



PALM BEACH
CURRUMBIN

STATE HIGH

EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS

2023

ENROLMENT PROCESS & INFORMATION



Submitting your application digitally

Visit: <https://pbc-shs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/excellence-programs>

Download the following forms:

- Selective Entry Application – choose the applicable form/s depending on what you're applying for
- Excellence Programs – Student Enrolment Application – 2023

Save the required forms for your computer before starting

Complete forms (type straight into the documents)

Save forms then email your completed enrolment forms along with all requested documentation as attachments to exenrolments@pbc-shs.eq.edu.au.

For all other queries, download the FAQ's Selective Entry form.

If you are unable to download any of the Applications, simply email exenrolments@pbc-shs.eq.edu.au to have them emailed to you.

All applications must include the Selective Entry Application AND the Excellence Programs – Student Enrolment Application – 2023 completed in full along with all requested/supporting documents.

Incomplete Applications will NOT be processed.



SELECTIVE ENTRY @ PBC EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS YEAR 7 2023

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Does it cost anything to apply for Selective Entry @ PBC programs?

Out of catchment fee – payable on lodgement of application \$60**

(NB If your Principal place of residence (PPOR) is outside PBC catchment, the Out of Catchment Fee is only payable once – regardless of how many programs for which you apply.)

Academic Excellence Applications

HAST Entrance Test payable on lodgement of **all** applications \$80**

****These fees are non-refundable**

e.g. if you are applying for Academic and your PPOR (Principal Place of Residence) is **out** of catchment, the cost will be \$140 (\$80 + \$60).

e.g. if you are applying for Academic, Sport **AND/OR** Creative Arts and your PPOR is **out** of catchment, the cost will be \$140

e.g. if you are applying for Sport and your PPOR is **out** of catchment it will be \$60

e.g. If you are applying for Academics and your PPOR is **in** the Catchment cost will be \$80

e.g. If you are applying for Sport **or** Creative Arts and your PPOR is **in** the Catchment cost will be NIL

What documents are needed and how do I submit an application

Documentation required: -

- Selective Entry @ PBC form for Excellence Program/s that you are applying for
- Excellence Program Application form (including SRS and Agreement Summary)
- Birth Certificate (original to be sighted)
- 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 - 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, Part 1
- Surname, First Initial, Part 2

All documents must be PDF format Strictly No JPEGs/Photos

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

If you are unable to submit your application as above, please bring all your documentation and lodge at Front Reception.

It is important to have all your documents photocopied prior to lodging as we are unable photocopy original documents due to the high volume of applications received.

When submitting your application in person at the front reception 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 Out of Catchment Fee or the Hast Fee if I am submitting by email?

All Excellence Programs fees can only be paid via bank transfer or in person at student services.

If you would like to pay in person please note that our Finance office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8.00am to 1.00pm.

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

- \$60 Out of boundary application fee:
Surname and APPNFEE e.g. (JonesAPPNFEE)
- \$80 Hast Test Fee (Academic Excellence):
Surname and HASTFEE e.g. (JonesHASTFEE)
- \$60 APPNFEE & \$80 Hast Fee:(Academic Excellence):
Surname and HASTFEE e.g. (JonesHASTFEE)

When paid please email your bank transfer receipt to exenrolments@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.
- 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 choose 1 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 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 or waitlisted.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Applications and fee payment will close at strictly 4:00pm on 14 March 2022.

You will not be able to sit this test if your application and fee payment is not received by 4:00pm 14th March 2022. This is because the 'one off' tests are purchased from an external provider at a cost of \$80 each.

If you submit an application for Academics after this date it will be considered on merit. There will be no other test to sit.

The test date is **Sunday 27 March 2022** and will commence strictly at 9:00am and finish at approximately 1:00pm. (students will be given breaks and morning tea)

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

Can I study or prepare for the Academic Excellence test?

Yes. You can purchase a practise test provided by ACER through the link below for a fee of \$25 <https://www.acer.org/au/hast-secondary/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 in for the Academic Excellence Program for 2023 and what I need to do if I have?

An email will be sent mid Term 2, 2022.

At this time, you will be requested: -

- Complete the Contract and return

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?

We will hold your application until Term 3. We will contact you and you will be asked to provide updated documents confirming your Principal place of residence (PPOR) in our catchment. Please note that the catchment can change at any time***

***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.



CREATIVE ARTS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM Dance and Music Only

Applications will close at strictly 4:00pm on 20 May 2022.

