

Aspley State High School

SPAR-C Academic Entry

Solving problems and reasoning - collaboratively

Purpose:

The SPAR-C program is an academic extension entry program for high achievers. The year seven curriculum will be taught with an explicit focus on problem solving, thinking and reasoning and working collaboratively. Successful completion of the program is the pre-requisite for entry into the Junior Secondary Fire Up and Stay Fired Up, academic program.

SPAR-C will challenge students with complex material in a stimulating learning environment that includes investigations, university immersion activities and master classes.

Selection and Entry:

- Applications are available week one of term two, the year before entry
- Applications are due by week eight of term two, the year before entry
- Entrance exam date will be advised in due course
- Semester one Year 6 report card
- Year 6 teacher reference
- IPAD
- Entry confirmed week five of term three, the year before entry

What are we looking for?

- Students who are highly motivated
- Students who desire to be challenged and extended
- Students who will apply a growth mindset to their learning
- Students who want to engage in a wide variety of higher order thinking and advance problem solving learning opportunities

Program Benefits:

- Immersion in complex and challenging curriculum
- Students will develop thinking, reasoning and collaboration skills and apply them in and beyond the classroom
- Like minded students will learn to collaborate in an academically challenging environment

Program Opportunities:

- Maths Gifted and Talented program
- Enrichment excursions
- Incursions with Elevate and Mighty Minds
- Days of excellence and University Immersion Days
- Optiminds tournaments
- Australian Mathematics Competition
- ICAS competitions in English, Writing and Science
- Debating competitions
- Entry to Fire Up Co-Curricula Thursday afternoons



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Student Details:

Name of Student: _____

Male

Female

Date of Birth: __/__/

Year of entry into Year 7: _____

Current Primary School: _____

Parent Details:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Home Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Work:

Email:

Application Process: Application, Test and Interview

All SPAR-C students require to BYOx an IPAD from the commencement of year seven

Application: To express interest

1. Return this form electronically to apply to sit the academic test. On receipt of your application, we will send you a BYOx agreement and details of the date and time for the academic entry test.

Test: To check capability

2. When your child presents for the test, they must submit their Year 6 Semester One report card and the signed BYOx agreement, before they sit the test.
3. Complete the Academic entry test to an appropriate level.

Interview: To confirm suitability and enrolment

4. If your child completes the test to an appropriate level the next phase of the process includes an enrolment interview. At the interview, your child should bring their year 6 teacher reference and the usual materials expected for a year 7 enrolment interview.
5. Confirmation of offers into SPAR-C will be made in week 5 of term 3.