

CRAIGSLEA EXPO EXCELLENCE 2027

“Be inspired to ignite your full potential”

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Welcome

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Mr Jamie Hunt
Deputy Principal

Excellence in Science Program

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Ms Reshniel Chandra

Head of Department - Science

Excellence in Science Program

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Purpose

The *Excellence in Science* Program is a selective initiative designed to support high-achieving students with a strong passion for science. It focuses on:

- 💡 Innovation
- 🧪 Inquiry-based learning
- 🌍 Real-world scientific application

The program provides enriched learning experiences beyond the standard Australian Curriculum.

Program Features

- 🚀 Accelerated Learning
- 🎓 Enrichment Opportunities
- 🧠 Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- 📈 Pathways for Advancement



Excellence in Science Program Pathway

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7-9 Excellence in Science Program



Year 10
- Science Extension
- Prep in General Science Subjects



Years 11-12
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Psychology
Marine Science






Embryologist Bacteriologist
Biochemist Laboratory Technician
Ecologist Pharmacist Government
Chemist Marine Biologist
Zoologist Geologist Veterinarian
Physicist **SCIENCE** Biologist
Computer Science Astronomer
Surgeon Lab Assistant
Microbiologist Physician
Forensic Scientist Environmentalist
Neuroscientist
Researcher Seismologist

Excellence in Science Program

What to Prepare Before you Apply

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The following documents are required to complete your online application:


-  Year 5 Semester 1 and 2 report cards
-  Year 5 NAPLAN results
-  Any further supporting information which may include but is not limited to results/certificates for ICAS, Australian Maths and STEM competitions, academic awards, school and community awards or science competition results.

Keeping Your Spot In Years 8-9


B or over consistently in all assessments


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"Join Us in the Pursuit of Scientific Excellence!"


 Opportunities like:

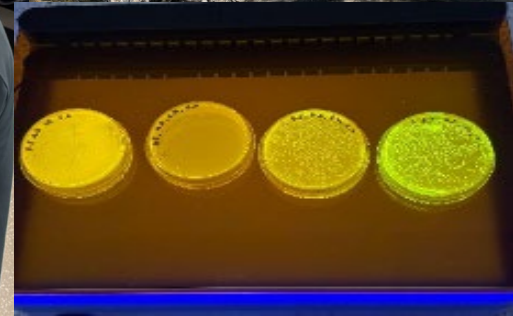
- Science and engineering challenge
- Excursions to Toohey forest and water filtration plant.
- Programs offered by Griffith, QUT and UA.
- Mentoring Programs

 A deep understanding of scientific concepts through collaborative problem-solving abilities

 Effective scientific communication skills (research and written reports)

 Achieve high academic results across science subjects in senior years

 STEM careers that require innovation, inquiry, and problem-solving



Excellence in Music Program

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Ms Paris Hicks

Instrumental Music Coordinator & Music Teacher

Excellence in Music

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🎹 Excellence in Music is a classroom music program for students who play an instrument or sing.

💡 Students use existing skills on these instruments to enhance their learning in classroom music.

🏠 We aim to bridge the gap between traditional music education and how students engage with music in their everyday lives.

☀️ We cater to each class's unique mix of skills and interests to create a personalised and meaningful learning experience.

Students must also be enrolled in our Instrumental Music (IM) and/or Vocal Program.

🎤 Our Vocal program has received Platinum at Choral Fanfare, multiple Gold Awards at QYMA, Quota and Musicfest. Next year Chamber Choir will be touring to Sydney to sing in the in the Australian International Music Festival. Our Instrumental Music Program has also received Platinum at Fanfare. The IM program includes Music Camps, Music Tours, and plenty of performances. Both programs run with ½ hour small group lessons once a week and participation in an ensemble.



Accelerated Learning

Yr 7

Yr7/8 Band
Plan and
Achievement
Standard

Yr 8

Yr 9 Band Plan

Yr 9

Yr 10 band Plan

Yr 10

Unit 1 and 2 (yr
11 coursework)






Yr 11

Unit 3 and 4 (yr
12 coursework)








Excellence in Music Program Curriculum Experiences




Year 7

-  Develop trust and positive class dynamics
-  Perform Duets and Trios for Bright Beginnings Kindy
-  Compose a classical theme, and use it in a pop song through our digital programs
-  **Battle of the Bands**
-  Taster unit of Dance/Visual Art in Term 4

