

HUMANITIES ACADEMY



Learning Opportunities

The interests and strengths of the academy members will dictate what programs and opportunities will be offered. The activities include:

- Online courses on a range of Humanities related topics.
- Possible excursions: related festivals, museums, State Library, university lectures and workshops.
- Creative writing experiences in the form of: workshops, writers-in-residence, programs, writing competitions, online publishing and community memberships, excursions to 'Voices on the Coast Festival' (USC) and the Brisbane Writer's Festival and excursions to relevant plays or films.
- Community based research and work experience for students interested in public service, leadership and community issues (e.g. Clean Up Australia Day, running charity fundraising events etc.), and volunteer programs.
- History: writing competitions (e.g. Simpson Essay writing prize), extended, individual interest research tasks and Abbey Museum archaeology dig.
- Public speaking and debating experiences: mooting competitions, debating teams, Rotary & Apex workshops.

The culminating task for all participants of the Humanities Academy will be to publish their work, and present a TED Talk outlining their area of interest / work / project from the Academy program.

Publishing will typically take the following forms:

Creative Writing students will publish an anthology of student work.

Community Service / Leadership students will present the outcomes of an action based / community project.

History / Archaeology / Anthropology students will publish their extended individual research tasks.



Benefits to Students

- This academy program develops cross-curriculum thinking, research, writing and presentation skills.
- Humanities academy members will receive first round invitations to selected events such as *Voices on the Coast* and the *Brisbane Writer's Festival* excursions.
- Humanities academy members will receive funded entry to relevant writing and speaking competitions.

Application Criteria

There are two separate entry pathways for acceptance into the Humanities Academy.

Standard Entry

- A or B for effort and behaviour across all subjects
- A in relevant subject in Year 6-9
- B in relevant subject in Senior 10-11
- + informal interview

Alternative Entry

- Interview and evidence Supporting Documentation Applicable to Students of All Year Levels.
- Certificates from competitions related to the Humanities field e.g. creative writing, poetry, spelling, civics and citizenship, public speaking, debating, writing competitions.
- Certificates of attendance / participation in community, citizenship and cultural events, e.g. Anzac Day marches, Constitutional Conventions, Clean Up Australia Day.
- Any other evidence related to the Humanities field. Examples might include language classes, service organisation memberships (e.g. Scouts)
- Creative writing samples, if relevant

Interview Requirements

Students across all year levels are required to attend an interview