



HELENSVALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMY PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE



EXCITE | E4E | JAPANESE | DANCE | DRAMA
VISUAL ART | MUSIC | AFL | SOCCER | NETBALL



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Principal's Welcome

Welcome to Helensvale State High School. I hope that you enjoy learning more about our school as we strive to reach our learning vision of 'each and every student succeeding'.

Our learning purpose is 'One Student. One Community. Many Futures.' We believe in putting the interests of students first in all we do as we create our school for one, providing a personal learning experience for your child – our student.

Our school is about providing a world of possibility, achievements and success for our students. We have created an environment where students have excelled, contributing to their state and country through their achievements at the highest levels in academia, business, sport, arts and community.

Our selective entry Academy programs across academic, sporting and cultural areas offer students a unique opportunity to pursue their passion. As a member of the Helensvale Academy, students will engage in challenging learning experiences that foster elite skill development, critical and creative thinking, quality collaboration and effective communication skills. Our expert teaching team is committed to nurturing each and every student to realise their full potential and achieve success in their chosen field in our rapidly changing world.

Our students graduate from our school pursuing their many futures. This is evident through our various pathways programs, exit results and our celebrated vocational education program. Our pathways and programs are supported by strong and productive university, TAFE, employer and business links that are robust, innovative and student-focused.

Our great strength over time has been the One Community philosophy that we create between students, staff, parents, carers and the wider community. Learning is a partnership and we value and foster our role as a hub of learning and wellbeing in our community.

As a school, we are facing the future with an overwhelming sense of optimism and positivity and we welcome you to our Helensvale State High School learning community. It is all about your child - our student.

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**We *Value* respect, responsibility,
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Karen Lindsay
Executive Principal
Helensvale State High School



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Academy Application Process

At Helensvale State High School, our Academy Programs of Excellence offer students a unique opportunity to pursue their passion in the areas of Academia, Sport, Japanese, Education for Entrepreneurs and the Arts.

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Applications for Academy Programs are considered in three parts:

1. Written Application
2. Report Card - level of achievement, effort, behaviour and attendance
3. Trial/Exam/Audition (invitation only)

For more information please email one of the three Directors:



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Lachlan McDonnell - Sport Director
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Academy Contract

At Helensvale State High School our Learning Vision of 'One Student' anticipates that each student engages personally in our school and achieves to their full potential. Our commitments to our Academy students include:

- Ongoing, regular feedback
- Mentoring and support from Academy teachers, classroom teachers and auxiliary staff to ensure your child is achieving their learning goals
- Regular tracking of student progress in Level of Achievement, Effort, Behaviour and Attendance across all subjects to quickly identify where support is needed.

The Helensvale Academy has minimum standards which we expect Academy students to meet on a regular basis. Our expectations for our Academy students are that they are working towards achieving:

- An A to C Level of Achievement (LOA) in all non Academy subjects
- An A or B Level of Achievement (LOA) in their Academy subject/s
- A Very Good or Excellent for Behaviour and Effort in all subjects
- Demonstration of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience across the school environment.



EXCITE Academy

The EXCITE Academy is designed to provide highly motivated and achieving students with an academic pathway throughout Years 7 to 9. The program promotes academically rigorous and supportive learning within the curriculum areas of Science, Mathematics, English and Humanities with the vision of preparing students for senior schooling and future university studies. In order for students to attain high levels of academic excellence, a holistic approach is adopted in the design of the EXCITE curriculum.

- Students in the EXCITE Academy are engaged in innovative learning experiences that are problem based, provide connectedness to the real world and integrate knowledge across core subject boundaries.
- EXCITE students embrace a growth mind-set. They are encouraged to embrace challenges, persist in the face of setbacks, view effort as the path to mastery, learn from constructive feedback and find lessons and inspiration in the success of others. As a result, students reach ever-higher levels of achievement.
- Students within the EXCITE Academy have the opportunity to become involved in a number of activities and competitions beyond the classroom including:
 - Year 7 & 8 annual leadership camps
 - STEM Cup Challenge
 - ICAS Science & Mathematics competitions
 - APSMO Math Olympiad
 - Big Science and Chemistry Competitions.
- In Years 10-12, high performing ATAR pathway students are invited to participate in our Honours Academy.

