



Prospective Parent Evening

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Do children have the option to move into a Specialist Program at a later date?

A. This is possible but is dependent on numbers. The best option is to apply for the Specialist Program and attend any workshops this year during Terms 2 and 3.

<http://www.hampton.wa.edu.au/expression-of-interest-form/>

Q. Can children apply for multiple Specialist Programs?

A. Students can apply for as many programs as they wish. However, there is a requirement that students experience both a depth and breadth of curriculum. Therefore, students are only permitted to enrol in one specialist or enrichment program. The exception is Applied Science as this does not impact on the overall breadth or depth of curriculum offerings available to students.

Q. If participating in the Gifted and Talented Dance Program (GAT), does this restrict a child from participating in another Specialist Program such as Performing Arts?

A. Timetabling restrictions would need to be considered on an individual basis. Submission of applications and completing both workshops would be advisable.

Q. When are decisions given to parents regarding selection for the programs?

A. Mid-way through Term 3 (early September) after completion of the second set of workshops. This ensures that those who missed the first workshops are not disadvantaged.

Q. What is the process for submitting a portfolio?

A. We would like to stress that this should not be an onerous task. Please include what you already have such as any certificate or records of your child's success and a copy of their most recent school report. *There is no requirement to submit references.* Your child is required to submit a letter giving their reasons for wanting to be included in the program. Please allow your child to show their passion for their particular

program of interest. Portfolios can be submitted when attending either of the workshops and will be required by the end of August.

Q. If applying for 2 programs, will I be required to submit 2 portfolios?

A. Yes, if copies are able to be made easily. Alternatively, submit 1 portfolio but include a covering letter clearly stating that the portfolio needs to be assessed for 2 programs.

Q. If not applying for a Specialist Program, what does the school offer?

A. We offer a vast suite of subjects, which afford opportunities for further study at University or TAFE alongside programs tailored for entry into the workplace.

Q. Is the only entry into the school if residing 'Out of Area' via a Specialist Program?

A. Not exactly. Everyone is welcome to apply to attend Hampton SHS.

Once numbers are determined for the following school year a decision can be made approximately Week 6/7 of Term 4 (mid-November). *However, students living 'Out of Area' applying for Specialist Programs will be given consideration on suitability for the program as a first priority.*

Q. How do we apply for a Specialist Program?

A. Submit an Expression of Interest form which can be downloaded from the school website <http://www.hampton.wa.edu.au/expression-of-interest-form/> or by contact with the school (details below). This will allow your EOI to be added to the Program register and receive reminder emails regarding the Workshops.

The entrance criteria for all program applications to be considered requires attendance at one of the Practical Workshops and submission of a portfolio

Q. Do the Specialist Program students stay with the same group of students across all Learning Areas?

A. No, there is movement across the Learning Areas except Applied Science students who will be with the same students in their science classes.

Q. I have another question, who should I contact?

A. Please call the school on 9270 5710 and speak with Ruth Stott, Enrolments Officer or email your enquiry to Hampton.shs@education.wa.edu.au and we will answer your query as quickly as possible.