

Primary



ASPIRE

Excellence Programs

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Varsity College Primary Campus is proud to offer excellence programs which cater for the abilities and passions of our students.

ASPIRE PROGRAM -GENERAL INFORMATION

Varsity College invites students to apply to be a part of the ASPIRE program in Senior Primary (Years 4 - 6).

Students in Year 5 and 6 may apply to be a part of the ASPIRE Academic Program in the areas of Mathematics/Science and/or English. Students can participate in one or two of these programs.

Students in Years 4-6 may apply to be part of the Aspire Digital Technologies, Aspire Athlete Development, Aspire Music, Aspire Chinese, Aspire Physical Theatre and Aspire Visual Arts and Design programs. Students can apply for any of these programs, however may only participate in one of these programs if selected.

To be accepted into the ASPIRE program students must demonstrate a high level of ability in their chosen area(s) with supporting documentation including school reports, NAPLAN results and achievements outside of school through extension programs, competitions etc.

EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL ASPIRE PROGRAM STUDENTS

Aspire students will:

- participate in Aspire in the area(s) for which they were accepted into the program.
- follow school rules & policies and will represent Varsity College in an exemplary manner both at school and in the wider community.
- maintain a high level of academic achievement on their report card in subjects relating to their Aspire Program (scholarship students are required to maintain an 'A' standard to continue their scholarship).
- achieve an 'A' standard on their report card for effort and behaviour in subjects to which their Aspire program relates. If these are not adhered to, a review process will be undertaken.

ASPIRE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

Students deemed as exceptional in their ability may be offered a scholarship – this may include school fees, and a uniform pack upon enrolment as well as a range of other benefits depending on the area of excellence.

AGREEMENT

Decisions regarding positions in the ASPIRE Program and/or scholarship program will be made by the relevant Head of School and Executive Principal. This decision will be final and no correspondence being entered into.

Varsity College Primary Aspire Programs

Aspire Mathematics/Science

The Varsity College Primary Aspire Mathematics/Science program offers students a unique and innovative curriculum that focuses on enriching and enhancing student learning through real-world experiences. Guided by experienced teachers, students have a deeper and richer access to the Australian Curriculum in both Mathematics and Science, with emphasis on a problem based learning approach. Students have the opportunity to work with like-minded students while developing the skills of communicating, reasoning, problem solving and risk taking. Students also have opportunities to participate in competitions as well as curriculum specific excursions and hands on activities.

The Aspire Academic program is a selective program for Year 5 and 6 students. Interested students must submit an application form for entrance. Shortlisted students will need to attend an academic entrance exam.

Aspire English

The Varsity College Primary Aspire English program aims to develop and extend student knowledge and thinking within a challenging and rigorous environment. Guided by experienced teachers, students investigate global concepts via a skills based curriculum. They are offered opportunities to immerse themselves in extended creative writing, critical analysis of text and master the vital skills of public speaking while deepening their understanding of core curriculum. The classroom environment encourages an increased learning pace which allows time for lateral extension of topics. Students also have opportunities to participate in competitions as well as curriculum specific excursions.

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Aspire Physical Theatre

The Varsity College Senior Primary Aspire Physical Theatre program caters for students who display high ability and passion in the area of drama. The program develops and extends the skills, techniques and processes of these students through a practical exploration of drama conventions under the guidance and mentoring of our trained staff. Students create, perform, analyse and respond to drama. They work collaboratively with their peers, mentor teachers and industry experts. Students are offered opportunities to be challenged beyond the classroom drama curriculum through workshops, excursions, competitions and performances.

The Varsity College Primary Aspire Physical Theatre program is a selective program for Years 4-6. Students must submit an application form along with a USB containing a performance of their 1-2 minute monologue. Shortlisted students will attend a performance workshop with trained staff.

Aspire Music

The Varsity College Primary Aspire Music program caters for our talented musicians. The program is designed to extend the knowledge and understanding of music theory by focusing on the three areas of performance, composition and analysis. Students develop confidence and ability to present solo performances under the guidance of our experienced staff and industry mentors. They are offered opportunities to attend workshops and excursions.

The Varsity College Primary Aspire Music program is a selective program for Years 4-6. Students must submit an application form along with a USB containing their 1-2 minute performance using their chosen instrument. Shortlisted students will attend an aural/theory exam and interview.

Aspire Visual Arts and Design

The Varsity College Primary Aspire Visual Arts and Design Program caters for students who are artistically minded and demonstrate high ability and passion in the area of visual arts. The program develops and extends student skills in the creation and analysis of art work. Students explore and experiment with painting, drawing, sculpture and textiles under the guidance and mentoring of trained staff. They are offered opportunities to display their art work, attend workshops, visit galleries and work with industry professionals.

The Varsity College Primary Aspire Visual Arts and Design program is a selective program for Years 4-6. Students must submit an application form and attend a creative workshop with a panel of experienced teachers. Students will need to submit a folio of works in a digital or hardcopy form at this workshop. There should be a minimum of 3 pieces.

Aspire Athlete Development

The Varsity College Primary Aspire Athlete Development program caters for students who display passion, enthusiasm and talent for sport. The program aims to develop speed, agility, aerobic endurance, anaerobic capacity and co-ordination through training programs developed by experienced staff and professionals. Students build knowledge in the area of health and nutrition. The program is designed to instil respect, responsibility, leadership and sportsmanship in our athletes. Students are offered opportunities to be challenged beyond the Physical Education curriculum through specialized training programs and workshops.

The Varsity College Primary Aspire Athlete Development program is a selective program for Years 4-6. Students must submit an application form. Short listed students must take part in physical testing to allow staff to determine their suitability.

