



**Cairns State High School
Programs of Excellence and
Centres of Excellence
Information Sheet
Year 7 – Year 12 for 2018**

Cairns State High School is governed by an Enrolment Management Plan which sets out the conditions under which a student may be enrolled.

We are proud to offer a range of Programs of Excellence (POE). These are accessible to all students from both inside and outside the catchment.

Details of the audition/trial or testing for each of these **Programs of Excellence** are outlined in this flyer. Please note:

- **A non-refundable \$100.00 Audition fee** is payable with students applying for a Program of Excellence.
- Students are able to audition/trial for more than one Program of Excellence however the student will only be accepted into one based on his/her performance at the audition/trials and indicated preference (Section 3 of the EOI)
- If due to special circumstances your child is unable to attend the specified audition/trial time contacts the head of department for possible alternate time. If this is not possible a digital copy of the audition piece can be submitted to the main office for review no later than the audition date. Format required is DVD or USB. Visual art students do require an interview as part of process. Please clearly label with **Student Name, Year level** and the **Program of Excellence** applied for.
- Failure to attend audition/exam or trial for any Program of Excellence will automatically **void** your application for that Program of Excellence.

Cairns State High School Programs of Excellence involve extracurricular programs/class which are referred to as Centre of Excellence (COE) classes. These extracurricular classes are scheduled before and/or after school and enable students to access specialised activities outside of the regular school curriculum.

Please note that Students successful in a Program of Excellence application must automatically be placed into a COE class associated with that Program of Excellence, although as COE classes are offered at different times students will be able to audition/trial and participate in more than one COE class in 2018. By accepting enrolment under a Program of Excellence, students are committing to participating in the Centre of Excellence classes both physically and financially for a minimum period of 12 months.

As the Centre of Excellence classes are outside of the regular school hours and additional staff personnel and other resources, there are also annual costs associated with the delivery of the programs. Fees are detailed below (these fees are based on 2017 and are subject to change):-

\$120.00 COE Art	\$ 50.00 COE Academic – STEM
\$120.00 COE Basketball/Hockey/Soccer	\$ 50.00 COE Chorale/Young Singers Ensemble
\$120.00 COE Dance	\$ 50.00 COE Symphony Orchestra
\$ 50.00 COE String Orchestra	\$ 50.00 COE Stage Band
\$2085.00 International Baccalaureate	\$ 50.00 COE Symphonic Winds
(based on 2016 fee, subject to increase)	

PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE AUDITION PROCESS 2017

Program of Excellence – Academic (Year 7 & Year 8)

- Students will be required to sit the AGAT (ACER general Ability Test)
- School reports and NAPLAN results will also be considered and need to be attached to the Expression of Interest.

Date: Saturday 26 August 2017

Time: 8.45am – 10.00am

Location: R019 and R 020 – New building on Upward Street

All necessary equipment supplied.

In school program – students will be placed into ability based classes in Mathematics, English, Science and Humanities

Out of school program – students will be required to join the Centre of Excellence Academic (STEM). Students participate in a range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths based activities. Classes are held each week for 70 mins before or after school. Student attendance and 12 month commitment to the schedule lessons is a requirement for all successful applicants into the specific Centre of Excellence Program.

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Program of Specialisation – International Baccalaureate

(Year 11 & 12)

- Students will be required to sit the AGAT (ACER General Ability Test).
- School reports and NAPLAN results will also be considered and need to be attached to the Expression of Interest.

Date: Saturday 26 August 2017

Time: 8.45am – 10.00am

Location: R019 and R 020 – New building on Upward Street

All necessary equipment supplied.

✓ If students intend to choose Italian Ab Initio for the IB Diploma, they will commence this course in July of Year 10.

✓ By accepting enrolment under a Program of Excellence, students are committing to participating in the respective Centre of Excellence class both physically and financially for a minimum period of 12 months.

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Program of Excellence - Sport (Basketball – boys and girls, Soccer Yr 7 to Yr 10 only – boys and girls, Hockey Yr 7 to Yr 10 only– boys and girls)

- Students will participate in a trial for their preferred sport.

