Decathlon	Event improvement	Event improvement	Fitness Project
	Excellence Standard	Students to develop skills in 2 event groups, at least 1 should be a running event (sprints or middle distance).	Students to follow individualised training programs focused on 2 events, 1 should be a running event and 1 should be a technical event.	Students to follow individualised training programs focused on 2 events, 1 should be a running event and 1 should be a technical event.	
Year 9 (14-15yrs)		Basic Programming	Athletics Event Report		
		Performance in 4 Key Athletics Events	Event improvement		
		LJ, 100m, 800m, JT (allow for invidual choice on a case by case basis)	LJ, 100m, 800m, JT (allow for invidual choice on a case by case basis)		



ACE Trials for 2026 are:

- 11th March 2026 – 3:30pm – 5pm
- 20th May 2026 – 3:30pm – 5pm
- 15th June 2026 – 3:30pm – 5pm



LET'S DISCOVER

TOUCH FOOTBALL EXCELLENCE

Touch Excellence Program



Studying Touch Football

The touch football program will provide 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.
- ✓ Program starts in Yr7 in 2025 with progression to Yr7 and 8 in 2026.

Our Program

Our current coaching staff consist of:

- David Bosner
- Elite level coach-multiple Qld teams
- Level 6 Referee
- Postgraduate Degree from University of Qld - High Performance Sports Coaching



☎ + (61) 07 3804 2333

✉ David Bosner
dbons1@eq.edu.au

📍 240 Beaudesert Beenleigh Road
Bahrs Scrub QLD 420

Touch Excellence

- Quality coaching
- Learn skills
- Compete in competitions
- Mix with other great students





David Bonser

TEP Coordinator

- Elite level coach
- Grad Cert Sports Coach-University of Qld
- Level 6 Referee
- Level 3 Course presenter
- Current Qld School Sport official-15yrs boys
- State of Origin coach
- Qld Junior Coach
- Current South Coast official-Under 15 Boys

2027 TEP Goals Per Year

Year 7

- Consolidate movement patterns eg: running in different directions, swerving and sidestepping
- Balls skills such as ball grip, passing-stationary and running and catching
- Static and dynamic rollballs
- Rucking skills-understanding and completing different roles in rucking
- Attack skills such as running into space and working off the ball to support the ball carrier
- Defence skills eg: getting onside quickly and efficiently and understanding role in team defence.

2027 TEP Goals Per Year

Year 8

- Improve movement patterns eg: sprinting, evading defenders and general agility
- Develop higher level balls skills such as long passes, dummy half passes and beating defenders with passing
- Consolidate dynamic rollballs-winning space, rollball at speed and dump/split
- Improve rucking skills-being able to add a wrap into space
- Attack skills such as wraps, switches and half running
- Defence skills eg: understanding body shape, positioning and post touch defence
- Understanding rules when under pressure in games.

2025 Highlights



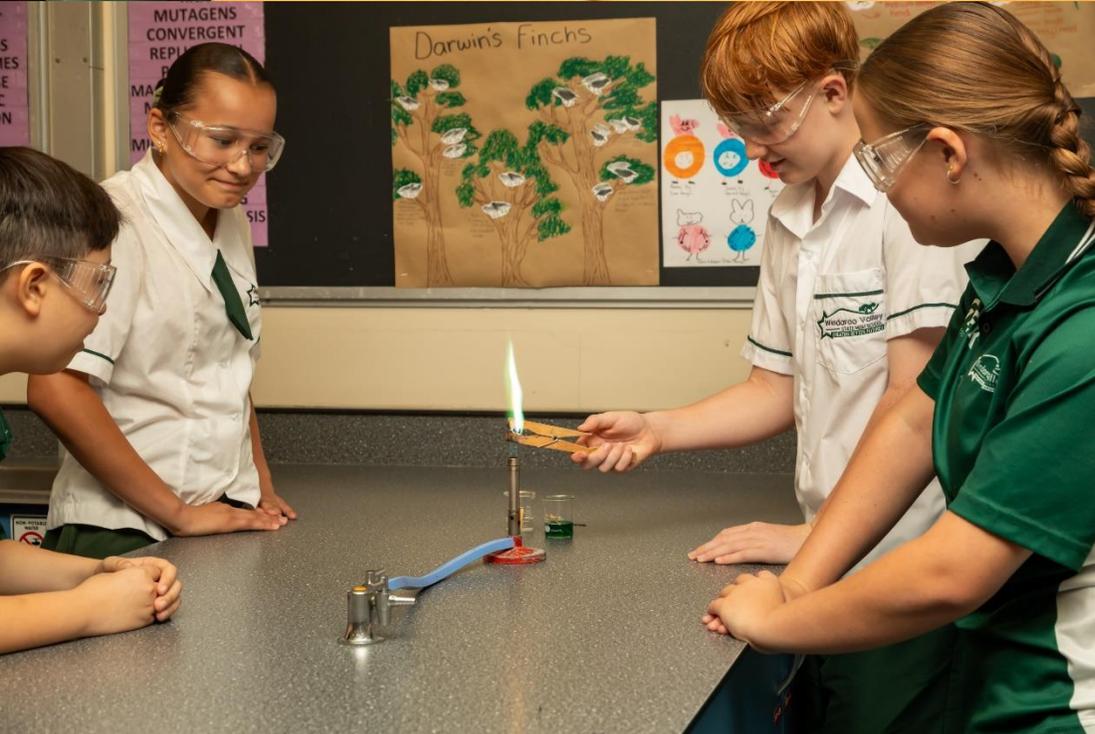
District Champions



**2 time Yarrabilba
champions**



Academic Excellence Program (GTEK)