Year 8

-  Accelerate into Year 9 Curriculum
-  Small ensemble Music Performances
-  Compose a Theme and Variation
-  Arrange a piece and produce a **Music Video**
-  Taster unit of Drama in Term 4

Year 9

- Australian Music performance
-  Compose with Australian stimulus
-  Vocal music
-  Compose and **record** music in our recording studio for **Class Album**

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Years 10 and 11

Senior General Music course (Years 11 and 12 content)

Year 12 Options

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| 1 | Extension Music (1 lesson a week plus 2 study) |
| 2 | Unit 3 and 4 again |
| 3 | Cert 3 or 4 |
| 4 | Diploma/Tafe course |
| 5 | University course |
| 6 | Study lessons |



Excellence in Music Program

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- **Two-Minute Audition Video:** This video is your chance to showcase your musical talent and passion. Make sure it's well-lit, with clear audio and video quality. Practise beforehand to ensure you stay within the time limit and present your best performance. The video needs to include the following:
- **Two Scales:** Make sure you practise them thoroughly and demonstrate your proficiency and understanding of musical theory.
- **One Song:** Choose a piece that highlights your strengths as a musician. Whether it's an original composition, a classical piece or a contemporary song, make sure it showcases your skills effectively.
- We are looking for students who enjoy and are passionate about music. This program is for all types and levels of musicians who want to perform, create and collaborate.
- Please introduce yourself and your song.
- Please provide contact details for one Music Teacher reference (school or private). They will only be contacted if a decision is requiring more information.

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Mr Tim Walsh

Head of Department - HPE

Craigslea Volleyball Academy (CVA) Overview

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A History of Excellence

Craigslea Volleyball has been the number one Volleyball Program in Queensland for the past 40 years. In 2025, we proudly celebrated our 40th consecutive year attending the National Schools Cup.

A Program Built on Sustained Success

Our program history reflects decades of commitment, development, and outstanding performance on both state and national levels.

National Beach Volleyball Champions

Craigslea is currently ranked No. 1 in Australia for Beach Volleyball — a testament to our elite training and dedication.

Among Australia's Best for Indoor Volleyball

We have been ranked in the Top 3 in the country for Indoor Volleyball for the past 15 years.

Unmatched Facilities

Craigslea is home to state-of-the-art indoor and beach volleyball facilities — regarded as some of the best in the nation.

Expert Coaching Team

Our students are guided by a passionate and highly experienced team of coaches, dedicated to developing the next generation of champions.

Opportunities On and Off the Court

We provide both curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for students to develop their volleyball skills, build teamwork and experience competition at all levels.

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Why should your child to join our Volleyball Excellence Program?

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- We encourage competition and challenging yourself to get comfortable being uncomfortable.
- We play to win, but we are not playing *because* we always win.
- Students who participate in our program learn that grit and determination are valuable skills that are transferable to environments outside of a sporting context. In life, high achievement and being excellent at something requires hard work — and oftentimes, it's not glamorous.
- Students learn that if you want to achieve great things, you must sacrifice. You don't always get to have your cake and eat it too.
- Students will encounter situations where success will depend on putting the needs of the "we" over the needs of "me".
- Students in our excellence programs get to work, practice, compete, win and lose with other like-minded students. *Iron sharpens iron.*
- Your child will learn resilience, commitment, teamwork and how to be part of something bigger than themselves.



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- Craigslea students have the opportunity to compete in State and National Titles for both Beach and Indoor Volleyball.
- Craigslea students also have opportunities to represent Met North, QLD School Sport, Australian School Sport, Volleyball Queensland and Volleyball Australia at representative events.
- Brisbane Volleyball Club, Norths Volleyball Club, and the QLD Academy of Sport run programs out of our facilities. The QLD Pirates Senior Men's and Women's teams—both National Champions—also train out of our facilities.
- Where applicable, we have access to US collegiate pathways and professional volleyball opportunities.
- The National Performance Director and the Head of the Australian Volleyball Academy at the AIS are both Craigslea graduates who have taken their passion for coaching to the highest possible level.



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What do we want to see at your trial?

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- Volleyball is an awesome sport but not many primary schools play it. For this reason, we do not expect you to know how to play!
- We want applicants that love to be physically active.
- We want applicants who want to compete. Don't forget, part of competing is losing.
- We want applicants who are coachable and willing to try and action feedback.
- We want applicants who can train and compete as part of a team.
- We want to see healthy risk takers!



