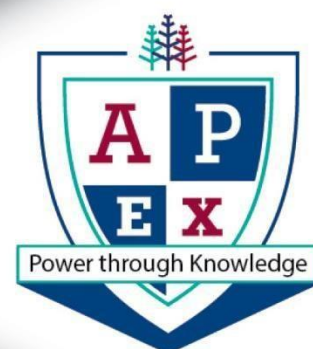


Academic Program of Excellence Students are:- INQUIRERS – KNOWLEDGEABLE – CARING

Academic Program of Excellence

Years 7 - 9

– BALANCED – PRINCIPLED – THINKERS – COMMUNICATORS – OPEN-MINDED – RISK-TAKERS – REFLECTIVE



Overview of APEX Program

The Academic Program of Excellence (APEX) offered at Calamvale Community College (CCC) is a selective entry program, open to students entering Years 7, 8 or 9. APEX is one of CCC's Signature Programs in Junior Secondary and as such, some enrolments into CCC can occur from outside of the normal catchment boundaries.

The philosophy underpinning this program is informed by international research and best practice in gifted and talented education. It aims to equip students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for the multiple pathways leading to cutting-edge careers in the 21st century workforce. APEX is designed to enrich the learning of students who demonstrate high standards in academic achievement, behaviour and effort across all areas of their learning.

Students participate in rigorous learning in their curriculum classes and in extra-curricular extension experiences throughout the program. Technology is embedded in learning and it is expected that students enrolled in the APEX purchase a laptop which conforms to the requirements of the College's BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program.

Entry into the APEX cohort is based on merit. APEX candidates undertake a comprehensive application process which considers all aspects of learning. To be considered for this program, students need to be achieving As and Bs in their semester reports, including at least two As across the core subject areas (English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities). Additionally, students are required to sit a general abilities test which provides a measure of their cognitive skills and academic aptitude.



We accept program applications all year round. Testing takes place in terms 2 and 4 each year, with successful applicants admitted to the program at the commencement of the following semester. If classes are full, successful applicants may be waitlisted until a space becomes available.



WHY APEX?

Calamvale Community College offers amazing opportunities for students who have been accepted in the APEX program. Students are enriched through rigorous teaching and learning experiences in the classroom and beyond. Each year, experiences are selected to suit the needs and abilities of the student cohort. In 2026, students have participated in:

- ICAS English, Science and Maths
- DaVinci Decathlon state finals
- Junior Science Olympiad by Australian Science Innovations
- World Scholars Cup global rounds
- The Children's Book Council of Australia Readers Cup

Our signature APEX Accelerators class runs on Thursday afternoons each week and is a core element of the program. This class is focused on university preparation. Throughout each term, students develop skills and aptitudes for learning which will prepare them for ATAR classes in senior school, and a successful tertiary career afterwards.



APEX Application

Stage 1: Student Portfolio

Applicants email a digital portfolio (as a .zip file or single PDF) which contains:

- A completed APEX Expression of Interest (pages 4 and 5 of this form)
- Academic reports – *please provide a copy of your most recent:*
 - a) Most recent school semester report
 - b) NAPLAN (if available)
- A resume of extra-curricular cultural, music and/or sporting participation and achievement from the last 12 months.
- A reference letter from a current teacher

Stage 2: Testing

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to:

- Complete the ACER General Abilities Test. Testing takes place in Term 2 and Term 4 for entry to the program at the commencement of the following semester. *Year 8 Term 4 is the final opportunity for a student to test, with the final program intake taking place at the commencement of Year 9.*
- There is a non-refundable application fee of \$20 which is payable before testing can proceed.
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Families will be notified of the outcome once test results are processed.





APEX Expression of Interest

(Please include this form in your folio)

Student Name: _____

Current year level: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Currently enrolled in CCC: ☐ Yes ☐ Other _____

Parent/Caregiver Contact Details

Address: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Considering the statements above, respond to the following questions in written format. You have a maximum of one page. Your response can be handwritten or typed (no smaller than size 10 Arial font). N.B. This response must be the student's own work.

1. What do you hope to achieve by being a part of the Academic Program of Excellence?
2. Think of a situation where you have had to be a **risk taker**? This could be academic, sporting or extra-curricular. Provide examples of strategies you used to achieve your goal.
3. Think of an occasion when you have had to collaborate with others. How did you use your skills as a **communicator** to ensure that you worked productively with others?
4. **Reflect** on how you learn best? Has this changed over time?

Digital student folios are to be submitted to **Mary LaRocca** (mlaro5@eq.edu.au)

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ **Date:** _____