



ACADEMY PROGRAM POLICY

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Joseph Banks Secondary College is proud to offer a range of co-curricular and Academy programs to meet the interests of our students.

There is an annual intake of students into our Academy Programs. For students in Year 6, applying for a program in Year 7 of the following year, selection processes begin in Semester One and are finalised in Semester Two of the year prior to students starting secondary school.

The steps in the process are:

Semester One

1. Parents and students complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) Form and submit it by a set date.
2. Upon receipt of the EOI students and their parents will be contacted by mail (electronic or postage) regarding dates for testing, auditions, workshops, or portfolio submissions. This will vary depending on the Academy program applied for.

Semester Two

1. Round 1 Academy program selections, trials and/or auditions will take place.
2. First round offers will be made, notifying students and parents of selection into Academy programs.
3. First Round Letters of Acceptance are returned to Joseph Banks Secondary College with a 50% deposit of charges, to secure a position in the Academy by the due date.
4. Round 2 Academy program selections, trials and/or auditions will take place for Academies in which their remains capacity following Round 1 offers of Acceptance being returned.
5. Second Round offers will be made following this process, notifying students and parents of selection into Academy programs.
6. Second Round Letters of Acceptance are returned to Joseph Banks Secondary College with a 50% deposit of charges, to secure a position in the Academy by the due date.

Information Evening:

7. Selected students and their parents are invited to an information evening at the college in Term 4.
8. All students will be invited to attend the Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day at the end of Term 4.

MID-YEAR, END OF YEAR, OR MID-PROGRAM ENTRY PROCESS

If places become available in an Academy program an Expression of Interest will be advertised to all students in the appropriate cohort. The Expression of Interest will outline the course commitment, set date for return of EOI, and a timeline for the audition/testing/portfolio process with a date specified for notifying students of their selection.

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ACADEMY EXPECTATIONS

As Ambassadors of the College, it is essential that students abide by the Joseph Banks Secondary College Code of Conduct and the Academy Expectations. The Academy Expectations identify for students, parents and staff the specific requirements relating to students who have been selected for a position in an Academy Program at Joseph Banks Secondary College.

Students are expected to;

- Abide by the College Code of Conduct.
- Represent the College wearing the Joseph Banks Secondary College Uniform or appropriate specialist sports uniform.
- Endeavour to maintain an attendance record of more than 90%.
- Participate in all areas of schooling with high levels of enthusiasm and motivation.
- Strive to achieve a high or excellent level of achievement in their Academy program.

Parents can support students by;

- Encouraging students to attend regularly and be on time.
- Notifying the College of absences and seeking work to be completed during the absence.
- Encouraging students to uphold the College's Code of Conduct.
- Encouraging students to participate in opportunities offered by the College.
- Helping students to manage Homework / Study commitments to ensure there is a balance across all learning areas.
- Working with Academy Coordinators and Leading Teachers to put in place strategies and plans for students where there are issues that impact the student's learning.

Academy Coordinators will;

- Monitor the attendance, behavior and achievement of students and in the case of the physical academies the standard of physical fitness of students in their academy.
- In conjunction with parents and Leading Teachers, put in place strategies and plans for students where there are issues that impact a students learning.

Participation in Academy and Co – Curricula Activities

- The Academies all require regular attendance and participation for maximum achievement. Some of the activities will occur outside of school hours.
- If students are unable to participate in class or activities due to illness or injury, they must bring a note from parents that, explains the illness or injury.
- A student who is excused from participating due to injury or illness is expected to assist positively with the functioning of the program, or complete other work as directed by their teacher.

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Financial Requirements

Payments for Charges for all Academies, specialised subjects or co-curricular programs are compulsory. Students enrolled in any of the Colleges Academy's **will not** be able to continue in the College Academy the following year if charges are not paid in full by the end of the year.

Please note that payment of 50% of the program charge is required at the time of accepting a place in any of the Programs offered by Joseph Banks Secondary College. Full payment or a payment plan must be finalized by the start of Term 2.

EXIT PROCESS

Students may exit the academy after there has been a meeting involving the Student, their Parent/s, the Academy Coordinator, and the Principal (or delegate).

Please complete the declaration below and return to the College by Friday 4th November 2016.

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Joseph Banks Secondary College Academy Position Acceptance Declaration

That upon selection into the _____ Academy at Joseph Banks Secondary College, I / We have read the above Academy Policy and agree to abide by the expectations.

Student Name (Please print)

Signature

Date

Parent Name (Please print)

Signature

Date

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CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS (CPA) ACADEMY INFORMATION YEAR 7

Congratulations and welcome to the Creative and Performing Arts Academy! We are looking forward to working with you over the next six years to develop your passion for all things Arts!

