

Arts Academy FAQs

When can my child apply for the Arts Academy?

Arts Academy applications are taken the year before a child enters Year 5, Year 7 or Years 10-12. So if a child is in Year 4 in 2023, they can apply for an Arts Academy Scholarship for Year 5 in 2024.

What Arts areas are explored in the Arts Academy?

The Arts Academy is broken down into 2 sub-schools: Visual & Digital Arts (VDA), and Musical Theatre (MT).

If my child is in the Arts Academy, do they study both Visual & Digital Arts and Musical Theatre?

No. Students will only study topics in the sub-school they have their scholarship in.

Can my child be an Arts Academy member in both sub-schools?

Yes. Students can be members of both sub-schools if they apply for both areas at the time of their application. However, they will only be eligible for 1 scholarship across the two sub-schools.

How long does an Arts Academy scholarship and membership last?

Between 2-3 years. Scholarships that begin when a child is in Year 5 will end at the end of Year 6. A scholarship that begins in Year 7 will end at the end of Year 9. A scholarship that begins in Years 10-12 will end when the child ceases education at Court Grammar School.

Year 5: Scholarship starts	Year 6: Scholarship ends. Apply for a new scholarship in Year 7	
Year 7 Scholarship starts	Year 8	Year 9 Scholarship ends. Apply for a new scholarship in Year 10
Year 10 Year 10-12 Scholarship starts	Year 11 Year 11-12 Scholarship starts	Year 12 Year 12 Scholarship starts All scholarships end

Does my child have to re-apply to the Arts Academy at the end of their scholarship if they are already in the Academy?

Yes. Any child, whether a new applicant or current Academy Scholarship member will need to complete a new application and complete the steps of the application process including portfolio, workshop, and/or audition.

What is involved in the application process?

All scholarship applicants will need to complete an online application form and be enrolled, or in the process of enrolling, at Court Grammar School.

Students applying for Visual & Digital Arts will need to submit a portfolio of approximately 10 images or artwork that can include drawings, paintings, sculpture, printmaking, photography, animation, and other digital art. Visual & Digital Arts applicants will also attend a 50-minute skills workshop to assess their artistic potential.

Students applying for Musical Theatre will attend an audition, where they will participate in a 20-minute group dance workshop, and then individually present a song of their choice and short scripted monologue.

Students applying for both Visual & Digital Arts and Musical Theatre will submit a portfolio, attend the skills workshop, and attend the audition.

When are Arts Academy sessions?

Arts Academy sessions are classified as Period 7 for Arts Academy members. Students are expected to attend every class each week.

Visual & Digital Arts sessions run every Wednesday from 3:05-4:30 pm. Senior Academy sessions will at times have the option to extend their session until 5 pm when working on their studio pieces.

Musical Theatre sessions run on Monday and Thursday from 3:05-4 pm. One session will be dedicated to exploring Music & Singing, and the other session Dance & Drama. Musical Theatre students will also have additional rehearsals dedicated to the biennial School Musical. A schedule of the times, which will include some weekend sessions, will be provided at the start of the year.

My child can only attend one session or only part of the session. Should they still apply?

The Arts Academy is created to nurture and extend children who have a passion and a talent within their chosen Arts area. The Academy is a very competitive program, and we are

looking for students who are willing to commit to the time needed to extend and advance these talents. Therefore, we ask families to seriously consider their ability to commit to the program before applying.

I have submitted an application form and I have arranged an enrolment interview at the school (or my child is already enrolled at the school). What is the next step?

You should receive a confirmation email of your application form being received.

Visual & Digital Arts applicants should also receive information about the Artwork Portfolio with a date deadline for submission. You will also receive a second email stating when your child will attend the skills workshop.

Musical Theatre applicants should receive a second email stating when their child will attend the audition, and information about the dance workshop, monologue text, and song selection.

Can I sit in with my child at the workshop or audition?

Parents are asked to wait in an adjoining room in the Arts Centre while their child participates in their workshop or audition.

How many workshops and audition sessions are there a year?

Our Arts Academy applications close mid Term 2, with workshops and auditions commencing toward the end of this term. If there are a number of vacant positions after this session, Round 2 sessions may be made available in early Term 3. A second round is not guaranteed, so applying when applications open is recommended.

When will we be notified if my child is successful in their application?

Letters of offer will be sent out typically mid Term 3. Parents are also sent a Terms of Agreement contract which must be signed and returned to accept their child's place in the Arts Academy. All new and existing Academy Members will attend an award and badging event in Term 4 to induct new members into the Academy.

My friend's child is an 'invitee member'. What is this?

Students who are identified as talented by classroom Arts teachers may be nominated for an invitee membership. Invitee memberships are for a 1-year duration, with offers of extension based on Academy performance. Invitee memberships are only available if scholarship placements are not exhausted after the application and workshop/audition process. All invitees are encouraged to apply for scholarship placement when they are eligible for an intake year.

Invitee members are under the same terms of agreement as scholarship members and will receive a report from their Academy class teachers at the end of each semester.