Academic Excellence

- Optimising every student's opportunity to achieve their potential, lies at the heart of our program
- Targeted towards students who achieve high academic standards and are passionate about learning

Academic Excellence is characterised by:

- A rigorous curriculum that prepares students for senior schooling
- Having/Creating a Growth Mindset
- Students that are passionate about their learning and take pride in achieving top academic results

Features of the program

- Entry on proven top academic achievement and commitment to school life
- Highest standards of behaviour and effort expected across the curriculum
- Students study together core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities
- Participation in National Competitions
- Communication and higher order thinking skills
- Challenging and rigorous academic work



Learning to Learn

Growth Mindset



Vs



GROWTH MINDSET
I am a life long learner

FIXED MINDSET
I believe that my intelligence is fixed

Because I am eager to learn and I'm happy to have a go, I...

Because I am afraid of looking silly and getting things wrong, I...

Embrace challenges and keep going even when it's hard

Avoid challenges and give up easily when it's hard

See effort as the journey to success

See effort as a waste of time

Learn from feedback and I am inspired by the success of others

Ignore useful feedback and feel threatened by other people's success

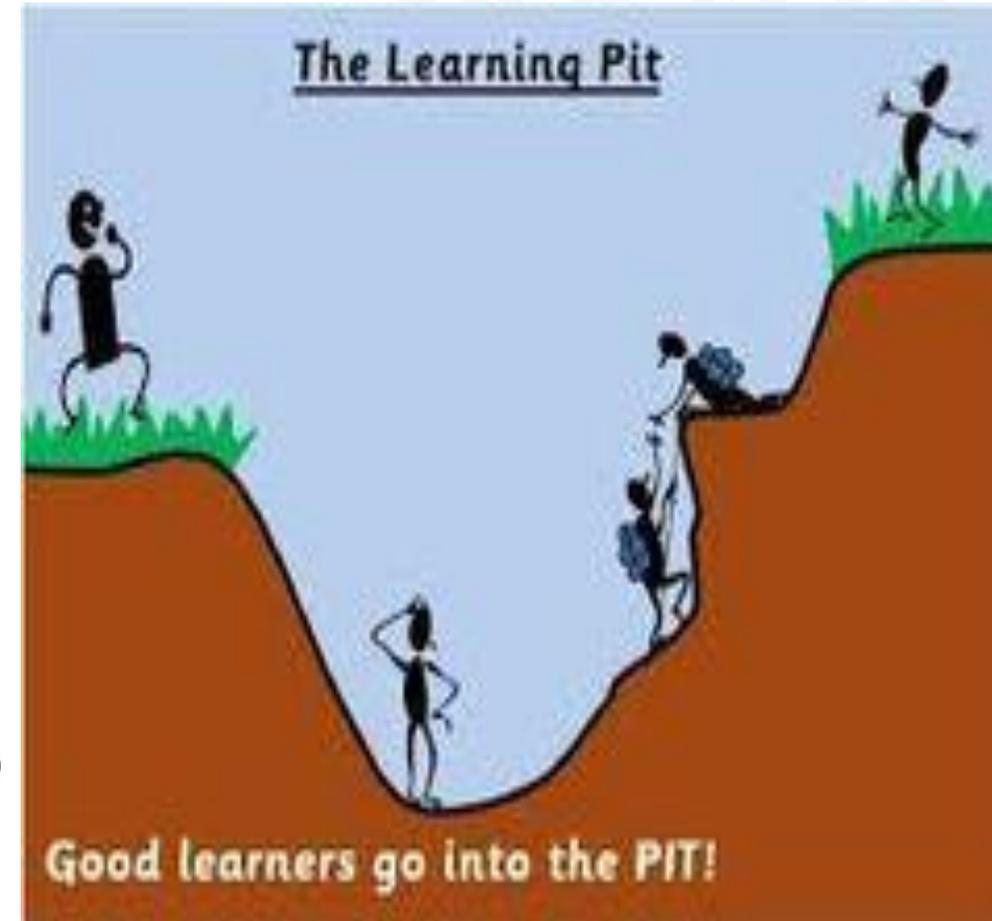
**BUILDING AN ACADEMIC
LEARNING CULTURE WHERE
STUDENTS ACHIEVE SUCCESS**



The rigour of their classes requires students to persist and give their best effort to all tasks whether they are working individually or in a team setting.

