



Challenge

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

"Challenging Young Minds"

Why choose the Challenge Program?

The Challenge Academic Excellence Program is designed to challenge like-minded students to develop life-long skills through a rich and academically rigorous curriculum. Encouraging student autonomy in a socially supportive environment, the program offers a holistic approach to education, producing socially aware students with strength of mind, strength of character and a sound value system.

* This is a two-year program of study. It is expected that successful applicants will commit to this course for Year 8 and 9.

Who should apply?

- ☆ Does your child have an enquiring mind?
- ☆ Is your child highly motivated?
- ☆ Does your child enjoy a challenging learning environment?
- ☆ Does your child enjoy activities that focus on intellectual local, national and global issues?

If you answered yes to any one of these questions, our Challenge Academic Excellence Program could be the answer to your child's future.

What do students in this class actually do?

Our Challenge Academic Excellence Program aims to provide greater depth in an academically rigorous curriculum.

Students are exposed to the following:

- ☆ Relevant, meaningful and rich curriculum delivered by specialist teachers who share a passion for their specific subject interests
- ☆ Integration of ICT/Multimedia throughout the program in well-equipped classrooms which allow easy access to both the school's Intranet and the Internet
- ☆ Accelerated learning
- ☆ Enrichment/Extension options
- ☆ Integrated Studies
- ☆ Leadership opportunities in the Middle School
- ☆ Competitions – Science, Mathematics, Computer, Geography, SOSE
- ☆ Optiminds
- ☆ Debating
- ☆ Community Service projects and activities
- ☆ Goal-setting and career planning

What are the future pathways for students in this program?

Students at Maroochydore SHS have the opportunity to further their pursuit of academic excellence in the following programs:

- ☆ Maroochydore SHS Young Scientist Program
- ☆ Extension Mathematics class
- ☆ Extension English class
- ☆ Extension Social Science class
- ☆ Headstart University Programs

This is then followed by the opportunity to enrol in any of the following Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) subjects at a Senior School level:

- ☆ Physics
- ☆ Chemistry
- ☆ Biology
- ☆ Mathematics B
- ☆ Mathematics C
- ☆ English
- ☆ Modern History
- ☆ Ancient History
- ☆ Legal Studies

Expressions of Interest

Potential applicants from the following schools: Kuluin, Maroochydore, Bli Bli, Pacific Paradise, Buderim, Mooloolaba and Stella Maris should complete the **Registration and Information Booklet Year 8 2009** and return it to his/her Primary school for collection by a Maroochydore SHS official.

The application and enrolment form MUST be returned to the Primary school teacher no later than **Friday 20 June 2008**.

Students who do not attend one of the above schools should complete the application and forward it with the completed enrolment form to the address below to arrive no later than **Friday 20 June 2008**.

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Please note: The application form MUST be accompanied by an enrolment form