SELECTIVE ENTRY APPLICATION FORM 2026

- MERRIMAC STATE HIGH SCHOOL -

Merrimac State High School takes great pleasure in inviting you to apply for Selective Entry into one or more of the Summit Programs. Each program has a selection process which will be outlined in this form. Please complete and return this form to enrolments@merrimacshs.eq.edu.au

A member of our administration team will be in contact to confirm this has been received.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE - COMPULSORY	
Engagement in School	Two recent reports from either current primary school or high school • Engagement in School Consistent high levels of school engagement reflected in effort and behaviour grades (Ex and VG), teacher comments and attendance records. ***Conditions*** • Applications are considered case-by-case where circumstances have effected reporting results of applicant • Application may be placed on hold pending review of upcoming report Merrimac State High School may contact the applicant's current school to provide further information regarding the applicant
Engagement and Achievements in Summit Area of Expertise	• Consistent performances in chosen area applying for • Involvement and achievements in sporting activities including years played, representative teams, personal and/or team successes
School Achievements	Involvement and achievements in other various school activities including leadership roles, co-curricular and extra-activities

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE - OPTIONAL	
Reference	Written reference from coach or other key personnel
Personal Statement	Applicants own statement briefly explaining why they would like to enrol in their chosen program.
Community involvement	Involvement in community activities, initiatives, clubs and societies.

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In Catchment	YES	NO	Sibling	YES	NO
			If YES, name and Year Level of Sibling		

SECTION 1: PERSONAL DATA

STUDENT NAME				
CURRENT SCHOOL				
CURRENT YEAR LEVEL			Year level enrolling in (eg. 2026)	
STUDENT'S MAILING ADDRESS				
PARENT NAME	Parent 1		Parent 2	
PHONE CONTACT	Parent 1		Parent 2	
EMAIL CONTACT	Parent 1		Parent 2	
SUMMIT PROGRAM CHOICE (Select all that apply)	Academic ☐	Dance ☐	Music (6 months) ☐	
	STEAM ☐	Triple Threat ☐	Sport ☐	

SECTION 2: DOCUMENTATION

In order to apply for entry into a Summit Program, students must supply by Friday 28 February 2025.

- **2026 Expression of Interest to Enrol Form**
- **Completed Selective Entry Application Form**
- **Last 2 Report Cards AND Year 5 NAPLAN results (where available)**
- **Other evidence of achievement i.e. competition achievements, Principal's Award, school certificates and representative teams (State, national).**

In addition to the above, video auditions will be required for **Music and STEAM**. Once you have submitted a complete application a link will be sent to you to upload your audition video.

Academic Summit entry exams will take place at the school. An invitation will be sent to you once we have a completed application.

Dance Summit and Triple Threat will be an in-person audition held at Merrimac State High School. Once you have submitted a complete application an invitation will be sent to you to attend the audition in either the 3.30pm or 4.30pm session.

Sport Summit will be an in-person trial at Merrimac State High School. Once you have submitted a complete application an invitation will be sent to you to attend the trial in either the 3.30pm or 4.30pm session.

Written applications and all documentation should be submitted via email to enrolments@merrimacshs.eq.edu.au. No applications will be assessed without all portfolio documentation. Upon completion of the selection process, staff and specialist teachers will decide on the suitability of each applicant. Once all applications have been processed, applicants will be notified by email of their result.

SECTION 3: FEES

Upon acceptance in a program, an annual fee is payable in addition to the student resource scheme every year that the student is part of the program. The fee is $100 per program. Please note, Music Summit will be a 1 semester course and as such, will incur a fee of $50.

Program fees must be paid prior to the commencement of the school year. If the fees are not paid by the due date, it will be concluded that the student no longer wishes to participate in the program.

SECTION 4: REVIEW PROCESS

Students participating in the Selective Entry Program will be reassessed at the conclusion of each reporting cycle until the end of Year 9 by the Summit Management Board.

