



Brilliant Futures Program

At the Queensland Academies, we are dedicated to engaging and empowering Queensland's most capable students in a collaborative, world class educational environment to realise their future potential. The Academies play an important role as a strategy designed to maximise opportunities for Queensland's gifted and highly capable young people - investing in them to ensure they are well prepared to lead our knowledge-based economy.

The Queensland Academies Brilliant Futures Program is open to very highly capable students from Year 5 in 2016 who are seeking an assured pathway* into the Queensland Academies campuses for commencement in Year 10.

After undertaking a rigorous selective entry process, students will be engaged in an innovative and challenging preparation designed to promote global citizenship, deep inquiry and academic success by focussing on critical and creative thinking, coding, robotics and STEM. Students who graduate from this program will gain an **automatic offer** into one of our three senior campuses.

Throughout this program students will develop a personalised portfolio based on their participation in our online courses and face to face workshops. Students will benefit from working with Queensland Academies teachers - and will be challenged through contemporary pedagogy that offers collaborative, accelerated learning focussed on deep inquiry and real world research. These online courses prepare students for the academically challenging International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme offered by the campuses.

Selective Entry Process

- Applications and payment (non-refundable), including the last two semester report cards and Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN data are submitted online
- Students are invited to sit an entrance test and data is analysed
- Parents are fully informed of expectations
- An offer or non-offer of entry into the Brilliant Futures Program is made based on the expectations outlined overleaf

*Expectations of Brilliant Futures Program

- Annual participation in and attainment of an appropriate standard in a range of mandatory online and face to face activities over the period of the Brilliant Futures Program (supported by an annual provisional enrolment fee); plus
- Per semester submission of report cards and Year 7 NAPLAN data for tracking and ongoing monitoring
- Satisfactory completion of a final interview undertaken in Year 9

Timeline for Years 6 Students 2016

- March 16 - Deadline for regional/interstate applicants
- March 23 - Deadline for applications
- April 16 - Entrance Test
- Mid May - Notification of offer or non-offer
- May 27- Acceptance of offer
- July - Commencement of Brilliant Futures Program

Timeline for Years 5 Students 2016

- March 29 - Applications open
- September 7 - Deadline for regional/interstate applicants
- September 14 - Deadline for applications
- October 8 - Entrance Test
- Early November - Notification of offer or non-offer
- Mid November - Acceptance of offer
- February 2017 - Commencement of Brilliant Futures Program

Sample Mandatory Components

- Application process \$250
- Year 5/6/7 courses \$250 each , plus \$50 face to face activity workshop
- Year 8 face to face and online model (may be campus/subject specific) \$300
- Year 9 provisional to firm offer process including final interview \$250

Financial Commitment for Families

- Application Process - \$250
- Mandatory engagement activities paid annually (\$300 per year)
- Final provisional to firm offer process- \$250
- Total commitment - \$1400

For more details call **(07) 3377 9366**
or visit/apply online at www.qa.eq.edu.au