The CPA Academy is structured to ensure Academy students have the ability to specialise in their selected Arts context from Year 7, without missing out on trying Arts contexts you may not have experienced before. For this to work, our Academy operates within the normal timetable with a compulsory Period 0 or Period 6 class once a week.

During the school year Academy students will complete two (2) periods of learning in a major area of study for the whole year. In addition, students will complete two (2) periods in trimester courses of Arts' contexts to ensure a breadth of exposure to The Arts.

For example a student selects Drama as their Major Area.

| | Trimester 1 | Trimester 2 | Trimester 3 |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Major | Drama | Drama | Drama |
| Other Contexts | Visual Art | Dance | Music |

As part of the Performing Arts (Dance, Drama and Music) all students will be expected to showcase their work in a minimum of two showcase nights throughout the year. All students are expected to actively participate in Academy performances and showcases. Students must be willing to involve themselves by committing to an onstage role or backstage/technical role. It is important to note the commitment required to the performance component of this Academy.

Additionally, Academy students are encouraged to participate in at least one co-curricula opportunity within the Arts. This could include participation in activities such as: the College Bands and/or ensembles, choir, musicals and productions, presentations, performances or exhibitions, Cheer team training and competitions or the Visual Arts club to name a few. Co-curricula programs and commitment will be discussed with students at the beginning of the 2017 school year.

Subject Costs for the Academy programs are \$150.00 (\$100 Major context and \$50 trimester rotation) and are correct at time of printing, but are subject to CPI and appropriate increases as approved by the Joseph Banks Secondary College Finance Committee and the College Board.

Your child's placement in the Creative and Performing Arts Academy will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment of 50% of Course Costs as a Confirmation Fee.

Course descriptors are provided below.

Please read these and select a First Preference for the Major context and a Reserve Preference for the Major context.

Please complete the attached preference slip and return it to the college by **Friday 4th November** or telephone the college to provide the information.

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VISUAL ARTS ACADEMY PROGRAM

The Joseph Banks Secondary School Art Academy program is about promoting innovative practices. We are focused on exploring and experimenting with a wide range of media, techniques, skills, processes and styles. Using a variety of materials, inquiry, approaches, techniques and processes to enable students to find their own artistic style and expression.

Students are also encouraged to gain an awareness of the role artists/designers play in reflecting, challenging and shaping society and its values.

Students in the Year 8 Art Academy will develop their fundamental drawing and painting skills, as well as an introduction to basic printmaking. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the art processes, exploring both realism and abstraction and create artworks for exhibition.

MUSIC ACADEMY PROGRAM

The Joseph Banks Secondary College Music Academy program is a 'hands on' course, focusing on the practical exploration of Musical conventions.

Opportunities will be provided to develop skills, knowledge and an understanding of performance and theoretical elements. Students will broaden their knowledge and appreciation of Music as an art form, profession and life skill through a performance based course, supported by Music creation and exposure to performance through workshops and excursions/ incursions.

Areas we will be covering include:

- Singing (lots of it!)
- Technology in Music: Garage band/ Recording /Song writing/ Composition.
- Theory & the Elements of Music, including the history of Music.
- Aural Skills.
- Ensemble work (Various formats e.g. cover band style groups, percussion.)
- Improvisation.
- An introduction to playing the Ukulele.

DANCE ACADEMY PROGRAM

The Joseph Banks Secondary College Dance Academy program will provide students with an opportunity to extend their engagement with Dance through the exploration of creative development processes and practical performance skills.

Dance Major Students will develop knowledge, understanding and skills about dance as an art form. Throughout the course, students will study movement as both a choreographer and performer, have the opportunity to watch dance performances, participate in specialist workshops and develop their ability to respond and reflect on their dance experiences. Students will work towards creating and performing in a live dance piece.

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DRAMA ACADEMY PROGRAM

The Joseph Banks Secondary College Drama Academy program will provide students with a unique, exciting course focusing on students' practical exploration of Drama conventions. Students will develop skills, knowledge and understanding of performance and production elements and broaden his/her knowledge and appreciation of drama as an art form, profession and life skill.

The program will support students in developing confidence and assist in the development of personal skills including team work, goal setting and leadership. Students will work with industry artists to develop specialist skills and performance and production is a key component of the program. Students will work towards a production or series of small productions to showcase.

Please complete the preference slip below and return to the College by Friday 4th November 2016.

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Year 7 2017 Creative and Performing Arts Academy Preference Slip

Please select your Major for 2016 by placing a **1** in the box next to it. And select your reserve by placing a **2** in the box next to it.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> | Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Visual Art |
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Student Name (Please print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Name (Please print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____