Date: Tuesday 22 August 2017 - Hockey
Thursday 24 August 2017 – All Basketball and Soccer

Time: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Location: Sports Complex and Oval

Requirements: Appropriate training/playing apparel, shoes, water bottle, hat

Out of school program – students will be required to join the Centre of Excellence Sport squads in Basketball, Soccer and Hockey. Separate classes are held for each squad for 2 x 70 min sessions per week before or after school. Student attendance and 12 month commitment to the schedule lessons is a requirement for all successful applicants into the specific Centre of Excellence Program.

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Program of Excellence - Performing Arts - Dance

- Students to perform a 1 minute dance routine in the style of their choice
- Year 7 Perform a 1 minute self-choreographed dance piece based on the theme ***Favourite Memory***.
- Year 8 to Year 12 Perform a 1 minute self-choreographed dance piece based on the theme ***Identity***.
- No Costumes

Date: Friday 25 August 2017

Time: 2.00pm – 5.30pm (½ hr time slot with 8 students in each – time confirmed prior to the day)

Location: J01 and J02 (Dance Studio) – entry via Grafton Street recommended

Requirements: Copy of accompanying music on either CD or ipod

In school program – students will be placed into a Dance excellence class as their first preference

Out of school program – students will be required to join the Centre of Excellence Dance Class. Classes are held each week for 70 mins (Years 7-10) or 140 (Years 11,12) mins after school. Student attendance and 12 month commitment to the schedule lessons is a requirement for all successful applicants into the specific Centre of Excellence Program.

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Program of Excellence - Performing Arts - Drama

- Students to perform a short memorised monologue with movement of their own choice
- Monologues are available at the information night, as well as on the Cairns High website.
- Students engage in improvisation activities in the audition

Date: Friday 25 August 2017

Time: 2.00pm – 5.30pm (½ hr time slot with 10 students for the workshop – time confirmed prior to the day)

Location: E03 (Drama Room) – entry via Sheridan Street recommended

Requirements: Students should wear clothing they can freely move in. No costumes required.

In school program – students will be placed into a Drama excellence class as their first preference

Out of school program – students will be required to join the Centre of Excellence Drama class. Classes are held each week for 70 mins (Years 7-10) or 140 (Years 11,12) mins after school. Student attendance and 12 month commitment to the schedule lessons is a requirement for all successful applicants into the specific Centre of Excellence Program.

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Program of Excellence – Performing Arts - Music

- Students to play **one** piece on their principal instrument or sing **one** vocal piece

Date: Friday 25 August 2017

Time: 2.00pm – 5.30pm (5minute time slot – time confirmed prior to the day).

Location: E20/E02/E28/E29 – entry via Sheridan Street recommended

In school program – students will be placed into a Music excellence class as their first preference.

In school program – students will be placed into the Instrumental Music program

Out of school program – students will be required to join one of the following Program of Excellence: Stage Band, Chorale, Young Singers Ensemble, Brass/flute, Percussion Ensemble, Orchestra, Chamber Strings, String Orchestra and Symphonic Winds. Classes are held each week for 70 mins before or after school. Student attendance and 12 month commitment to the schedule lessons is a requirement for all successful applicants into the specific Centre of Excellence Program.

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Program of Excellence - Visual Art

- Pre audition packs are available on the information nights, as well as on the Cairns High website.
- Using the pre audition pack activity, students will create drawing / mixed media art work. All art supplies will be provided and students will be given guidance by art teachers present on the day.
- A 5 min interview with each student is conducted in a separate room during the drawing audition. Students are to bring a selection of their strongest recent art work (portfolio) which the interview will be based on. The folio may be in the form of actual artwork - drawings, paintings, ceramics, sculptures etc or photographs of work on a USB/own laptop. We also encourage digital work, animations, movies, graphic design which can also be provided on USB or laptop. Student attendance and 12 month commitment to the schedule lessons is a requirement for all successful applicants into the specific Centre of Excellence Program.

Date: Wednesday 23rd August 2017

Time: 3.30pm – 5pm

Location: D11 & D12 – entry via Sheridan Street recommended

In school program – students will be placed into a Visual Arts class as their first preference.

Out of school program – students will be required to join the Centre of Excellence Art Classes, also held on Tuesdays for 70 – 140 mins (depending on year level) once they commence enrolment in 2018.. Student attendance and 12 month commitment to the schedule lessons is a requirement for all successful applicants into the specific Centre of Excellence Program.

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