



Coolum State High School

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CRICOS Registration Number 00608A

Academic Learning Program for High Achievers

2025 Year 7 Application



Student Name

Applications Close: Friday 24 May 2024

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2025 Coolum State High School Enrolment Application.***

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Academic Learning Program for High Achievers 2025

ALPHA students have Places to go and People to see.



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A unique, application only, opportunity exists for students entering Year 7 in 2025 to participate in Coolum State High School's Academic Learning Program for High Achievers (ALPHA).

PROGRAM VISION: The Academic Learning Program for High Achievers (ALPHA) focuses on creating a safe and supportive environment for nurturing a diverse range of academically-minded students who are university-bound. ALPHA classes are designed to enrich students through a series of learning opportunities that allow them to grow by fostering a culture of excellence. These students are supported to cultivate a base understanding of the curriculum more quickly and autonomously than core Junior Secondary classes.

ALPHA students are expected to participate in a variety of activities, such as ICAS competitions and university-themed excursions held throughout the year. The development of study and organisational skills is paramount to the program. ALPHA empowers students to be critical and creative thinkers through a series of intensive learning opportunities that develop their abilities to be innovators, entrepreneurs, and responsible global citizens of the future. They are encouraged to build critical thought processes and apply new knowledge to other areas by responding to real-world issues and ultimately participating in community projects as Leaders.

The ALPHA program challenges, extends, nurtures, and develops students into successful learners who are prepared for Senior Secondary and University options. Students are placed with like-minded learners and participate in in-depth studies across all subjects as per the Australian National Curriculum. Class composition changes each year to maximise peer learning. Extension strategies through Junior Secondary ensure successful Senior Secondary pathways commencing in Year 10. The results achieved by our ALPHA students are truly impressive, with over 70% of students producing A- level results.

Entrance into these classes will be based on demonstrated evidence of:

- A high level of performance ability in English, Humanities, Mathematics, and Science
- Evidence of consistently high levels of behaviour and effort in all subjects
- A high aptitude in literacy, numeracy, problem-solving, and critical thought as evidenced in the ALPHA Entrance Examination (compulsory)
- A positive mindset towards learning



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APPLICATION PROCESS

Stage 1 Complete and sign the ALPHA Application, and **submit** with a completed 2025 Coolum State High School Enrolment Application, to the Administration Office **by 3.00pm Friday 24 May 2024** addressed to:

Deputy Principal Year 7
Coolum State High School
Havana Road East
Coolum Beach Qld 4573

Please note the ALPHA Application will not be accepted without the completed 2025 Coolum State High School Enrolment Application.

Stage 2 Entrance Examination (Literacy & Numeracy) - will be held on **Saturday 8 June 2024 at Coolum State High School**. Time and building location will be confirmed and communicated.

Stage 3 All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their Application by email on Friday 16 August 2024.

Successful applicants will be determined wholistically as “Learner” using the following aspects, equally-weighted for each student:

- Written application
- Report card
- Entrance exam results – marked by ‘*Mighty Minds*’
- NAPLAN results



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Student Details	First Name		Surname	
	Sex (please circle) Male / Female		Date of Birth / /	
	Current School			
Parent / Carer Details	First Name		Surname	
	Unit / Street No.	Street Name		
	Town		Postcode	
	Mobile No.			
	Email Address			

Do you reside in the Coolum State High School catchment area? Yes No

Do you have siblings currently attending Coolum State High School? Yes No

If yes, please provide their name/s and year level/s:

Sibling's Full Name 1.	Current Year Level
Sibling's Full Name 2.	Current Year Level

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1. School Curriculum Academic Achievement and Conduct

Please attach a copy of your most recent Report Card.

2. Personal Statement

In more than 150 words, outline why you would like to study in the ALPHA program. What are your areas of interest, which may include performing or sport? Where do you hope this opportunity might lead to in later years of secondary school and/or beyond your school years?



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3. Leadership Roles

List any leadership/performance roles you have had over the last two years. Include class leadership, school roles, positions, performances, sporting or memberships outside of school that you consider relevant.

4. Reflection and Growth Mindset

Describe a situation in your life where you have had to deal with a challenge or hurdle and overcome it. It can be in school, music, sport, clubs or at home.



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5. Describe one of the best experiences you have had at school. Why was it significant for you? What did you learn from this experience?



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As a representative of ALPHA at Coolum State High School, my/my child's responsibilities are to:

- ✓ Commit to the school ethos of care, respect and excellence in all facets of learning and engagement.
- ✓ Maintain a high level (95%+) in attendance, unless medical certificates or evidence of extenuating circumstances provided.
- ✓ Maintain high levels of academic effort and behaviour on all report cards.
- ✓ Demonstrate appropriate behaviour outside of the classroom, in the playground and in the wider school community.
- ✓ Engage in extracurricular activities, performances, school community events if possible.
- ✓ Participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) and NAPLAN online exams.
- ✓ Engage in all excursions offered as part of the ALPHA Program.

Confirmation

- I understand that it is a requirement of Coolum State High School that all outstanding school fees must be paid in full or an up-to-date payment plan in place, approved by the Business Manager.
- In submitting this form, I declare that the information supplied, and the accompanying documentation, is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I consent to participating in the entrance exam compiled by Mighty Minds.
- I/We confirm that my child and I have read the above and agree to these expectations

Student Details (Applicant)	First Name	Surname
	Signature	Date / /
Parent Details	First Name	Surname
	Signature	Date / /

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