"The passion for stretching yourself and sticking to it, even (or especially) when it's not going well, is the hallmark of the growth mindset" Carol S Dweck

The Pit



Extra-curricular Opportunities

- Dance squad
- e-Sports
- Space design
- Vocal ensemble
- Area band
- Musicals
- STAR rewards days Eg Colour run
- Cultural week
- Book week
- Student Leadership



Wildcat SPORT

Lots of sporting opportunities:

- **Monday sports** – basketball, volleyball, futsal, netball, touch
- **Sports specialist programs** – basketball, volleyball, futsal/football, netball, touch
- **Rivers Gala Days** - basketball, volleyball, futsal, netball, touch, soccer
- **Representative sport** – district, state, national



Sporting Houses

**MORETON
LIONS**



**STRADBROKE
PANTHERS**



**BRIBIE
PUMAS**



**K'GARI
TIGERS**



**Swimming
Carnival**

**Cross
Country**

Athletics



Enrolment Pack Information

- Collect a pack tonight or online (school website)
- Submit to the office or via email
- Key things to remember when completing

Enrolment Application Checklist

Page 3

Please use this checklist to make sure you have documentation needed

In catchment

Please make sure you have both documents – Current lease or rates AND a current utility bill

Student asked to sign in multiple places

Please tick the relevant box which relates to the student's application and attach a copy of the information required:

Copy of their birth certificate

If your student was not born in Australia and does have Australian Citizenship

Copy of their Australian Citizenship Certificate

If your student was not born in Australia and does not have Australian Citizenship

Copy of their passport, visa and date of arrival stamp

Please supply the following:

School Report (most recent)

NAPLAN Report (most recent)

Court Orders if applicable (Custody Documents)

Local Catchment Area - www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/

Parents or legal guardians who wish to enrol the student at the school will need to demonstrate that the student's principal place of residence is within the catchment area. Current proof of residency at the address indicated must be provided by way of both the following documents:

A current lease agreement or a current Rates Notice showing this same address and parent's / legal guardian's name

&
 A current Utility Bill showing this same address and parent's / legal guardian's name

Excellence Programs

Programs unique to Windaroo Valley State High School. Please indicate If applying for one of these excellence programs and complete an application form with the attached relevant documentation. Out of catchment enrolments must apply for one of the following programs. Applicants must list in order of preference the excellence programs they wish to be considered for enrolment. Students can be allocated to GTEK and one other program.

Number 1-6 in order of preference.

GTEK (Gifted, Talented, Extension Kids) Academic Excellence Program (Years 7 - 9)

Japanese Excellence Program (Years 7 - 8)

ACE Athletics Course Extension (Years 7 - 8)

Music Excellence Program (Years 7 - 8)

STEM Excellence Program (Years 7 - 8)

Touch Excellence Program (Year 7)

Check that all details are completed as incomplete enrolments will not be accepted. If returning via email to enrolments@windaroovalleyshs.eq.edu.au please attach scanned copies of original documents only. Photos of documents will not be accepted. If delivering enrolment applications in person to the office please provide photocopies of all original documentation.

NOTE: Incomplete enrolment applications will not be processed.

I understand that supplying false or incorrect information on this form may lead to the reversal of a decision to approve enrolment. I believe that the information I have supplied on this form is true and correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

2027 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.

Complete if
applying for an
Excellence
Program

Excellence Program Application - Student to complete

Student Name

Current Year Level

Date of Birth

Gender (√)

M

F

Please indicate which WWSHS 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

ACE

Japanese

STEM

Touch

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

Student completes each section

See Application Submission Requirements on front page for what to include

Excellence Programs

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 has applied for, numbered in order of preference 1-5.				
Music <input type="checkbox"/>	ACE <input type="checkbox"/>	Japanese <input type="checkbox"/>	STEM <input type="checkbox"/>	Touch <input type="checkbox"/>

- Number your preferences with one being first preference
- Do not need to number them all

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)

Only complete if
applying for
**Academic
Excellence GTEK**

See Application
Submission
Requirements
on front page
for what to
include

2027 Scholarship Application

Year 7 Scholarships

Windaroo Valley State High School offers a range of scholarships to support students entering Year 7 by covering the cost of the Student Resource Scheme. Scholarships are available in the following categories:

Scholarship Categories

- **Academic Excellence**
Awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding academic performance and meet set criteria for academic achievement, behaviour, and attendance.
- **High Performance (Sporting or Arts)**
Awarded to students who excel in either a sporting or arts discipline and meet specific standards for performance, behaviour, and attendance.
- **S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)**
Awarded to students who show strong ability and interest in STEM subjects and demonstrate outstanding behaviour.

Note: Students are eligible to reapply for a scholarship in Year 8.

Open to all
students
entering
Year 7

Excellence Applications

- Complete the Enrolment Documentation and return
- Due **Monday 23 March** – drop in or email
- ACE trials - Wednesday 11 March * and Wednesday 20 May
- Touch trials - Monday 9 March * and Monday 18 May
- Successful applicants will be invited to the **enrolment night** on **Thursday 14 May**

Year 7 Applications

- Complete the Enrolment Documentation and return
- Successful applicants will be invited to the **enrolment night** on **Thursday 14 May**