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Ensure you have considered all of your previous sporting experiences, including years played, club names and any representative honours. Do you have any certificates or trophies? Provide us with any information that shows the degree of competitive sport played over the past few years.

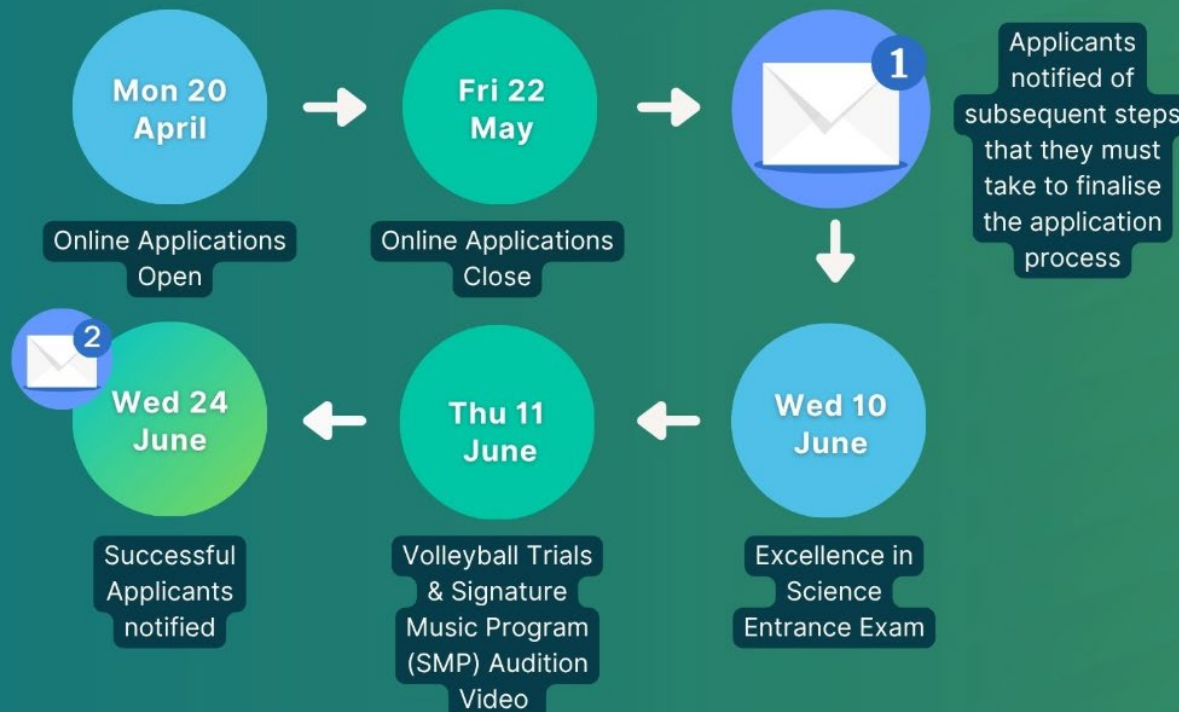


Application Process

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PROCESS OF APPLICATION FOR *Programs of Excellence* ROUND #1

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In Catchment

1. Go to the 'Enrolling at our School' page on the Craigslea SHS website.
2. Complete the Excellence Program Application form. It is one link for all three programs.

Out of Catchment

1. Go to the 'Enrolling at our School' page on the Craigslea SHS website.
2. Complete the Out of Catchment EOI and submit to the school.
3. Complete the Excellence Program Application form. It is one link for all three programs.

Further information will be provided to families following the completion of the application.

Excellence Expo Experience

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Virtual Info Session
Wednesday 22 April
5.00pm - 6.00pm

Join Us
Tuesday 28 April
4.00pm - 5.30pm

Craigslea SHS
685 Hamilton Rd, Chermside West

Register Online



- ✓ Learn from an expert teaching team.
- ✓ Develop confidence, resilience and a growth mindset through challenges and milestones.
- ✓ Acquire the tools, knowledge and experience necessary to excel in your future career and life pursuits.
- ✓ Gain industry exposure and access to advanced learning opportunities.

Applications open online Monday 20 April from 9.00am & close Friday 22 May 2026.

Registration from 3.30pm for a 4.00pm start

All families will have the opportunity to experience each of the excellence programs for half an hour rotations.

Opportunity to speak with staff directly involved in each of the programs.

Contact Details

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