



YEAR 10 IN COLLEGE

@ ERINDALE COLLEGE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL FAQS

When do applications open and close?

Applications for Year 10 2021 open on June 30, 2020. Applications must be submitted to the college (in person or via email to lynda.wyeth@ed.act.edu.au) no later than July 31, 2020.

What do I need to include with my application?

- Completed application (TSP, TDP or Cambridge)
- Year 9, Semester 1 Reports must be included for application to be considered. Applicants may wish to include Term 1, Year 9 Progress Reports or Semester 2, Year 8 Reports.
- Written reference from Coach or Dance Instructor (for TSP/TDP)
- Copies of any other certificates, awards, or documents relevant to application.

Can I apply for a combination of programs?

Yes. Students can apply for both the Cambridge Program and TSP or TDP program. Both applications will need to be completed and submitted to the college.

How can I prepare for the Literacy/Numeracy testing?

There is no need for students to prepare for these tests. The Literacy and Numeracy testing we are using is an externally set online program. It is aligned with National Curriculum standards and is specifically targeted at the Year 9 level. Both tests are multiple choice and are completed on an electronic device.

When and where will Literacy/Numeracy testing occur?

Testing will occur at Erindale College during Weeks 5 & 6 of Term 3. Applicants will be notified of testing dates by the 7th August via the preferred email provided on application.

When will I find out the outcome of my application?

Successful and non-successful applicants will be notified no later than the 25th of September 2020.

By starting College early will I miss out on Year 10 opportunities like WEX, Road Ready, Formal?

No way! In addition to offering Road Ready and Work Experience. Erindale College also hosts a Year 10 Graduation and Formal.

What subjects do I need to study?

As per the National Curriculum all Year 10 students must study the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, History and Physical Education. Additionally, Erindale College Year 10 students participate in a compulsory study skills and wellbeing program: [LINK](#).

Do I get a study line?

Yes. Year 10 students at Erindale College have a timetabled study line. Students are expected to remain on campus, using this time used for study and assessment.

Do we share classes with students from Year 11 and 12?

Not usually. Classes are designed for Year 10 students in line with the National Curriculum and are therefore Year 10 only. Some specialist programs, including TSP and TDP have students working with Year 11 and 12 students.



CAMBRIDGE FAQs

What is the Cambridge Program?

Cambridge IGCSE functions as an advanced course for Year 10. It develops learners' skills in creative thinking, enquiry and problem solving, giving students excellent preparation for Tertiary study in Year 11 & 12. Students can elect to take any of the following subjects as part of the Cambridge International Program at the IGCSE Level: Literature, Mathematics, Sciences, Global Perspectives and Physical Education.

Students will also study History and PE to meet the requirements of the Australian Curriculum and ACT Year 10 Certificate. For further information contact Amy Smith at amy.smith@ed.act.edu.au.

Do I need to study all subjects at Cambridge level?

No. Successful Cambridge applicants can elect to study any or all courses based on their academic strengths and preferences.

Will I still get my Year 10 Certificate if I study the Cambridge curriculum?

Yes. All Cambridge courses have been mapped alongside the National Curriculum.

Do I need to sit Cambridge IGCSE Examinations if I undertake the course?

No. Participation in Cambridge Examinations is not a requirement of undertaking the course.

TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM FAQs

What is the Talented Sports Program?

The TSP is a program for students who are passionate about their sport. Successful applicants are placed into a Sports Development class based on the sport they play. Training and competitions form a key part of the program. For further information contact Mark Armstrong at mark.armstrong@ed.act.edu.au.

Can I access the facilities of the Active Leisure Centre?

If you are in the TSP you can access the ALC facilities in your lines off, before and after school, including holidays and weekends.

Can I play 2 sports?

You can only be in one TSP squad. It is completely appropriate to pursue another sport outside of the structured TSP classes.

What level of sport do I need to be playing to be considered for the program?

Representative sport is desired but not a prerequisite. Commitment to sport can be demonstrated in many ways. You must be a registered player to be considered.

TALENTED DANCE PROGRAM FAQs

What is the Talented Dance Program?

TDP is an elite program of excellence designed to extend and develop the talents of dance students. Students are taught by a highly qualified, professionally trained and experienced dance teacher, as well as guest choreographers. The program focuses on dance performance, technique, strength, flexibility and fitness. Dancers gain skills in a broad range of dance styles and techniques. For further information contact Michelle Skerry at michelle.skerry@ed.act.edu.au.

Do I need to audition?

Yes. As part of the application process for TDP, prospective students will be invited to the college to participate in a dance workshop.

Do I need to be dancing outside of school to apply for the program?

Yes, it is important to be participating in a range of dance styles at a Dance studio.