



# Secondary Academies Information Session

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## Acknowledgment of Country



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# Overview of the session



- General information about the Academy Program
- Presentation by each Academy Leaders - Music, Sports and STEM
- Break off into separate academy areas for 'Questions and Answers'

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## Overview of the Academy Program

Students have the choice of three academies at Timbarra P-9 College.

- Music Academy
- Sports Academy
- STEM Academy

Students can try out for multiple academies **but can only enroll in one.**

The Academy Program runs concurrently on a Wednesday from the beginning of lunchtime to the end of the school day (1:36 – 3:10pm).

There are fees associated with the participation in an academy. Parents **can use the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)** payment if they are eligible for this support. **Payment plans** can also be established with our Office staff, however **enrolment in the program will not continue if no financial commitment is made.**



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# Overview of the Academy Program

## Academy program – Code of Conduct

- Students enrolled in an academy **must the College expectations of behaviour and academic engagement**. Where there are continual breaches of the College expectations, a student may be suspended from the academy for a short time or their enrolment reviewed by the Principal.
- Participation in the Academy Program provides students with opportunities to represent the College at external events. Students in the Academy program **must agree to represent in a respectful and committed manner, upholding the College's values and demonstrating positive behaviour at all times.**



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## Academy Leaders



Eric Stock  
Music Academy Leader



Ben Closter  
Sports Academy Leader



Jay Chew  
STEM Academy Leader



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# Music Academy



- Contemporary band program to learn the skills of the modern musician.
- Learn to rehearse, perform, and record.
- Performances at a range of venues, both within the school and in the community.



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# Music Academy

- Students engage in **an Instrumental Music lesson** for their instrument/voice (held during class time, rotating timetable).
- Each student is a member of a band and each band has **one dedicated band rehearsal session per week** (held at recess or lunchtime).
- **Music Academy session** run each week on Wednesday (start of lunch to 3:10pm).
- Secondary Music Academy fees are \$150 for the year. (Excursions, professional video clip recording, instrument maintenance)



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# Music Academy

- Entrance into the music academy is **audition based**.
- Please complete the **application form** via the school website - Music Academy.
- Auditions will be held on **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> November from 2:15 – 4:30pm**.
- Confirmation of audition date, time and extra information will be sent out to parents via email.
- Students should **prepare a piece or selection of music for their audition** – vocalists are encouraged to use karaoke versions of songs from YouTube to prepare.



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# Sports Academy

- The Timbarra College P-9 Sports Academy offers our students in Years 5-9 a unique opportunity to participate in a specialised sporting program focused on strength, conditioning, training and match play.
- The program aims to provide students with the tools to develop as athletes.
- Develops their conditioning and fitness, sport-specific skills, and promotes self-improvement in and out of their sports.



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# Sports Academy

## AFL



**Sam Mackinder**

## Basketball



**Sharne Robati**

## Martial Arts



**Tom Andrews**

## Netball



**Kelly Haynes**

## Soccer



**Aiman Sulaiman**

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# Sports Academy

Iron Tribe will provide a professionally structured high-performance program aimed at developing body awareness, body control, reducing susceptibility to injury and improving overall sporting performance.

Focus areas of the program include:

- Running mechanics
- Jumping mechanics
- Landing mechanics
- Muscle activation techniques



**Chris Ackland**

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# Sports Academy

- One **sport specific training session** a week with a qualified coach and Timbarra teacher (Wednesday beginning of lunch to 3:10pm).
- **Two Iron Tribe conditioning sessions** per week (Tuesday and Thursday).
  - *The Iron Tribe sessions will run at either recess or lunch for your child depending on their ability level*
- **Competitions and friendly matches** to be held throughout the year.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
P2	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
RECESS		Iron Tribe		Iron Tribe	
P3	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
P4	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
LUNCH			Academy Training		
P5	Class	Class	Academy Training	Class	Class

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- Entrance to a Sports Academy program is tryout based.
- Please complete the **application form** via the school website - Sports Academy.
- Tryouts will be held on **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> November from 2:15 – 4:30pm.**
- Confirmation of audition date, time and extra information will be sent out to parents via email.
- Students can only tryout for one sport in the first round of selections. In the case that they are unsuccessful in their application, they will be permitted to tryout for a different sport next year (during Academy time)



# Sports Academy

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# Sports Academy

As the Timbarra Sports Academy is an opt-in program there are fees that are required to join the program:

*Secondary Academy:*

\$300 – AFL, Soccer, Basketball and Netball

\$150 – Martial Arts (no external coach, ltd excursion opportunities)

**What do the fees cover?**

- High-quality coaches
- Academy specific equipment
- Competition entries
- Transport to and from sporting events
- Iron Tribe sessions – dedicated training coach
- Uniforms will be available for purchase at the beginning of 2026 (not included in the fees)



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# STEM Academy

- Studies in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.
- Explore lessons integrating technology, emphasising problem-solving, design-thinking and creativity.
- Innovate solutions to real-world challenges through design, construction, and testing.
- Engage in additional opportunities including Casey TECH school, incursions and STEM competitions.



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# STEM Academy

- Entrance to a STEM Academy program is interview based.
- Please complete the **application form** via the school website - STEM Academy.
- 10 minute interviews will be held on **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> November from 2:15 – 4:30pm.**
- Confirmation of audition date, time and extra information will be sent out to parents via email.
- Students will receive a STEM challenge to consider and discuss with the STEM leader in the interview.
- Students are asked to bring their Semester One Report to their STEM interview. Literacy and Numeracy levels will be considered in the application process to ensure students can engage successfully in the program.



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# STEM Academy

STEM Academy fees for 2026 - \$150.

## What do the fees cover?

- Excursions (transport & program fees)
- Incursions (guest presenters and resources)
- Competitions (resources, equipment)
- Experiments and projects resources

## Note:

- 2026 will be the first year that the STEM Academy is entirely aligned with the Sport and Music Academies.
- A reminder, students can only participate in one academy each year.
- Unlike previous structures, the STEM academy students will engage in **additional studies of STEM without missing class time.**



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# More information?



## Question and Answer Sessions

- Music Academy - Eric Stock in Learning Area 3
- Sports Academy - Ben Closter will remain here in the Café
- STEM Academy - Jay Chew in Learning Area 5

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