Audition Requirements

- (Music) you must provide 2 contrasting video samples (1–3 minutes in length each) on a USB or 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 USB of your son/daughter performing 2 dance routines (contemporary, jazz, musical theatre or ballet) 1 – 2 minutes each in length (or this can also be uploaded to YouTube then a link sent to us via email) *There will also be a Dance audition/Workshop*

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)
- Dance Excellence Applications will have a Dance audition as well as the filmed auditions (as mentioned above via USB or YouTube link)

What does the 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.

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?

An email will be sent early Term 3.

At this time, you will be requested: -

- Complete the Contract and return

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



SPORT EXCELLENCE

Applications will close at strictly 4:00pm on 20 May 2022.

Trials will be held late in Term 2 (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 trialling we will **not** be offering a 2nd sport trial choice so when applying please only tick one preference.

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 Round 1 trials if possible.

When will I know if I have or have not been accepted in the Sports Excellence Program for 2023 and what I need to do if I have?

An email will be sent by mid Term 3.

At this time, you will be requested: -

- Complete the Contract and return

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

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



Excellence Programs – Schedule of Fees 2023

Excellence Program Fees	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE						
Integrated Learning Program	\$350*	\$350*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Full Program (Dual)	\$350*	\$350*	\$350*	\$350*	N/A	N/A
Maths/Science OR English/Humanities	N/A	\$250*	\$250*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maths (Advanced)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$125	N/A	N/A
Science (Advanced)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$125	N/A	N/A
English (Advanced)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$125	N/A	N/A
* + \$40 Computer Upgrade						
SPORTS EXCELLENCE						
AFL Boys/Girls	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Basketball Boys/Girls	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Girls Touch Football	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Surf League/Kayak Boys/Girls	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Netball	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Rugby League	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Soccer Boys/Girls	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Surfing Boys/Girls	\$620	\$620	\$620	\$620	\$620	\$620
Tennis Boys/Girls	\$650	\$650	\$650	\$650	\$650	\$650
Track Boys/Girls	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
CREATIVE ARTS EXCELLENCE						
Drama	N/A	N/A	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Dance	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330
Music	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$150
Visual Art	N/A	\$300	\$300	\$300	N/A	N/A



Enrolment Management Plan

Overview

Palm Beach Currumbin State High School (PBC) is one of Queensland's largest High Schools with over 2,600 students across Years 7 – 12.

PBC is a high demand school with an outstanding academic, sporting and cultural heritage located on Currumbin Creek, Palm Beach/Currumbin.

PBC has experienced exceptional, unprecedented growth in its school population over the last five years. The growth is precipitated by an increase in prospective students in PBC's catchment and demand for their enrolment.

Parents considering enrolling their child at PBC must understand that enrolment is not simply conditional on an application for enrolment being made. Enrolment is governed by the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld)* (the Act) and this Enrolment Management Plan, with it being the responsibility of PBC's Executive Principal to determine whether a prospective student is, after making an application for enrolment, entitled to be enrolled at the school.

PBC primarily exists to provide State secondary education to students who genuinely reside within the school's catchment. The requirement for a prospective student's principal place of residence (as required under the Act) to fall within the school's catchment is actively monitored and enforced.

This School Enrolment Management Plan (School EMP) sets out the requirements for enrolment at PBC, subject to the Act.

This School EMP is supported by:

- Enrolment in State Primary, Secondary and Special Schools Procedure;
- School Enrolment Management Plans (School EMP) procedure.

Student Enrolment Capacity of School

PBC has a current capacity of over 2600 student enrolments.

The School's Excellence Programs in Academic, Sports and Creative Arts is supported through the allocation of defined categories of placement. However, the availability of places in the Excellence Programs to out-of-catchment enrolments is subject to the demand for in-catchment enrolments at PBC first having been met and sufficient student enrolment capacity having been reserved for future in-catchment growth. Those issues aside, the current percentages of enrolments in the defined categories of placement are as follows:

- 20% in the Selective Entry Academic Excellence Program;
- 20% in the Selective Entry Sports Excellence Program;
- 15% in the Selective Entry Creative Arts Excellence Program.



Local Catchment Area

A school's local catchment area is the geographical area from which the school is to have its core intake of students. A catchment map defines the catchment area. PBC operates under a negotiated catchment area. The school's catchment map is available to be viewed online at <http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/>.

