The Maroochydore SHS Cricket Academy was founded in 2006 with the aim of providing students with a skill based learning environment focusing on developing cricketers. Other Aims of the Academy include:

• Nurture and enhance cricketing talent
• Support Queensland Cricket’s aim of creating links between schools and the clubs of the Sunshine Coast community
• Develop communication skills in written, oral and performance activities
• Develop attitudes, skills and knowledge appropriate to maintaining health and fitness throughout life

The academy is offered to Years 8 and 9 through the HPE Cricket Course and Years 10 to 12 in non-curriculum time (after school or lunch time).

The course covers:

**Theoretical Components**
- Spirit of cricket
- Psychology and Goal Setting
- Video Analysis
- Nutrition/Sports Medicine
- Umpiring Level 1 Certificate
- Scoring
- Media in Sport

**Practical Components**
- Technique and skills – Nets and Centre Wicket
- Technique and skills (Batting, Bowling, Fielding)
- Tactics and Game Sense
- Resistance training
- Cross Training

**PREREQUISITES:**
- Students choosing this subject are required to demonstrate a specific interest and/or high level of performance in the sport of cricket
- Provide transport to venues to complete off campus units of work
- Demonstrate appropriate behaviour, grooming and work ethic involving all school activities
- Be willing to finance and complete compulsory off-campus courses/excursions outside school hours.

**COSTS (Additional to SRS charges):**
- A subject fee applies and it includes Certificate fees, training balls, photocopying, uniforms
- Umpire and Ground Fees if selected in school cricket team (Up to $100 per year)

**CAREERS:**
The following careers may result from studying this course:
- Coaching personnel
- Cricket administration
- Queensland cricket representative
- A person interested in completing TAFE courses relating to health and fitness, recreation, personal trainer, fitness leaders, sport administration and coaching.
- Those seeking employment in the leisure, fitness or recreation industry (eg. fitness centres, lifesaving, holiday resorts, outdoor tourism, sporting clubs).