



# EXCEL



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### Overview

Rockhampton State High School's EXCEL Program provides the opportunity for students to achieve academic excellence. The EXCEL Program is aimed at providing a stimulating and supportive learning environment, using the school's latest information and communication technologies, for high performing students to demonstrate and achieve outcomes that are consistent with their academic ability.

#### The EXCEL Program targets students who:

- are academically gifted or are highly achieving
- have good organizational skills, meet timelines and set their own learning goals
- are creative and high quality thinkers who engage in meaningful discussions
- are passionate about learning and working with like-minded students
- possess a strong desire to work as part of a team and have the aspirations to achieve beyond their limits and make a difference in and beyond the school community.

The EXCEL program provides a differentiated, exciting and challenging environment for high ability students. There is a strong emphasis on team work and relationship building that promotes student ownership for their learning. In Rockhampton's EXCEL Program model students stay together in one class for all core subjects: English, Maths, Science and SOSE. In addition, students participate in STEM related learning experiences. This focus is designed to enhance student skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through the use of a range of resources mainly focusing on robotics and coding. This is designed to develop student skills in enquiry, collaboration, organisation and team work.



### Expectations

Once accepted into EXCEL, students must continually meet high standards of academic achievement, behaviour and effort. Student reports are reviewed and continued participation in the program is evaluated. If students are not meeting the expectations of the EXCEL program, they may be required to rejoin the general cohort.

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## Opportunities within EXCEL

As part of the program, EXCEL students are offered a range of exceptional educational opportunities. These include:

- Highly individualised and differentiated educational programs
- Greater access to ICTs at school to enhance learning experiences
- Access to community partnerships with corporations including Local and State Universities
- Opportunities to participate in regional, statewide and national academic competitions such as Opti-MINDS and UNSW, ICAS, Science and Mathematics competitions, STEM and robotics competitions.
- Termly Immersion days where ELP students collaboratively develop their skills in team work, creative thinking and problem solving.
- Working with community mentors

## How to apply

Interested students are required to complete an EXCEL expression of interest form with supporting documentation and send this to:

**Rockhampton State High School**  
**1 Campbell Street, Wandal QLD 4700**  
**by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.**

Students are required to submit:

- The EXCEL Expression of Interest coversheet
- A copy of your most recent report card/s
- A copy of your Year 5 NAPLAN results

After the Principal has made the final decision, applicants will be notified by letter to be sent via mail on Friday 28th October 2016.

## Contact Details

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