The boundaries of the catchment area are subject to periodic review and may change.

It is recommended that applicants check PBC's catchment in the year prior to the proposed commencement date to determine whether a prospective student's principal place of residence is within catchment.

Out-of-catchment enrolments will only be accepted via the Selective Entry process for Excellence Programs **or** policy requirements of the Department of Education. No other out-of-catchment enrolment applications will be eligible for consideration.

Enrolment Policy

Any student whose principal place of residence is within the school's catchment is, subject to the Act, entitled to enrol at the school. The School's Executive Principal will reserve places for students who move into the catchment area throughout the school year.

Parents or legal guardians who seek to enrol their child at the school will need to fully demonstrate that the student's principal place of residence is genuinely within the catchment area. Current proof of residency at the address indicated must be provided (examples of such proof appear under the headings 'Owned Property', 'Leased Property', 'Compulsory personal documents', and 'Prospective Student in the Care of a Relative, Family Friend, or Third Party' below).

Additionally, factors (which are non-exhaustive) for consideration in determining whether a student's residence is their principal place of residence and is within the school's catchment include: -

- Where the student sleeps;
- Where the student eats meals;
- Whether the student also resides in other premises and if so, the reasons for doing so and the extent of time spent there;
- The place of residence of the student's immediate family, especially a parent, carer, step-parent or sibling;
- Whether there are other occupants of the residence, and their rights to and control over the property;
- The connection of utilities such as telephone, internet, subscription services (e.g. Foxtel), gas, electricity under the name of the student or their parent;
- Whether the amount of electricity and/or gas used is consistent with the student and/or the student's immediate family occupying the residence as a home;
- Whether the student and/or their immediate family have moved their furniture and



personal effects into the residence;

- Whether the residence is used as the student's, or the student's immediate family members, mailing address or address for other purposes such as the electoral roll, driver's licence and vehicle registration. If another residence is used, the reasons for using that other residence are required to be provided;
- Whether the student or the student's immediate family members entertain friends and other family at that residence;
- The length of time of residence at the address;
- Whether home insurance for the building and/or contents has been taken out in the student's family name and whether the insurance is a 'landlord' or 'owner occupier' policy;

The type of finance acquired by the student's family for the residence. For example, obtaining finance as an owner/occupier or under an investment loan; and whether the applicant's purpose for occupying the residence is other than to make it their principal place of residence.

The issue of whether a residence is a student's principal place of residence is to be decided by the Executive Principal. It is acknowledged that the circumstances of prospective students vary from student-to-student. Some applicants for enrolment may only be able to provide some aspects of the above information, while other applicants may only be able to provide other aspects of the information. The relevance and weight of factors are, for each application for enrolment, solely for the determination of the Executive Principal. The Executive Principal may request that applicants provide or confirm any information whatsoever by way of Statutory Declaration.

Examples (non-exhaustive) of proof of residency documents that are required to be provided with the enrolment application to confirm a student's principal place of residence include the following: -

Owned Property

- A current Certificate of Title;
- The last issued Rates notice;
- Evidence that the property is the legitimate family residence (for example, a Statutory Declaration by an applicant for enrolment outlining the individuals who reside in the property and their relationship to the prospective student);
- A minimum of three current bills and evidence of payment (e.g. electricity, gas, internet, telephone) that demonstrates reasonable levels of usage;
- A current home and contents insurance policy and evidence of payment;
- A current motor vehicle insurance policy and evidence of payment;
- Unconditional Sale Agreement demonstrating fair market value or settlement notice

Leased Property

- A current commercially drawn, arms-length Residential Lease Agreement, which names a parent or legal guardian of the prospective student as a Lessee;



- A current Bond Receipt lodged with the Residential Tenancies Authority for the stated residence;
- In relation to any other lease arrangement:
 - a current Lease Agreement;
 - a Statutory Declaration from a parent or legal guardian of the prospective student, as well as a Statutory Declaration from the registered owner of the property (or the registered owner's nominated agent), outlining the lease arrangements and the duration for which such arrangements have been on foot;
 - evidence to the reasonable satisfaction of the Executive Principal that any lease payments are not infrequent and are at market rate (for example, an opinion from a real estate agent who practices within catchment);
- A minimum of three current bills and evidence of payment (e.g. electricity, gas, internet, telephone) that demonstrates reasonable levels of usage;
- A current contents insurance policy and evidence of payment;
- A current motor vehicle insurance policy and evidence of payment;