This review process is to ensure students are meeting the expectations of the program, and to provide additional support for students in order to help them achieve success. Should the student not maintain the standards of the program, they may be at risk of losing their place in the program and their Summit fees forfeited.

Students and parents will sign a Summit Program Contract at their enrolment interview outlining their responsibilities as part of these courses. Any breach of the contract may result in the student being withdrawn from their program/s.

All students meet the following academic requirements for their specific Summit program if accepted.

SUMMIT PROGRAM	ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
Academic Summit	To achieve and maintain at least a 'B' standard in: • English • Science • Maths • History • SOSE and no less than a 'C' standard in all other subjects.
Dance Summit	To achieve and maintain a 'B' standard in • Dance Summit and no less than a 'C' in all other subjects
Sport Summit	To achieve and maintain a 'B' standard in: • High Performance Sport and no less than a 'C' in all other subjects.
STEAM Summit	To achieve and maintain at least a 'B' standard in: • STEAM and no less than a 'C' Standard in all other subjects.
Music Summit	To achieve and maintain a 'B' standard in: • Music and no less than a 'C' in all other subjects
Triple Threat Summit	To achieve and maintain a 'B' standard in: • Triple Threat Summit • Any other Arts electives • and no less than a 'C' in all other subjects.

All students will need to achieve a 'Very Good' or 'Excellent' rating for effort and behaviour in their area of expertise and no less than a 'Satisfactory' in all other curriculum subjects ALL reports to maintain their position in the Summit program.

SECTION 5: PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Academic Summit

Career Goals:
Academic Achievements:
Special Interests:

Selection Criteria for this program includes:
• Performance in Academic Test
• Level of Achievement data from Report Cards to form a GPA
• Extracurricular evidence if available (ICAS testing etc)
• Year 5 NAPLAN results

STEAM Summit

Career Goals:
Academic Achievements: (STEAM and Robotics competitions, and Science and Maths achievements, etc):
Special Interests: (applicable to STEAM field):

Selection Criteria for this program includes:
• Written & Video submission responding to provided questions (questions to be emailed after application is submitted).
• Level of achievement data from report cards (particularly in Maths and Science)
• Year 5 NAPLAN results

Dance Summit

Career Goals:
Dance Achievements: dance eisteddfods / comps etc)
Special Interests:

Selection Criteria for this program includes:

• Perform 2 x contrasting styles of dance. These may include (but are not limited to) Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Tap, Lyrical, Ballet

• You should highlight performance capabilities and technique, strength, rhythm and genre understanding
• Discussion about extracurricular achievements and involvement

Triple Threat

Career Goals:
Performance Achievements: (choir / dance eisteddfods / comps etc)
Special Interests:

Selection Criteria for this program includes:

- Acting audition – must be a rehearsed monologue (such as the sample attached from “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” 2-3 minutes). Your performance should convey your strengths of voice projection, character understanding through facial expressions and movement and expression.
- One other audition in the style of dance OR singing.
- Dancing audition must be a style of your choice. Styles may include (but are not limited to) Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Lyrical or Tap
- Singing audition can be ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’. Alternatively, you may choose a song of your choice to a backing track or acapella
- Extracurricular achievements and involvement

Music Summit

Career Goals:
Music Achievements: (performances, exams, ensembles participated in etc)
Special Interests:

Selection Criteria for this program includes 3 dimensions of assessment:

• Video submission showing student's ability to perform on their chosen instruments or instrument (this includes voice if it is their chosen instrument) with consideration given to technique and musicality. Link to upload will be sent once completed application received.
• Performance and involvement in Instrumental Music previously
• Evidence of Instrumental Music involvement or extracurricular music

Sport Summit

Career Goals:
Sporting Achievements:
Special Interests:

Selection Criteria for this program includes:

• In-Person trial at Merrimac State High School
• Extracurricular involvement and leadership
• Evidence of sport / athletic status at an elite level

As the parent/guardian of:	I support this application.
Date:	Signature:

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Application reviewed on:		By:	
Outcome of application:	☐ Successful	☐ Unsuccessful	☐ On Hold
Comments:			