



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ARTS ACADEMY KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

For the first time in 2025, SJC is excited to offer Arts Academy placements to students in Year 8 and 9 who are aspiring performing and visual artists. The application process commences the year prior to entry.

*****Applications for entry into Year 8 and 9, 2025 are now open. Applications will close at 3.00pm on Friday 9 August, 2024*****

1. Selection Process

Each aspiring SJC Arts Academy member is asked to complete an online application. Please note that applicants will be required to log into a Google account (all students have these) to complete the form.

As part of the application form, each student is asked to include:

- Experience
- Current schedule/commitments
- Goals
- A personal video
- 2024 teacher reference
- Optional external reference
- Program Agreement, signed by student and parent/carer

If the student-artist's application form is successful in passing the first stage, the applicant and their parents/guardians may be required to attend an interview with the St Joseph's College Arts Academy (SJCAA) Selection Committee, or one of its members. The interview will outline the final stages of the application process and may involve the aspiring student-artist demonstrating their talents prior to being selected into the program.

The outcome of the student-artist's application will be determined in a detailed letter addressed to the applicant. This letter will outline one of three results:

- confirmation of acceptance
- application added to waitlist register for second-round intake or future consideration
- application unsuccessful.

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*All applicants on the waiting list will be analysed throughout the school year. Should a position within the program become available, the best candidate will be offered an opportunity.

2. Selection Criteria

Selection is based not only on existing skill set, but the potential for development across the breadth of all artistic offerings. Holistic aspects of the student are also considered, including classroom behaviour and academic performance and endeavour.

The following criteria are considered essential to be selected for the St Joseph's College Arts Academy:

Artistic Skill Set

Applicants must:

- be performing/creating at a high level in their chosen discipline(s) and/or demonstrate the potential to progress to a high level
- have a proven history showcasing the behaviour, attitude and work ethic aligned to creation, production and exhibition of artistic talent
- present an audition video or a portfolio of work (at stage 2 of application process)
- have a desire to enhance personal and group outcomes including St Joes on Show
- exhibit commitment to ongoing and further development.

Academic Endeavour:

Students must be consistently achieving satisfactory results in all subject areas.

Applicants must be performing at relevant AUSVELS standards (or above) across all subject areas (consolidating).

A review of school reports and NAPLAN is undertaken to determine if applicants meet the below criteria. (This criterion is used as a guideline and exceptional circumstances will be considered.)

- Achieving a satisfactory academic grade average with academic progress indicators at the upper end for their year level
- Displaying a high effort in academic endeavour (no comments or indicators showing poor or unsatisfactory academic effort)

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Behavioural indicators, listed below, that are marked as 'consistent or usually' annually:

- Organised for class/practice
- Works collaboratively with teammates, teachers and coaches
- Meets deadlines in all aspects of school life
- Seeks assistance and feedback from coaches (self-awareness)
- Strives for personal excellence
- Engages in learning beyond the classroom
- Behaves respectfully in each sphere of school life

Consistent school attendance levels underpin both behaviour indicators and our College values.

The SJCAA Selection Committee may also contact your child's previous/current school for more information if required.

Interpersonal Development (underpins behavioural indicators)

Student attitude to learning must be positive across all subjects.

Successful students must consistently demonstrate the College values.

Students must align and buy-in fully to the St Joseph's College Arts Academy behavioural indicators of PEACE.

- Persistence and Passion
- Engage
- Amalgamate
- Challenge
- Enquire

Commitment to the program

Once accepted, student-artists have a commitment to reapply to the program annually for its entirety. To maintain the integrity of the Arts Academy, student-artists must commit to the program every year. Only in exceptional circumstances will removal or exit be granted.

A student-artist and their guardian are expected to read, agree, sign and abide by the SJCAA Agreement and the SJCAA Policy, attached as part of the selection criteria.



HOW TO APPLY and APPLICATION TIMELINE

SJCAA has a principle of gender equity for this academy for which we will endeavour to strive towards.

**** As part of a targeted focus on developing career pathways for people with a disability, with support from external providers, SJC welcomes applications from all students. ****

Step 1. COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION - Due Prior to 3pm on 9 August, 2024

Before completing an online application, you will be required to have the following information on hand:

- General student details
- Parent or guardian contact details
- Artistic experience
- Training schedule
- Injuries
- Performance goals
- Academic goals
- Reference from external source ([Pro forma attached](#)) Optional
- Reference from a teacher ([Pro forma attached](#))
- Signed Student-Artist Agreement ([Attached](#))

Step 2. SELECTION FOR IN-PERSON INTERVIEW (if required) - August 2024

Students who are under consideration for selection may be invited to take part in a face-to-face meeting as part of the select-entry process.

If required, students will receive details regarding the face-to-face meeting (including date, time and location) and will be required to develop the following, depending on their artistic discipline.

- Visual Art - Portfolio of created work
- Performing Art - 2 minute audition video

These should highlight the relevant talent of the student.

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Step 3. OFFERS MADE - Middle of Term 3

Successful applicants: Will be notified via email with an offer of an Arts Academy placement.

Waitlisted applicants: Will be notified via email, and offered a place on the waitlist. Feedback will also be provided to guide their development, and will be prioritised.

Unsuccessful applicants: Will be notified via email, and offered feedback regarding their ongoing development. An unsuccessful application does not preclude a student from reapplying in following years.