SELECTIVE ENTRY @ PBC
EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS 2027

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

What documents are needed and how do I submit an application?

Documentation required: -

- PBC Enrolment Form *(if in catchment)* or out of catchment enrolment form
- Selective Entry @ PBC enrolment form/s for the Excellence Program/s that you are applying for
- Birth Certificate
- Copies of Last 2 Semesters School reports
- Copy of Latest NAPLAN
- All reports and documentation for Inclusive Support (if applicable)
- Current GCCC Rates/current registered rental agreement
- Current electricity account
- Current Drivers Licence
- All requirements as stated on the Selective Entry @ PBC form for Excellence Program/s that you are applying for

To submit your application: -

Scan your documents and save as a **PDF** document named: Surname, First Initial and Program e.g. SMITHJ SPORT

If your document is too large to send as one PDF, send two and name as follows

- Surname, First Initial, Program, Part 1
- Surname, First Initial, Program, Part 2

All documents must be PDF format Strictly **No PNG/JPG/JPEGS/Photos**

Email to excellenceprograms@pbc-shs.eq.edu.au

If you are unable to submit your application as above, please bring all your documentation and lodge at D Block Enrolments Office.

It is important to have all your documents photocopied prior to lodging as we do not photocopy original documents due to the high volume of applications received.

When submitting your application in person please be aware if you do not have all the required documentation your application will be handed back to you as we will not be accepting incomplete applications.

How do I pay the Hast Fee if I am submitting by email?

All Excellence Programs fees can be paid via bank transfer.

Please note that when paying fees via bank transfer please using the following codes as your reference.

- If sitting the Exam a $100 Test fee incurs to all applicants
- Please note that when paying fees via bank transfer please using the following code as your reference - Surname and ACEX eg (JonesACEX)

When paid please email your bank transfer receipt to excellenceprograms@pbc-shs.eq.edu.au

Paying by Internet Banking: Direct Payment into School Bank Account

School's Bank Account:	PALM BEACH CURRUMBIN SHS General A/C
BSB Number:	064-404 CBA Branch Burleigh Heads
Account Number:	00090303
Reference/Details:	(As Above)

Can my child participate in more than one Excellence Program?

- Students might be able to participate in both Academic Excellence and Sports Excellence or Academic Excellence and Creative Arts Excellence. It is not possible for students to be in all 3 programs at once. Being enrolled in more than one Excellence program is also subject to timetabling
- Students enrolled in the Integrated Learning program (Academic Excellence) cannot be enrolled in any other Excellence Program
- Students can apply for both Sport Excellence and Creative Arts Excellence however if successful in both they will have to choose which Program they would like to be in.
- If you are applying for Sports Excellence you can only choose1 preference so when filling out the selective entry form please ensure you tick the 1 box for 1 sport only.
- If you are applying for Creative Arts Excellence and you are a dancer and a musician you are able to apply for both Dance and Music however if successful in both you will have to choose one as the Excellence Classes are timetabled at the same time.
- Year 7 Students accepted into a Sports or Creative Arts Excellence Program will not be able to study a language
- All students at PBC are eligible to take part in the instrumental music program as well as any other excellence program(s).

How will I receive my child's outcome?

All communication will be via email from our Excellence Program Enrolment Officer so please ensure you provide your email address (clearly) when submitting your application.

You will be advised if your child has been successful, unsuccessful, offered a re-trial or waitlisted.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Applications and fee payment for Year 7 2027 submissions will close at strictly 4:00pm on 30 March 2026.

You will not be able to sit this test if your application and fee payment is not received by 4:00pm 30 March 2026. This is because the 'one off' tests are purchased from an external provider at a cost of $100 each. Only students going into Year 7 will sit an exam, all other applications (Yr8-10) will be based on merit.

If you apply for Academic Excellence after this date, it will be considered on merit. There will be no opportunity to sit the test at an alternate time.

The test date is **Monday 27 April 2026** and will commence strictly at 1:00pm and finish at approximately 6:00pm. (Students will be given breaks and afternoon tea.)

Details of where in the school the test will be held will be emailed to you.

What if my child cannot make the date of the exam?

We only have one date for students to sit the exam, if your child cannot make the date of the exam the application will be considered on merit.

Can I study or prepare for the Academic Excellence test?

Yes. You can purchase a practice test provided by ACER through the link below for a fee of $35
https://shop.acer.org/collections/higher-ability-selection-test-hast-sample-question-booklet

What do I need to bring to the Academic Excellence test?

Please bring pens/pencil/eraser – whatever your student would like to write with and water to drink. We will provide a snack for the break time.

When will I know if I have been accepted for the Academic Excellence Program for Year 7 2027 and what I need to do if I have?

(Year 7 2027) An email will be sent late Term 2, 2026 if your child has been successful/unsuccessful in advancing onto phase 2 of the selection process. Phase two will be held at PBC on a date to be advised. The details of which will be included in the email. Once the decisions have been made after phase 2 you will be emailed the results.

(Year 8 to10 2027) An email will be sent in Term 4 2026. Due to our Academic Excellence classes being in high demand we are unable to offer a place until the end of the year when we are aware of class sizes for the new year.

At this time, you will be requested: -

- To complete and return the Academic Excellence Contract

Please note that the program cost is additional to and **not** part of the school SRS fee (Student Resource Scheme) for enrolment into PBC.

Can I know the results of the test?

Yes. HAST provides our school with individual reports (not the copy of the test). A copy of your student's results will be emailed to you.