Aspire Digital Technologies

The Varsity College Senior Primary Aspire Digital Technology program caters for students who demonstrate a deep knowledge and understanding of information systems and practices. The program aims to foster curiosity, confidence, persistence, innovation, creativity and co-operation through authentic learning challenges using contemporary and emerging digital technology. Students work collaboratively with their peers, mentor teachers and industry experts in areas such as coding, robotics and programming. This cutting edge program develops 21st century digital learners who use design thinking and innovative practices.

The Varsity College Primary Aspire Digital Technology program is a selective program for Years 4-6. Students must submit an application form along with a USB containing a self-created information system. (E.G. Scratch, Kodu, Robotics). Short listed students must attend a workshop with a panel of experienced teachers.

Aspire Chinese

The Varsity College Senior Primary Aspire Chinese program caters for students who demonstrate a high level of knowledge of the Chinese language. These students have a love for learning languages. The program aims to focus on learning to communicate through spoken and written Chinese. Students will communicate with native speakers and notice the similarities and differences between Chinese language and culture and their own.

The Varsity College Primary Aspire Chinese program is a selective program for Years 4-6. Students must submit an application form along with a USB containing a self-introduction in Chinese. Shortlisted students will need to attend an entrance exam.

VARSITY COLLEGE PRIMARY ASPIRE APPLICATION FORM

Please complete all sections relevant to the ASPIRE Program(s) you would like to apply for and forward to the Principal by the closing date. Please see Primary Aspire Application Timeline for specific dates.

(Applications may be emailed to Primary_Aspire@varsitycollege.eq.edu.au or delivered to the Primary Campus School Administration Office on or before the due date)

Name:		D.O.B	
Current School:		Year Level:	
Parent/Guardian Name:			
Address:			
Email:			
Phone:		Mobile:	

Please indicate (✓) which ASPIRE Program(s) you would like to apply for:

ASPIRE ACADEMIC

Students can be accepted into one or both of the programs below.

- Maths/ Science
- English

ASPIRE ACADEMIC/PERFORMANCE

*Students can apply for one or two of the programs below, however they may only participate in **one** program if selected.*

Aspire Cultural

- Physical Theatre
- Music
- Visual Art and Design

Aspire Sporting

- Athlete Development

Aspire Academic

- Digital Technologies
- Chinese



ASPIRE ACADEMIC

Mathematics/Science and English/Chinese

1. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

(Extension programs, academic competitions results, academic awards, Gifted and Talented programs, Young Scholars etc.)

2. FUTURE ASPIRATIONS IN THE ACADEMIC FIELD *(Student's interests.)*



ASPIRE CULTURAL

Physical Theatre/ Music/Visual Arts and Design

1. SCHOOL EXPERIENCE: *(Activities relating to this field undertaken at school)*

2. PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE: *(Concerts, Eisteddfods, Exhibitions, Recitals)*

3. AWARDS RECEIVED: *(Competitions, Exam Results)*



ASPIRE ACADEMIC DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

1. SCHOOL EXPERIENCE: *(Activities relating to this field undertaken at school)*

2. KNOWLEDGE/ SKILLS: *(Scratch, coding, robotics etc)*

3. INTERESTS OR PASSIONS IN THE FIELD:

ASPIRE SPORTING

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

1. TRAINING & COACHING IN SPORTING AREA: *(Specify hours of training per week, who with etc.)*

2. SCHOOL SPORT ACHIEVEMENTS: *(Age Champion, House Captain, Oceanic, South Coast or Queensland State team representation etc.)*

3. SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL: *(Club competitions, club, State or National Representation or Titles etc.)*

4. CURRENT INVOLVEMENT IN YOUR SPORTING AREA:

ASPIRE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please note: Varsity College students do not need to supply school and NAPLAN reports.

- I have completed all sections of the attached application form.
- I have attached all supporting documentation (where applicable) in relation to my academic / performance achievements. (not original copies)
- I understand that this is an optional program that incurs a fee, which is payable upon acceptance.
- I understand that it is the requirement of the ASPIRE Program that I display appropriate and exemplary behaviour and attitude across all learning areas and I am aware that should my behaviour and attitude be deemed less than exemplary I may be at risk of losing my position in the ASPIRE Program.
- I understand the decision with regard to awarding entry into any ASPIRE Program, scholarship program and any ongoing participation in the program will be at the discretion of the Principal.
- I have read the ASPIRE Program Information provided and understand the requirements for audition / interview / trial / exam associated with the program.
- ASPIRE ACADEMIC:**
 - I am available to attend the ASPIRE Academic Exam (Maths/Science, English and/or Chinese) or workshop for Digital Technology at Varsity College.
 - I have prepared my self-introduction (Chinese) or USB containing a self-created information system (Digital Technologies) if applying for these programs.
- ASPIRE CULTURAL:**
 - I have specified which area of the Arts I wish to be considered for (please note students are welcome to apply for more than one area but must then only choose one area)
 - I have prepared my performance piece (Physical Theatre or Music) or folio of works (Visual Arts and Design)
 - I am available to attend the Aspire Physical Theatre Workshop or the Visual Arts and Design workshop (specific dates to be confirmed for each specific area). Each student will receive an email with his or her audition time if shortlisted.
- ASPIRE SPORTING:**
 - I have included an outline of my current training schedule
 - I am available to attend the ASPIRE Athlete Development Program try-out day at Varsity College. Each student will receive an email outlining his/her try-out time if shortlisted.
- I have submitted my application by **the closing date.**
 - o **By Post:**
Varsity College PRIMARY ASPIRE Application
Varsity Lakes, QLD, 4227
 - o **By Email:** (application form completed electronically and all accompanying documentation scanned and attached) to Primary_Aspire@varsitycollege.eq.edu.au
 - o **In person** to the Primary Campus Administration Services building

Student Signature: _____

Date: / /

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: / /