Underpinning the philosophy of the EXCITE ACADEMY are:

ENGAGEMENT, RELATIONSHIPS & ACHIEVEMENT





Education For Entrepreneurs (E4E)

The Education for Entrepreneurs Academy Program at Helensvale State High School is designed for students who are ready to make their mark on the world via entrepreneurialism. The program aims to unlock creativity and to challenge students to fashion something of value which has the ability to make a difference. The Education for Entrepreneurs program aims to create tomorrow's business leaders, the people who will add value to our community.

- This multifaceted course creates a learning environment that fosters ambition and success, while being mindful of social and ethical values and responsibilities. Opportunity is provided to develop interpersonal and leadership skills through a range of individual and collaborative learning activities.
- Students will have opportunities to collaborate with the wider community and business leaders.
- Relying on the latest neuroscience, the program will grow and foster creative thinking patterns and harness the points of difference in the class to test and workshop ideas.
- Students will learn how to design their own destiny, in a rapidly changing, technology-focused and innovation-driven world, to fill the role of tomorrow's wealth creators and social leaders.

Underpinning the philosophy of the E4E ACADEMY are:

CREATIVITY, DESIGN & INNOVATION





Japanese Academy

The Japanese Academy is designed to provide students of Japanese language an extension on their knowledge, skills and abilities in all areas of Japanese across Years 7, 8 & 9. The Japanese Academy not only develops language skills, language confidence and cultural understanding, but also provides a supportive environment that will enhance literacy, communication and higher-order thinking skills, all valuable foundations preparing students for their senior schooling years.

- Students in the Japanese Academy Program develop and practise communicative language within realistic contexts while at the same time developing an understanding of cultural differences.
- Japanese Academy students will have access to exciting online learning tools that greatly aid in the development of their Japanese language skills.
- Many extension opportunities are made available throughout our program including sister school/study tour visits, Japanese lunch days and restaurant visits, participation in language competitions and cultural workshops and excursions.
- Our program engages young learners in intercultural appreciation, helping them to communicate with people around the globe and expand their career options in the future.

Underpinning the philosophy of the JAPANESE ACADEMY are:

COMMUNICATION, EXPLORATION & UNDERSTANDING



Our Staff - Art Academies



Zy Quinn

Art Academy Director

Bachelor of Creative Industries/
Bachelor of Education

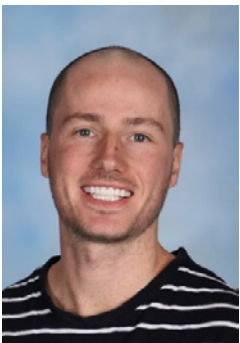
Certificate IV Training & Assessment
VET Teacher of the Year QLD (2017)



Tiana Campbell

Dance Academy

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance)
Masters in Teaching (Secondary)
Dance Major; Drama Minor
Dance & Acrobatics Choreographer



Jackson Kook

Dance Academy

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)
Local Musical Theatre
Choreographer/
Freelance Performer



Allison Nightingale

Visual Art Academy

Bachelor of Education (Secondary -
Visual Arts & English)
Art Specialities - Painting



Ellie Hoppner

Visual Art Academy

Bachelor of Fine Arts Visual Art
Graduate Diploma Education
Secondary
Art Specialities - Installation, Design,
Photography, Embroidery, Painting &
Art History



Brett Edwards

Drama Academy

Bachelor of Arts (Drama & Theatre
Production)
Graduate Diploma Education
Teaching Excellence Nominee (2016)
Certificate IV Training & Assessment



Wendy Chambers

*HOD Junior Secondary & Drama
Academy*

Bachelor of Education
Diploma of Teaching Drama and
Mathematics



Michelle Phelan

Drama Academy

QLD University of Technology:
Creative Industries (Drama Major)
Australian Music Examination Board:
Speech and Drama



Dance Academy

Designed to inspire and extend dancers with both passion and skill, the Helensvale SHS Dance Academy program develops students' capabilities in performance and choreography while imparting a strong foundational appreciation of the Arts. The Dance Academy program draws from students' technical skills and understanding of the Arts and accelerates these abilities through focused experiences across many genres of dance.

