

MUSIC

SPANISH

ENGINEERING

FOOTBALL

DANCE



Murrumba Academies



MURRUMBA
STATE SECONDARY
COLLEGE

Our engaged community, Learning for Life

Learning for Life

The Mission of the Murrumba Academies is to provide opportunities for our students to develop a sense of belonging and shape their preferred futures. Through a passion for learning and a desire to grow, our students will form strong networks amongst their peers and achieve quality outcomes.

The Murrumba Academies are tailored to foster and enrich students' academic, cultural and sporting abilities with a focus on enhancing specialised skills and capabilities. Our students have unique opportunities to broaden their knowledge and expertise in their chosen field, by studying alongside like-minded peers in an innovative and enriching environment.

Our College Values are the beacon that guide our students in their thoughts and actions and instil the essence of that which makes us unique. Our College values are purposefully and deliberately embedded within each of our Academies.

Respect

Showing respect for self, for the dignity of others, our College, our world

Resilience

Facing adversity, refocusing and persevering

Engagement

Commitment to my learning, improvement, the College and the wider community

Commitment to the Program

With a core focus on developing the 'whole learner', our programs recognise that personal and academic growth takes time. Therefore, it is an expectation that students remain in their respective Academy Program for the duration of their Junior Secondary Phase of Learning. This will guarantee learning continuity and appropriate acquisition of skills and knowledge capability delivered by our specialist expert teaching staff.

How to Apply

- 1 Complete an Expression of Interest to enrol at Murrumba State Secondary College.
- 2 Complete the Academies Application Form attached (including teacher/coach reference, passport sized applicant photo and latest report card). Be sure to indicate your child's preference if applying for more than one Academy Program.
- 3 Submit relevant documentation to MSSC Administration or Scan/Email to enrol@murrumbassc.eq.edu.au by due date.
- 4 Monitor your email for updates surrounding selection process.
- 5 If your child is successful – **course fees apply** for each of these programs. **Please refer to the Fees Matrix on the College Website.**

* Entrance into these programs is determined by a range of factors to determine suitability. This includes a review of submitted application form, report cards and behaviour/effort information. Furthermore, an entrance exam, audition/trial or interview process is applicable to specific programs within The Murrumba Academies.

Engineering Excellence (EEP)

The EEP is an extension program in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). This provides students with the opportunity to experience unique specialist units in the field of STEM. The 4-year program from Years 7 to 10 encompasses units including robotics, coding, sustainability, statics, dynamics & food science that provide an immersive and rich learning environment for students where students will respond to a range of real world engineering challenges. In partnership with universities, students also participate in science and engineering workshops and competitions.

This includes participating in the QUT Science and Engineering Challenge, Engineers without Borders, Aurecon Bridge Building Competition and STEMfest. Most impressively, students are offered the unique opportunity to participate in an international study tour to NASA Space Camp in Florida, USA. This experience illuminates real-world applications of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics where students will work collaboratively to problem solve and engage in critical thinking - 21st Century skills essential for any future vocation.

These studies will pave the way for students to move to Senior Engineering, Mathematics and Science subjects at the College with the aim to continue in these areas at a University level.

Entry is determined by a review of submitted application form, report cards and behaviour/effort information as well as the successful completion of an entrance exam, which has a non-refundable administration fee. Additionally, all applicants will participate in a Group Engineering Challenge (Trial).

Football Academy

The Murrumba State Secondary College Football Academy is a proud member of the Schools Premier League (SPL) and is affiliated with and endorsed by both the Brisbane Roar Football Club and Queensland School Sport.

This program provides talented secondary aged players a pathway to a career in football. The Football Academy employs a student-athlete model, where qualified and experienced staff work with the students to develop on and off field skills. The student athlete model combines academic performance, with positive behaviour expectations and sporting performance to achieve success.

This model has provided a range of positive outcomes, including youth international representatives and national championship winning teams. The academy provides students with numerous opportunities to represent the College in both Football and Futsal, as well as Queensland School Sport representation (District, Metropolitan, State and National level). We have a number of affiliations and contacts within the football and sporting communities, including Brisbane Roar FC, University of the Sunshine Coast and Pine Rivers School Sport.

Entry is determined by a review of submitted application form, report cards and behaviour/effort information. A trials process and subsequent interview will also be conducted to determine suitability.

High Performance Music (HPM)

High Performance Music boasts a proud tradition of outstanding music education. It provides talented and dedicated young musicians with opportunities to enhance their musical potential as performers, composers and musicologists. The 4-year program develops students' overall musicianship, with a focus on their chosen instrument and composition developing the student holistically and fostering critical, higher order thinking skills. Partnerships are key to the success of our program and enable students to learn from industry professionals while developing students' musical style, confidence and communication.

