



Honours 2025

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Honours: German Immersion & Academic

The Gap State High School Honours Program is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability, initiative and a strong commitment to academic success and growth. These students are provided with a curriculum, resources and opportunities integrated with the school's values.

In 2024, The Gap State High School is offering for the first time, a German Immersion program as an option for the Honours Program of Excellence. Students may wish to apply for either Honours: Student leadership or Honours: German Immersion.



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When submitting an **Honours** Applications please include the following documents:

1. Completed Application form
2. Photocopy of latest school report card and Year 5 NAPLAN results (*if available*)
3. Endorsement from academic referees
4. Photocopies of any supporting documentation related to evidence studies. This could include examination results, report card results, competition results etc.

NB. Please email the completed application form and supporting documentation to enrolments@thegapshs.eq.edu.au

Important Dates

Thursday 9 May 2024:

Honours applications due

Thursday 30 May 2024:

External Honours Testing

Friday 26 July 2024:

Latest date for offers to be emailed out

Academic Honours: *An opportunity to lead.*

The Gap State High School is proud to announce its Honours Academic Program. This initiative encourages students' academic mastery anchored with The Gap State High School's core values. The Gap State High School celebrates performance orientated pursuits; however, mastery learning offers additional benefits as student enjoyment and gratification isn't related exclusively to report performance indicators. Mastery goals, by definition, are always slightly beyond the learner's reach, therefore fostering unceasing cognitive and behavioural growth.



This model can raise academic standards outside the realm of achievement data by setting a platform where students excel self- expectations. The Gap State High School believes students who graduate the Junior School within this setting are better equipped for Senior Schooling.

A tangible way your child can cultivate mastery learning is by 'Thinking Big'. Learners who think big engage in inquisitive thinking, seek ingenious solutions and model a love of learning. Rather than bearing this disposition naturally, honours candidates are disciplined to this conviction. These summits 'Stepping Up'. Being trustworthy and honest with one's own attitude and behaviour, and that of others, requires self-regulation. Self-regulation is significant as learners not only control their learning behaviours, but also regulate their dialogue of self-efficacy. Therein the honours candidates' metacognition and self-evaluation skills are necessary to achieve true mastery. Stepping up requires perseverance as it's the distinguishable transformation of a learner's character.

'Paying it Forward' is the gift that Honours Candidates can contribute to a community of learners. These students demonstrate gratitude for their natural ability, industrious application and for the network of supportive parents, teachers and mentors. This appreciation intrinsically manifests as a social intelligence that promotes a level of responsibility for shared learning and assisting others academically. Of course, serving must be balanced with 'Being Kind'. Being understanding of the challenge's learners encounter along with tolerance and forgiveness is necessary when working in a highly effective learning team. Additionally, fairness is defensible as the social adhesive. Honours candidates seek fairness and kindness to themselves by acknowledging the struggles of learning, allowing for failure and authentically celebrating growth.

An opportunity to lead and be supported. Academic Honours student are required to develop an academic Leadership challenge. The challenge may integrate with an existing academic initiative or be a new concept that needs further development and support from The Gap State High School. Nevertheless, the applicant will need to communicate their wellness to lead in our community, Think Big and Pay it forward as previously stated.

Fully Integrated Program

Students in the Honours Program will experience education where they access and fully participate in learning, alongside their similar-aged peers, in different Connect Classes, supported by education adjustments and teaching strategies tailored to meet their individual needs. We acknowledge that these students' needs require curriculum that is deeper, broader, and faster than what is delivered to other students. Therefore, some students may require a Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) that their teacher will use to support the students learning. Students will be able to meet with a member of staff to develop their PLP that will be shared with their classroom teachers.

In addition, Honours Academic students will have access to other opportunities to deepen their learning and to challenge their skills. This will include access to a range of challenges and competitions – these will both be internal and external days. For example, Honours students are encouraged to compete the in World Scholars Cup and build teams to compete in this.