If I haven't been accepted into the Academic Excellence Program and I live in catchment, what happens?

When you receive the email informing you of your child's results you will be asked if you would like to go ahead with General Enrolment in 2027, if Yes, we will enrol your child.

This is the same for all Selective Entry @ PBC applicants who have a principal place of residence (PPOR) in catchment and who have not been offered a position in a program.

Out-of-Catchment Excellence Program Applications

Students who reside outside our catchment area are still welcome to sit the relevant exam, trial, or audition.

If a student is deemed suitable for the Excellence Program following their assessment, they will be placed on the Out-of-Catchment Excellence Waitlist.

As our Programs of Excellence have a defined number of places, offers to out-of-catchment students are subject to available enrolment capacity. Priority is given to students who live within our catchment and offers to out-of-catchment applicants may be made once in-catchment enrolment needs have been met and places remain available.

Out of catchment fee – payable on lodgement of application $80

CREATIVE ARTS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Please note the following:

- **Music** and **Dance** Excellence is offered to Year 7 to Year 12 students
- **Visual Arts** Excellence is only offered to Year 7 to Year10 students and is only available to in-zone students / current PBC students
- **Drama** Excellence is only offered to Year 10 to Year12 students and is only available to in-zone students / current PBC students

Applications for Year 7 2027 will close at strictly 4:00pm on 24 April 2026.

Applications for Students from Year 8 2027 are open throughout the year however it is encouraged to submit your application as early as possible due to limited positions available.

Audition Requirements

- (Music) you must provide 2 contrasting video samples (1–3 minutes in length each) uploaded to YouTube (and provide link) of your son/daughter singing or playing an instrument that best demonstrates their technique and musical ability. This must be a solo performance.
- (Dance) A video audition of your son/daughter performing 2 dance routines (contemporary, jazz, musical theatre or ballet) 1 – 2 minutes each in length uploaded to YouTube then a link sent to us via email. *There will also be a Dance audition/Workshop* for Year 7 2027 students.
- (Drama) 2 contrasting video samples (1–3 minutes in length each) uploaded to YouTube and link emailed, of your son/daughter performing a monologue that best demonstrates their Drama ability.
- (Visual Art) A portfolio of your artwork (min of 2, max of 6 pieces). These can be any artwork combination i.e. Drawings, painting, sculptures. Copies of your artwork (photos) is also sufficient; these are to be attached and emailed.

Will there be a Dance and Music Audition held other than the filmed auditions?

- Music Excellence applications only require filmed auditions (as mentioned above via USB or YouTube link)
- Year 7 2027 Dance Excellence Applications will have a Dance audition Thursday 14 May 2026 as well as the filmed auditions (as mentioned above via USB or YouTube link) all other year levels will require the Dance Excellence application form and the filmed auditions only.

What does the Year 7 Dance audition entail?

- Students will be taught two pieces of repertoire from either the genres (Contemporary, Jazz or Musical Theatre) They will perform this to a panel of judges. Flexibility and fitness testing will also be conducted. The audition will be filmed.
- Ensure your son/daughter is wearing appropriate dancewear, is well groomed and warmed up prior to the 3:15pm START.

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Where will the audition take place for Dance?

- Details will be emailed prior to the Dance Audition.

When will I know if I am successful in the Selective Entry Creative Arts program and what do I need to do?

(Year 7 2027) An email will be sent early Term 3.

At this time, you will be requested: -

- Complete and return the Creative Arts Excellence Contract

Please note that the program cost is additional and not included in the school SRS fee (Student Resource Scheme) for enrolment into PBC.

SPORT EXCELLENCE

Applications for Year 7 2027 will close strictly at 4:00pm on 15 May 2026.

Applications for Surf League Year 7 2027 will close strictly at 4:00pm on 20 April 2026.

Applications for Year 8 onwards for 2027 will close strictly at 4:00pm on 17 July 2026.

Year 7 2027 round 1 Trials will be held between 25 May to 19 June (Dates to be confirmed).
Year 7 2027 Surf League Trials will be held on 27 April 2026.
Year 7 2027 round 1 Rugby League Trial be held on 20 May 2026.
Year 7 2027 round 2 Rugby League Trial be held on 10 June 2026.
Year 8 -12 2027 trials will be held between 3 August to 24 August 2026 (Dates to be confirmed).

It is important that you check the website for the specific time and venue of your selected sport (this will also be emailed to you)

Can I trial for more than one sport?

No. Due to the large number of students trialing we will **not** be offering a 2nd sport trial choice so when applying, please only tick one preference.

Year 7 2027 Round 1 and Round 2 sporting trials.

Round 2 Sporting trials is strictly for students who were unable to trial in round 1 or students who have been requested by coaches to trial a 2nd time. It is highly recommended, however, to attend the Round 1 trial.

When will I know if I <u>have</u> or <u>have not</u> been accepted in the Sports Excellence Program for 2027 and what I need to do if I have?

(Year 7 2027) An email will be sent early late 2.

(Year 8 onwards 2027) An email will be sent late Term 3, you will be required to attend an enrolment appointment in Term 4 to finalise your acceptance.

At this time, you will be requested: -

- Complete and return the Sports Excellence Contract

Please note that the <u>program cost</u> is additional to, and **not** included in the school SRS fee (Student Resource Scheme) for enrolment into PBC.

Applicants who are unsuccessful in entering an Excellence Program will be notified at the same time as successful applicants.

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