



HALLS HEAD

COLLEGE

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Does your child have a special interest?

If your child has a particular talent and is looking for a challenging learning environment in a community of enthusiastic learners and teachers, then one of our enrichment programs might be just what they need.

Halls Head College is now inviting talented, motivated students to apply to participate in enrichment programs in Academic Extension, Japanese Language, School of Instrument Music and Targeted Sports. You can apply for a place in as many of these programs as is suitable.

Academic Extension Program

In all of our Academic subjects - English, Maths, Science and Society and Environment we offer chances for each student to excel. However we also acknowledge that our brightest students learn best when like minded peers surround them. Some students learn faster and can cope with additional higher order thinking and problem solving opportunities. Whilst we still encourage all classes to be creative, to think more and problem solve, the College has established an **Academic Extension Program** from Years 7 – 10 to provide additional opportunities for our most able students to excel.

Our Academic Extension Program allows students access in English, Maths, Science and Society and Environment. A student may be eligible in one, several or all of these subjects. Applications for places in the program are through expressions of interest in the first instance. Selection processes are then conducted through analysis of the most recent academic performance in NAPLAN, previous report data and additional evidence that may be provided. Each semester placements are reviewed as there is a waiting list. A variety of additional opportunities to excel are offered to our extension students such as:

- State and National Competitions
- Higher Order thinking challenges in a range of disciplines – within school and across schools.
- Excursions and Incursions designed to challenge and engage.
- Exposure to experts in a range of arenas to stimulate thought; promote creativity, higher order thinking and problem solving.
- Opportunities to hone organisational and time management skills to foster a strong independent study program and work ethic.

There are no additional fees for this program; however additional costs may be incurred for competition participation and excursions.

Japanese Language Program

Halls Head College provides a unique opportunity for students gifted in languages to excel in a **Japanese Language Program**. It is available for students from Year 7 – 12. Students who are university bound can gain a 10% bonus if studying a foreign language and Asian Studies is a cross curriculum requirement of the Australian Curriculum.

Our Japanese Language Program is unique in the quality it provides such as:

- A Partnership school in Japan – Tomioka High School - we regularly host students from Japan, who offer our students unique opportunities to hear and speak the language and learn from each other.
- A bi-annual school trip to Japan - Every two years our senior students have the opportunity to visit Japan and further expand their grasp of the language and culture.
- An Immersion and Enrichment program – After school opportunities are available for our students to develop a skill set but also, more importantly, to immerse themselves in the Japanese language – with primarily Japanese being spoken in these sessions. This is available free of cost to our students.
- Rigorous, engaging lessons that embrace modern technology
- Opportunities to work in partnership with primary schools to build links and enhance learning opportunities for our younger LOTE students.

Targeted Sports Program

Halls Head College boasts sporting facilities second to none in the Mandurah Area. Our Targeted Sports Program is available from Year 8 – 10, it is an elite program that students must apply for and places are limited. The following sports have operational programs currently: Australian Rules Football, Basketball, Netball and Soccer.

Our **Targeted Sports Program** provides students who excel in particular sports with:

- Additional time to develop leadership skills and sporting prowess.
- A high standard of coaching and an academic framework that enables them to reach both their academic and sporting goals.
- Partnerships with the elite sporting community.
- Opportunities to fine tune their skills, understandings and game performance.
- A foundation in Lower school that can link with both University and TAFE pathways in Sports Science and related areas in Senior School.
- Opportunities to develop their fitness and love of a sport in the school arena.

Student selection for this program is dependent on:

- An ability, interest and potential in the nominated sport
- A recognizable commitment to school studies and academic performance
- An excellent record of school conduct and attendance

Additional fees apply to this course.

School of Instrumental Music Program (SIM)

The School of Instrumental Music through the Department of Education and Training offers the opportunity for selected students to undertake free instrumental tuition from Year 6 in local primary schools. Students who are accepted into the program in Year 6 in Primary school can automatically continue with the program in Year 7 at Halls Head College.

Some beginners may also be able to commence tuition in Year 7 or Year 8. Like the continuing students, these students will also become members of the Halls Head College Concert Band when the instrument teachers decide that they are ready.

School of Instrumental Music lessons are free. Students need to purchase their own instrument after their first year of playing, and they will also be asked to buy one or two music books and appropriate maintenance equipment (eg: valve oil, cleaning cloths) from the start. Instruments can be hired for the first year of tuition from the Department of Education (through the school) at a cost of \$100. After this, an instrument must be purchased, borrowed, or rented privately.

Instruments which MAY be offered for beginners in 2015

- Woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone)
- Brass (trumpet, trombone, euphonium or tuba)
- Percussion
- Guitar/Bass

There are limited beginner places available in the School of Instrumental Music Program, and so a selection process occurs to ensure that the students are suitable for the instruments they choose, and are aware of the commitment they need to make. The selection process has 3 steps:

- 1 Successful result in the Indicator of Musical Aptitude (conducted early in Term 1).
- 2 Assessment of suitability for the nominated instrument/s (including such aspects as mouth shape and ability to keep rhythm). The instrumental teachers carry out these assessments.
- 3 Interview with parent and student to ensure a full understanding of the program requirements and benefits.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Current Language Teacher's name: _____

ACADEMIC EXTENSION PROGRAM

(Note: This is an Expression of Interest only. A selection process will be conducted once the section has been completed and returned.)

Academic Extension Program Learning Area: *(Tick one or more boxes in areas that your child excels).*

Semester 1 Grades

<input type="checkbox"/>	English		Naplan Results (most recent)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mathematics		Naplan Results (most recent)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Science			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Society & Environment			
			Other Academic	

Achievement History *(List any notable school achievements, competition results, PEAC etc):*

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____