Focusing on developing key performance skills required to be a successful musician, students engage in a range of immersive experiences where they perform to a live audience in a wide variety of contexts. Our College event calendar frequently showcases the high calibre of students we have within our Music Academy highlighting their impressive talents through a variety of performances. Students also are invited to participate in a biennial Music Tour (State, National, or International) further developing their skills in music as well as fostering a strong sense of belonging and community.

As well as classroom music, students will participate in one or more of the following instrumental programs - Brass, Vocals, Strings, Woodwind and Percussion. Students will be given the opportunity to showcase their skills through a range of ensemble performances at the College and also, within the wider community.

This program is designed for students who are currently learning an instrument either at school or privately, or have a particular flair for vocals and singing. The Academy will provide opportunities for extension work for students in collaboration with renowned musicians and talented teaching staff.

Entry is determined by a review of submitted application form, report cards and behaviour/effort information as well as an audition. An interview will also be conducted to determine suitability.

Audition: 2 pieces on chosen instrument/s (voice included), 3 scales from Band Method book (instrumental only), sing the National Anthem (voice only), sight-reading and aural exercises.

Dance Academy

The Murrumba Academy of Dance delivers a high standard of dance education focussed on achieving both physical and academic success. The program strives to develop students' overall technique, with a focus on their performance skills (expressive and technical). Our expert teaching team is committed to providing our students with authentic learning experiences through exposure and strong connections to a wide variety of high calibre industry professionals, as well as forming valuable relationships with higher education institutions. These valuable partnerships within the dance community are integral to supporting and encouraging students in the continued development of their individual performance style.

This program takes a holistic approach to the education of the dancer, covering units including anatomy, food and nutrition, physical conditioning for performances, grooming and personal presentation. This can lead to diverse future pathways including entrance into university courses and vocational study, as well as immediate employment within a range of industries.

Entry is determined by a review of submitted application form, report cards and behaviour/effort information. An audition and subsequent interview will also be conducted to determine suitability.

Audition: Ability to comprehend choreography in 2 different genres (e.g. Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical), participation in a physical warm-up (strength, stamina and flexibility), and an individual improvisation (prepared on the audition day, music provided by teacher).

Spanish Immersion & Acceleration

The Spanish Acceleration Program (Year 7) and Spanish Immersion Program (Year 8 – 10) provides students with the opportunity to enhance their language and communication skills as well as developing acute cultural competence and a strong sense of belonging as engaged global citizens.

During the 4-year program, students complete up to 50% of their course work in Spanish, immersing themselves in the language through core curriculum and elective studies. Through the course of this program, students develop key capabilities in language acquisition and critical 21st century skills such as creativity, problem solving, communication and collaboration. Students are led and taught by a dynamic and experienced teaching team who all possess comprehensive skills and knowledge pertaining to this specialised field. Our students have the unique opportunity to learn from our staff who are truly lifelong learners where they have passionately immersed themselves in authentic cultural experiences including engaging in a number of study exchange programs.

Coursework is enhanced by a variety of enriching extracurricular offerings including incursions run throughout the year. These offerings include specialist workshops focussing on key components of Hispanic culture incorporating traditions, dance, music, craft, and food. All learning experiences within our Spanish Academy are supported by partnerships with Hispanic groups and members of our wider community. This includes our strong connection with the local hospitality community where a regular highlight each year is a visit to a well-loved family restaurant. Additionally, students are provided the opportunity to immerse themselves in Hispanic culture and lifestyle, and experience authentic language exchange through a study tour to a Spanish speaking country. Students who have participated in our international tours always return with a deeper appreciation of their love of language and further enhances their knowledge and skills in this field.

These studies will provide students with highly developed skills they can utilise to shape their preferred futures through studying Senior Spanish, continuing language study at a tertiary level and to excel in a variety of professions within our global society.

Entry is determined by a review of application form, report cards and behaviour/effort information. An interview will also be conducted focusing on communication and learning skills.

THE MURRUMBA ACADEMIES APPLICATION FORM

(To be returned with the Expression of Interest enrolment form, a copy of latest school report and passport sized applicant photo).

Name

Current School

Parent/Caregiver Name

Address

Phone

Email

Number 1 to 5 to indicate order of preference for the Academy Program you are applying for:

Please note: Enrolment in an excellence program is limited to 1 program.

Engineering Excellence

Dance AcademyFootball Academy

Spanish Immersion & Acceleration

High Performance Music

In your own handwriting please complete the sections below.

1 List your experience relevant to your chosen Academy Program/s

Specific Activity <small>(e.g. Football, Robotics, Band etc.)</small>	Relevant Experience <small>(e.g. including length of time in chosen field)</small>	Club/School/Representative Achievements

2 Why do you want to be part of The Murrumba Academies?

Include your personal and academic qualities you will contribute to the relevant program.

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3 Teacher/Coach Reference

Must be completed by current teacher or coach (Football Academy). A separate document may be attached.

Please comment on the student/child’s work ethic, attitude, academic achievement, technical skills and potential.

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Teacher/Coach Signature:

Teacher/Coach Phone:

Teacher/Coach Email Address:



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