



Mackay State High School

ACADEMIC Excellence Academy

Excellence in Academic Learning & Pathways



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Program Goals

Mackay State High School students have an outstanding record of fulfilling the aspiration of our school motto, '*Labor Vincit*' (*Work Conquers*). This is evidenced by its longstanding reputation for Academic Excellence within the Mackay Region.

As part of the school's ongoing commitment to ensuring the best possible outcomes for Mackay State High School students, 2016 saw the introduction of an exciting program that caters for the needs of highly academically-minded students — the **Academic Excellence Academy**. This program has built in reputation and is now a highly sought after program.

The program aims to provide a positive learning environment for high ability students in their academic journey through the Australian Curriculum. The Academic Excellence Academy also offers a range of extension opportunities to participating students.

Students will grow to become independent learners, striving to extend.

The program will also provide the pathway for a successful personal journey towards respect, co-operation, positive attitude, commitment, leadership, and the ability to make progressive personal choices whilst engaging with the broader community.

Accelerated Learning Program

The Academic Excellence Academy is an learning program designed to support and promote students of above average ability.

The Academic Excellence Academy will:

- * Extend students' knowledge and higher-order thinking skills across all subjects.
- * Promote positive work habits, independent study and research skills.
- * Encourage high achievement and ambition on a personal level that reflects our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.
- * Develop and encourage student creativity.
- * Inspire students to become lifelong, independent learners.
- * See students engaged in a range of programs and activities with like-minded students which aim to increase higher education opportunities for High School students.



Course Structure

The delivery and implementation of the program will explore the Australian Curriculum in enhanced depth for all Core subjects (Science, Mathematics, English, and the Humanities) as well as enriching the school based electives in The Arts, Technology, and Language.

- * The structure of the Academic Excellence program will enable subjects to complement each other and extend the students' learning experiences.
- * Peer social structuring will also allow each student to perfect different skills and abilities.
- * Student assessment will allow participants to demonstrate thorough and comprehensive knowledge, whilst engaging them in the world beyond the classroom.
- * Excursions and field trips will provide a wide range of extra-curricular learning experiences and opportunities eg: STEM Challenges, Science Fair, Year 9 Academy Camp, National testing, Whitsunday Voices etc. Personal Pursuit & Projects in Yr 10.

Entry Application

Applications for a position within the Academic Excellence Academy will need to be supported by:

- * An application form (included)
- * Recent School Report Card results
- * Year 6 Principal / Teacher endorsement.
- * Applicants are also required to complete a test in Literacy and Numeracy, to be conducted on the Testing Evening.

Academic Cadet Program Year 5 & 6 Students



The Academic Cadet Program is an enrichment program for academically gifted Year 5 and 6 students to better meet their needs and to help them develop to their fullest potential.

It is a program whereby Cadets will visit Mackay State High School Campus twice a term to take part in a variety of enrichment activities across a range of curriculum areas.

Year 5 Cadets will visit our school for part days during Semester 2 of the school year. Year 6 Cadets will be engaged in the program over both semesters of the school year.

The Academic Cadet Program will better prepare students for the more challenging and complex studies which they will encounter in secondary school.

Applications to become part of the Academic Excellence Academy Cadet Program will be via an application form which includes the Primary School's endorsement.

Year 5 applications will occur at the end of Semester 1 each year. At the end of Year 5 students are invited to continue with the program into Year 6. If vacancies are available Year 6 students are also invited to apply.



Mackay State High School Academic Excellence Academy & Academic Cadet Program Join Us

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