THE RUNCORN EDGE
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND EXTENSION PROGRAM

➢ Is your child academically focused and talented?
➢ Is your child motivated to succeed, enthusiastic and academically driven?
➢ Does your child have aspirations to attend their University and course of choice?
➢ Do you want your child to be a part of a class of like-minded students who are encouraged to become independent, critical and creative thinkers, and are challenged to reach their academic potential?

If you and your child answered YES to these questions, we invite you to apply now for entry into The Runcorn EDGE Academic Excellence and Extension program for 2015.

Runcorn State High School is proud of its long tradition of success in academic, cultural and sporting excellence. To further this tradition of excellence and success, the Runcorn Edge – Academic Excellence and Extension Program will continue in 2015 for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The focus of The Runcorn EDGE Program is on the academic learning areas - Mathematics, English, Social Science and Science. Students study each of these key learning areas at an extension level. Students combine with the remainder of the cohort for subjects in other learning areas. Specialist teachers for the program are selected to deliver the extended curriculum. Also, where appropriate, students may accelerate their studies to start year 11 and 12 subjects early so students can complete university study at school whilst completing other senior studies.

The Runcorn EDGE Program is delivered in conjunction with university and industry partners – Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology, Transpacific Industries and Stoddards.

Students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular experiences to enrich their learning and academic development towards achieving their full academic potential. These include:

- QUT Early Start
- Science and Engineering Challenge
- Opti-Minds
- Formula 1 Competition
- ICAS competitions
- The Arts enrichment programs
- Griffith University GUESTS program
- Australian Maths competition
- Rocketry Club
- Debating / Rostrum Youth Public Speaking
- Extensive Sporting opportunities

Runcorn State High School is now taking applications for years 7, 8, 9 and 10 in 2015. Make sure you act fast to ensure you don’t miss out.

For further information or application forms, please call Ms Karen Aitcheson – Home Liaison Officer on 3323 1611 or enquiries@runcornshs.eq.edu.au. Application forms can also be found on the school website – www.runcornshs.eq.edu.au

All students enrolled in the program for 2014 will be automatically considered for Academic scholarships as well.
Some FAQs about The Runcorn EDGE Program

How does the Runcorn EDGE Program work?
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Specialist teachers for the program are selected to deliver the Curriculum Framework as is expected in all Year 7 & 8 classes. The curriculum is differentiated by the teachers using their specialist knowledge to add breadth and where appropriate accelerate talented students.

Can students accelerate their studies?
Students at Runcorn State High School have a long tradition of accelerating their studies, particularly in Mathematics and Science. Students can accelerate their studies whilst being part of The Runcorn EDGE Program and each case will be assessed on an individual basis.

Can students lose their place in the program?
The school and teachers within the program have high expectations of students who gain a place in this program, with their behaviour and progress being closely monitored. This means that if a student's behaviour or progress is falling below the expected standard, the student may join mainstream classes after appropriate review and consultation has occurred.

What if my application is not accepted?
Students who are not accepted into the will still be considered for enrolment at Runcorn State High School. Runcorn State High School is an outstanding school providing career pathways for all students.

What is the process for entry?
1. Application form is completed and submitted with copies of all supporting documents (eg NAPLAN, End of Semester reports etc).
2. Application is assessed by Administration (in the order they were received). Students accepted will also be considered for scholarships.
3. Parents notified of decision by Home Liaison Officer.
4. Enrolment process proceeds (Home Liaison Officer will inform parents of this process)

Are there places available in Year 9 and 10?
Yes there are limited places available, so act fast to not miss your place.