



JUNIOR SECONDARY: Academy Application

Ignite your **PASSION**

Develop your **POTENTIAL**

Choose your **PATHWAYS**

Meridan State College is committed to a holistic approach to student development across academic, sporting and cultural fields. The Academy Programs aim to ignite student's passion in their chosen field, develop their potential and broaden pathways into senior school and beyond the school context. These programs are designed to challenge, nurture and develop students within their chosen field.

Meridan State College Academy Programs include:

- ❖ [Academic Academy](#): da Vinci program (Maths/Science specialisation), Next Gen program (English/Humanities specialisation) and Italiano program (Italian specialisation).
- ❖ [Sport Academy](#): HPE Specialisation and Pillar Sport Development Squads (OzTag, Rugby League, Volleyball, Netball and Basketball).
- ❖ [Dance Academy](#): Dance Immersion (English, Humanities, Mathematics and Science) and Dance Specialisation.
- ❖ [STEM Academy](#): Science, Technology (Digital and Design specialisation), Engineering (principles) and Mathematics.

NOTE: For more information on each Academy program click on the name of the Academy (link).

Entrance into these classes will be based on demonstrated evidence of:

1. High level of performance ability.
2. Evidence of consistent levels of behaviour and effort.
3. Evidence of consistent levels of academic achievement.
4. Positive disposition towards, and strong commitment to, ongoing study and skill development.

For further information or enquiries, please contact:
academies@meridansc.eq.edu.au

The closing dates for applications:

- Round 1: Friday Week 10, Term 1
- Round 2: Friday Week 9, Term 3

Successful and Unsuccessful Applicants notified:

- Round 1: Friday Week 3, Term 2
- Round 2: Friday Week 10, Term 3



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Application Process

Stage 1

Parents/Carers and students complete the Academy application form and provide required documentation, and **email to academies@meridansc.eq.edu.au**



Parents/Carers and students notified of outcome of applications (successful or unsuccessful). Dance Academy applicant will be notified in they have been successful in reaching the Stage 2 of the application process (auditions: dates, timelines and requirements).

Unsuccessful Academy applicants can reapply in Round 2.



Stage 2

Parents/Carers and students notified of outcome of applications (successful or unsuccessful). Unsuccessful Academy applicants can reapply in Round 2.

Please note the Academy student expectations:

- Academy Programs have a minimum commitment of two (2) years - Year 7 and Year 8.
- Students must maintain a GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.25 and a BPA (Behaviour and Effort Point Average) of 3.25 to remain in the program.
- Academy students are expected to maintain a high level of community involvement by participating in College events, for example ANZAC day march, Sporting carnivals.

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Academy Application: Grade _____

Year: 20_____

Student (Applicant) name: _____

Current School: _____

Date of birth: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Parent/Carer Email: _____

Are you in the Meridan State College catchment area?

Yes
 No

Note: If not in our catchment area, please complete Catchment Exemption Form, available from the Executive Centre.

Select which Academy program(s) you would like to apply for (multiple programs can be selected):

Academic Academy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dance Academy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport Academy	<input type="checkbox"/>	STEM Academy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Da Vinci Program (Maths/Science specialisation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dance Immersion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	HPE Specialisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maths/Science	<input type="checkbox"/>
Next Gen Program (English/Humanities Specialisation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	English/Humanities/Science/Maths	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pillar Sport:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Technology Specialisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Italiano Program (Italian Specialisation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dance Specialisation	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Design Technology Specialisation	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide any relevant documentation to support your application, including most recent report card, certificates of achievement/participation and references.

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1. Ignite your PASSION

Please provide a written response outlining how you have demonstrated your passion and commitment for learning. You may describe your educational goals and aspirations, your academic achievement or describe a situation or subject that made you excited about learning and why.

2. Develop your POTENTIAL

Commitment to showing initiative, working hard and being an active member of our school and local community is essential for any ACADEMIES student. Please give details of any programs that you are involved in outside of school (volunteer groups, art groups, music, tutoring, academic programs etc.). How has your involvement in these groups helped you develop as a person?

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3. Choose your PATHWAYS

Demonstrate your future pathways. Outline why you believe you would be a suitable applicant for the ACADEMIES Program. What characteristics do you feel you have that would enable you to maximise the opportunities that these programs can offer? E.g. I have been the member of a soccer team for 3 years which has required me to work within a team environment.

4. Achievement

- Complete the table below
- Attach a copy of your most recent Report Card

Subject	Level of Achievement	Effort	Behaviour
English			
Maths			
Science			
Humanities (HASS)			
Health and Physical Education			
Technology (Design or Digital Technology)			
Dance (if studied)			
LOTE: _____ (specify language studied)			

Confirmation ✓ Please tick boxes below

- In submitting this form, I declare that information supplied on this form (and the accompanying documents and statements) is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I give permission for Meridan State College to use photographs and media material in relation to my Child receiving a place in, and participating in the Academy Programs.

Student Signature : _____ Parent Signature : _____

Date : _____

Digital submission to: academies@meridansc.eq.edu.au

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Sport Academy (only)

The Marlin Creed: Tenet 1 - Conduct Yourself with Honour

1. List any Leadership Roles you have had over the last 2 years

(These do not have to be within sport and could be within any team, your class, school or a community context)

2. Look at the aspects listed under "Conduct Yourself with Honour" as part of our Marlin Creed on the previous page. In 80-120 words, describe a situation in sport that best demonstrates where you have recently displayed one of these characteristics.

The Marlin Creed: Tenet 2 - Play to Win

3. In the table below, list the activities you have been involved in and level you have achieved in sport outside of school over the last 2 years.

Sport or Activity	Club or Organisation	Representative Level Achieved (Tick Level)			
		Local (Caloundra)	Region (Sunshine Coast)	State (Queensland)	National (Australia)
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4. List the sports you have been involved in through school over the last 2 years. Remember to include interschool sport and carnivals such as swimming, cross country or athletics.

Sport or Activity	School Participation	School Team (e.g. Meridan)	Representative Level Achieved (Tick Level)		
			District (e.g. Coastal District)	Region (E.g. Sunshine Coast)	State or National (e.g. QLD or Aus)
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5. A key aspect of the Sports Academy Program and the "Play to Win" tenet, is to be "coachable". This means listening to feedback, be prepared to learn from what you hear, don't be resistant to new ideas or ways of doing things and try to undertake new approaches with an open mind.

In 80-120 words, describe a situation in your life where you have received feedback and what actions you then took to improve (this does not need to be a sporting example).

The Marlin Creed: Tenet 3 - Never Give Up

6. How many hours training, practicing or playing are you typically involved in each week?

7. Everything in life should be approached with the goal to be the best you can be, and this underpins tenet 3 – "Never Give Up". No matter how good or bad your best is, no matter how much you enjoy or dislike the activity; your dedication to fulfilling your potential is a reflection on your character, not your ability.

In a few sentences, describe a situation where you have displayed determination and persistence; when you have had to work hard to understand or improve in order to reach your potential.

8. What personality characteristics do you have that benefit you when it comes to sport, learning or your education?

9. Reference

- Attach a short reference from a coach supporting your application. Ideally your reference should address characteristics such as work ethic, how feedback is received and acted upon or leadership potential and role modelling.