- Students are given the opportunity to pursue high level dance training in contemporary, jazz, hip hop and other world dance styles, guided by expert specialist teaching staff.
- Our dynamic curriculum encompasses various competitive platforms across the Gold Coast and wider-regions and provides students opportunities to engage with industry professionals.
- Driven by a passion of dance in education, the skilled staff nurture not only the expressive abilities of our students, but their teamwork, versatility, self-esteem and academic proficiencies.
- Dance Academy students are provided with the highest level of preparation for their Senior Dance electives and gain a confidence that is transferable into other areas of their studies.

Underpinning the philosophy of the DANCE ACADEMY are:

COMMITMENT, VISION & COLLABORATION





Drama Academy

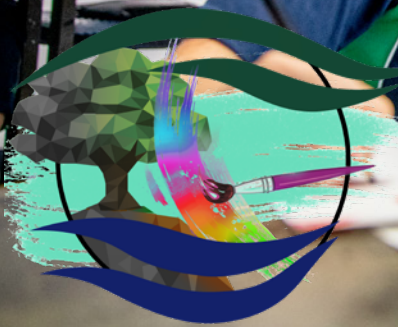
The Drama Academy program values creativity, individuality and self-expression. Delivered by expert teachers, our stimulating curriculum nurtures high-performing dramatic artists and allows them to embrace and understand their place in this world. Our academically rich program ensures our students are prepared for the rigour of senior schooling.

- Students become familiar with the necessary skills required to fulfil the various roles of the theatre and discover how to engage audiences through creative scriptwriting and stage craft.
- Students are challenged to reflect on their own creative processes and to imagine themselves as others, exploring beliefs, feelings, behaviours and relationships across diverse situations, cultures and contexts.
- Exposure to practical, skill-based workshops with industry partners and artists-in-residence to inspire student-devised works which are showcased to our wider community throughout each year.
- Recognised as a highly performing program through competition including the Gold Coast Secondary Schools' Drama Festival, the largest of its kind in the southern hemisphere, where we have celebrated huge success including being awarded 'Best Devised Production'.

Underpinning the philosophy of the DRAMA ACADEMY are:

CREATIVITY, INDIVIDUALITY & SELF-EXPRESSION





Visual Art Academy

The Visual Art Academy supports innovative, critical and creative minds. Designed to foster the 'One Student', our program nurtures artistic strengths, and through an engaging and meaningful curriculum, allows students to discover new ways to create art. Our staff recognise the need to have a space for self-expression, exploration, imagination and cultural and historical understanding in today's ever-changing society.

- Our program focuses on the learner as an individual, relishing in and extending their visual art skills, and using these to strengthen learning experiences in other subjects.
- With the guidance and inspiration of our specialised teachers, students have exposure to a wide variety of mediums and art making procedures including drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, mixed media, digital design, printmaking and much more.
- Students engage in workshops with guest artists and artists-in-residence programs, appreciating the works of local and international artists.
- Student work is celebrated and showcased at various school and community events throughout the year with a history of great success in a variety of competitions.

Underpinning the philosophy of the VISUAL ART ACADEMY are:

EXPLORATION, IMAGINATION & INNOVATION



Our Staff - Sport Academies



Lachlan McDonell

Director & Football Coach

AFC/FFA C Licence: Senior and Youth
Gold Coast United 12's SAP
Broadwater Futsal Coach
South Coast Football Team Manager



Alex McKean

Football Coach

AFC/FFA C Licence: Senior
Football Qld North U13 TSP Assistant Coach (2019)
North Queensland Region Manager & Coach (2012, 2013, 2018, 2019)



Ben Tindall

AFL Coach

Level 2 AFL Coach
Broadwater & South Coast AFL Coach
Life Member Broadbeach Cats Senior AFC



Matt Dwyer

AFL Coach

Level 2 AFL Coach
Broadwater AFL Coach
South Coast AFL Team Manager/ Assistant Coach



Selina Priest

AFL Coach

Level 1 Senior Coaching Accreditation
Broadwater & South Coast AFL Coach
AFLW Player (2017, 2020)