Compulsory personal documents

- Drivers Licence
- Electoral Roll

Prospective Student in the Care of a Relative, Family Friend, or Third Party

- Same requirements for proof of residency as Owned or Leased property;
- A copy of any Court Order appointing the relative, family friend, or third party with the custody of the prospective student or, in the absence of such order, a Statutory Declaration from:
 - a parent or legal guardian of the prospective student that outlines to the reasonable satisfaction of the Executive Principal:
 - the reasons for the living arrangements;
 - whether any financial or other support is provided to the relative, family friend, or third party in exchange for the prospective student's residence (for instance, payment for room and board);
 - the duration that such arrangement has been in place;
 - the anticipated further duration of such arrangement and why; and
 - the location of where the prospective student's parents each reside;
 - the relative, family friend, or third party with whom the prospective student resides that outlines to the reasonable satisfaction of the Executive Principal the same matters that are to be addressed by a parent of the prospective student's in the parent's Statutory Declaration;
- Centrelink documentation indicating that the prospective student's primary care



giver is the owner or lessee of the property at which the prospective student principally resides.

IMPORTANT!! False or misleading statements or assertion about the student's principal place of residence amount to an offence and will be reported to police. The Executive Principal may repeal a decision to enrol a student in such circumstances.

The Executive Principal may request to sight original documentation and require copies of documents to be sworn or affirmed in front of the School's nominated legal officer, Commissioner for Declarations or Justice of the Peace (Qualified).

If the Executive Principal is not satisfied that the documentation provided by an applicant demonstrates adequately that the address stated is the student's principal place of residence, the Executive Principal may request further sources of proof of residence.

Out-of-catchment application

Out-of-catchment enrolments will not be considered unless they constitute a Selective Entry under an Excellence program, or are made as a legislative or policy requirement of the Department of Education, including:

- Children and young people who are subject to child protection orders that grant guardianship or custody to the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (Child Safety Services);
- Students who live outside the catchment area and are verified with a disability can enrol in the school to attend the specialised disability program if it is the closest program to their home and meets their individualised needs;
- Students who have been excluded from another school, dependent upon the conditions related to the exclusion.



Selective Entry Process

The Selective Entry process will be determined and managed by the Executive Principal.

All applicants must complete the Application Package available on the School website and applications may be made under more than one category.

The Executive Principal reserves the right to review ongoing participation in a Selective Entry Program if a student elects not to participate in the program for which they were selected.

Application for the Selective Entry Program is no guarantee of successful enrolment at PBC and any fees paid are non-refundable.

The Executive Principal is responsible for all decisions on Selective Entry enrolment and that decision is final.

Fees

Under the Department's State Education Fees procedure, a Principal of a State School with an approved School EMP is able to charge a fee for recouping costs of enrolment processing where:

- The Enrolment Management Plan permits the enrolment of a student living outside the catchment area based on cultural, sporting or academic merit; and
- The significant number of prospective students living outside the catchment area and applying to enrol results in abnormal administrative costs to the school.

To participate in the PBC's Selective Entry programs, applicants are required to pay the application fee. Participating in the Selective Entry Excellence Programs selection process is no guarantee of successful enrolment at PBC and any fees paid are non-refundable.

The Executive Principal reserves the right to grant exemption for this fee payment in genuine circumstances of financial hardship.



Enrolment Decisions

The Executive Principal is responsible for all decisions on enrolments and may request any additional documentation or conduct other enquiries deemed necessary to satisfy enrolment eligibility criteria.

Where the Executive Principal forms a preliminary view that an application does not satisfy the conditions for the eligibility criteria for enrolment, applicants will be notified in writing via email.

Applicants may respond to the Executive Principal's preliminary view by making a submission to the Executive Principal no later than seven days after receiving the preliminary view letter.

If no submission is received, the Executive Principal's preliminary view will be treated as the final decision and no further notice will be provided.

If a submission is received, the Executive Principal will consider the submission and make a final decision. A Final Decision Notice will be provided to the applicant as soon as practicable.

Gazettal Date

This updated version of the School Enrolment Management Plan of Palm Beach Currumbin State High School was gazetted in 2018.

The School EMP is reviewed periodically, and if required, updated to reflect any changes.