Honours: German Immersion – *An opportunity to extend and partner*

The Honours: German Immersion Program is a program of academic excellence. It offers students in our school a unique opportunity to challenge themselves academically while becoming highly proficient in German. Honours: German Immersion is designed for students with little or no previous background in German. Students learn a number of subjects using German as the medium of communication. Use of German as the medium of communication will enable students to engage with creative thought and expressions in German in a wide range of academic and cultural contexts.



Students participating in this program are expected to make a four-year commitment as they move through Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 in the program. After Year 10, students will then select subjects of their choice just as the rest of the senior students do. German Immersion students are given opportunities in Year 12 to study German Extension after completing Senior German in Year 11.

Academic research is unequivocal in validating the benefits of learning in an immersion environment over learning in a monolingual classroom. The program operates in a tight-knit family context and sees students exit with a world class education, intercultural skills, fluency in the language and real options for international study and employment. Students will equip themselves with a deeper intercultural understanding, critical thinking and enhanced communicative skills which prepare them for success in all subject areas, as well as to be a responsible global citizen of the 21st century.

Selection Process – Honours: Student Leadership & Honours: German Immersion

Additionally, to this application, all students applying for entry must undertake a **Standard Entry Test**. The results from the Standard Entry Test and the most recent academic results, NAPLAN and Referee comments will be considered.

The testing and administration fee is \$90. It is non-refundable and payable when you lodge your Academic Honours Application. Out-of-Catchment students will be required to pay an out-of-catchment fee of \$100 plus the Academic Honours Application fee of \$90 (\$190 in total). Applications will be reviewed by the Academic Honours Program Entry Panel. All decisions made by the Panel are final.

Students who meet requirements will first be offered a place in German Immersion, followed by Academic Honours.

Honours: Commitment and Dedication.

Successful Honours students will be identifiable by an Academic Leadership pin that contributes to their school uniform. The pin communicates their significant commitment to Honours Program within our community, academic achievement, their commitment to mastery learning and their dedication to the core values. The pin broadcasts the bearers' willingness to collaborate, assist and learn with all enquiries and model academic self-regulation in all facets of school and community.

Honours Frequent Asked Questions:

Can I submit an Honours application without enrolling my child?

- NO. Applications will not be considered unless a completed enrolment application is submitted. This includes providing all supporting documentation and payment of fees.

Can out of catchment students apply for the Honours program?

- YES. The Gap State High School has an Enrolment Management Plan. A limited number of places are available for students who live outside the catchment and in the first instance these places are reserved for students who qualify and are offered a place in an Excellence Program.
- Out of catchment enrolments applying for the Honours programs must first submit an application for Enrolment. For this application to be considered it will be placed on a waiting list, prior to progressing through the Honours Selection Process.

Can we apply for more than one Excellence Program?

- YES. Students may apply for any Excellence Program, however, students are unable to accept a position in both the Accelerated Music Program, the Elite Volleyball Program or Honours German Immersion. Academic Honours is the only Program that can be paired with another.
- Please be aware that any successful Honours application will first be offered a position in German Immersion.

Will my child have access to all specialist/elective lessons?

- YES. Students successful in obtaining places in the Honours: Academic or German Immersion are able to access the same range of electives that other students do. These electives will be taught in English.

If my child experience hardship and this impacts on their academic achievement, will they be withdrawn from the program?

- Students must maintain a high academic standard in all subjects (A/B) to retain their place in the Academic Honours program. However, as a support learning environment, The Gap State High School seeks to support student during hardships and will discuss and make decisions with all stakeholders.
- Should an out of catchment student wish to withdraw from an Excellence program, the principal may cancel the student's enrolment.

How can my child best prepare for the entry test or exam?

- Meeting the Australian curriculum via the learning experience set by your teacher is essential in preparing for an entry test or exam. However, it also involves developing a positive mindset and healthy habits. Here are some tips to help your child best prepare for the test:
 - Prioritize overall well-being: Encourage your child to prioritize their overall well-being by eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, and engaging in physical activity. This will help them feel energized and focused during the test.
 - Practice mastery learning: Encourage your child to approach the test with a mastery learning mindset, which emphasizes continuous learning and growth rather than just achieving a certain grade. This will help them focus on the process of learning and feel more motivated to improve. Since no practice material will be provided, focusing on mastery learning will be particularly helpful.