Jo Morgan

Netball Coach

Aust. Diamonds/u21- QLD, NSW, WA
QLD 19 & 15 schoolgirls, South Coast Schoolgirls Coach
QLD 19s, NSWIS assist Coach, QLD selector and T.I.D



Briony Payne

Netball Coach

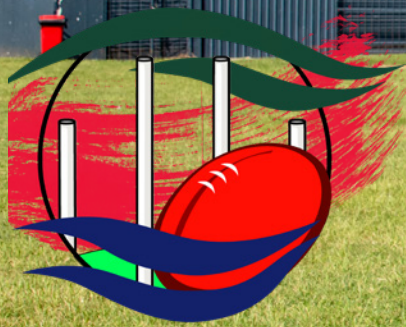
Foundation Coaching Accreditation
Netball Queensland
Broadwater Head Coach
Current HART Sapphire Netball Player



David Bimrose

HOD & Football Coach

Bachelor Applied Science (Human Movement Studies)
Level 1 Football Coaching Accreditation
Central Highlands District U19 Coach (2004-2005)



AFL Academy

Our AFL Academy Program aims to ensure that every student achieves a high level of success whether that be at state, regional or club level with the overall goal of students being drafted or continuing to play high level football once they have exited school. Our program priorities include: decision based training that forces training of skills under pressure, regular strength and conditioning sessions, explicit training of game strategy sessions, regular fitness testing, personal growth and humility.

- One of only 11 schools in the 2021 AFL Queensland Schools of Excellence Division with an approved AFL curriculum and participation program.
- Since inception, both our Junior and Senior teams have made the finals in the AFL Queensland Schools' Cup.
- We recently celebrated several male and female athletes being drafted to the Gold Coast Suns.
- Our expertly qualified teachers have years of experience developing individuals and teams to fulfil their potential and show humility and respect at all times.

Underpinning the philosophy of the AFL ACADEMY are:

LEADERSHIP, HUMILITY & RESPECT





Football Academy

The Helensvale State High School Football Academy, proudly supported by A-League Club, the Brisbane Roar and with established links to Logan Lightning FC, supports students' athletic development through exposure to high quality training and regular competition in both Football and Futsal tournaments. Our inclusion in the elite National Premier League (NPL) style, Schools Premier League (SPL), sets us apart from other schools across the region, providing regular, high level competition for both male and female students throughout the year.

- The program aims to develop players that are not only technically and tactically proficient, but who are good decision-making players that have a highly developed knowledge of the game.
- Comprehension of the flexibilities of the game and the roles and responsibilities of individual positions within the game, will ensure our players have the ability to cope at the next level of Football.
- This approach has resulted in Helensvale State High School reaching the Queensland State Final in the coveted Bill Turner competition (Final 8 in Australia), winning multiple National & State Futsal Titles and SPL finals consistently over the past four years, ultimately establishing us as a dominant footballing school in the South East Queensland Region.

Underpinning the philosophy of the FOOTBALL ACADEMY are:

LEADERSHIP, HUMILITY & RESPECT





Netball Academy

Our Netball Academy program offers athletes the opportunity to train under the guidance of professionals and develop in an environment that emulates the elite. Our programming is split over three days covering: strength and physical conditioning, skills, techniques and tactical game play with theory lessons on athletic development concepts. In the Netball Academy, our coaches and students embrace a culture of teamwork where individual and team success is grounded in commitment and resilience.

- Students with a demonstrated ability in netball are supported to uphold high expectations on the court as well as ensuring our athletes are also achieving in their academic pursuits.
- Coaches, with national accreditation and industry experience, who understand the pressures and expectations of playing at an elite level.
- Netball Academy students compete in the Vicki Wilson Cup run by Netball Queensland, sponsored by The University of Queensland and endorsed by Queensland School Sport as the premier netball competition for high schools across all of Queensland.
- Our program has generated many success stories including Reilley B (Australian U/17, Elite Development Squad) Leah P (Queensland 17's & 19's) and Chanel G (Australian Diamond).

Underpinning the philosophy of the NETBALL ACADEMY are:

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