What if my child is not yet successful?

- If your child is not yet successful, it's important to remember that it does not define their worth or future success. Encourage your child to stay positive and continue working towards their goals. It may be helpful to reflect on the experience and see if there are any areas for improvement in preparation or approach for future opportunities. Also, remind your child that there are many other opportunities and paths to success. Encourage them to keep trying and never give up on their dreams.



The Gap State High School 2025 Excellence Programs – Honours Application Form

Student Details

Surname:		First Name:	
Date of Birth:		Parent/Guardian Phone:	
Parent/Guardian Email:			
Residential Address:			

Have you submitted your Enrolment Application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If 'NO', this application will not be processed)
Do you live out of catchment? <small>An out of catchment map is available on The Gap State High School's Website.</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What is your current school?	_____
Are you applying for more than one Excellence Program? <small>I.e. Academic Honours, Accelerated Music Program (AMPed) and/or Elite Volleyball Program</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, which one/s: _____ Application Fees per Program: \$90 (In-Catchment) \$190 (Out-of-Catchment Fee + Application Fee)

**A high academic ability is a requirement for either program.
List any academic awards you have received in the past 12 months.**

Academic Results: (Year 5 Semester 2 results only)

Please provide your most recent academic results for the subjects below

Subject	Result	Effort	Behaviour
English			
Mathematics			
Science			
HASS			
(LOTE) Language Other than English			

Student Report Card

The applicant's most recent report card accompanies this application.

Yes

No

NAPLAN Results if Available: Please provide your Year 5 NAPLAN results for the areas below:

Reading	
Writing	
Spelling	
Grammar / Punctuation	
Numeracy	

REFEREE: A Teacher who can confirm the academic abilities of the applicant and their ability to commit to the Honours program. *(Please note a family member is not a referee)*

Referee Name:	
Relationship to Applicant:	
Referee Phone Number:	
Referee Contact Email:	
Referee Comments: (NB. Please write in the space provided or submit as an attachment to the student's Honours application)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

The Gap State High School Core Values – Student Response

At The Gap State High School, we believe in 'Learners who Flourish' and we value Thinking Big, Stepping Up, Paying it Forward and Being Kind.

Further to the details provided above, each applicant is to respond to the below questions that relate to our values and beliefs.

Please respond to the appropriate questions depending on which Program of Excellence you are applying for.



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Student Response - Honours: Academic

Only complete this section if you are applying for Honours: Academic



Provide an explanation of your understanding of the Academic Honours Program.

Explain an academic activity that you have participated in at your previous school.



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Explain an academic activity that you would like to join or develop at The Gap State High School or our wider community.

Student Response - Honours: German Immersion Program



Only complete this section if you are applying for Honours: German Immersion



Provide details regarding your motivation for applying for the Academic Honours German Immersion Program and what you intend to gain from this experience.

2. Explain WHAT characteristics you possess that will enable you to maximise the opportunities provided by this program.



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Explain how you believe you will utilise the skills that you will develop in this program?

Have you included the following documents?

- Completed Honours Application form.
- Photocopies of any supporting documentation related to the values criteria.
- Attached the latest copy of school report card and Year 5 NAPLAN results.
- Endorsement from academic referee.

Parent Guardian Permission

Parent/Guardian 1 Name (Please print)		Signature	
Parent /Guardian 2 Name (Please print)		Signature	

Payment Methods: Due by **Thursday 9 May 2024**

Option 1	Direct Banking Payment can be made to BSB. 064 174 Acct No. 00090008 Ref: Surname HNRS24 Your Receipt Number: _____
Option 2	In person at The Gap State High School Payment can be made by EFTPOS at the school office. Office Hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 3:00pm on school days.

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