

Brisbane State High School 2026 Aspire Application Process

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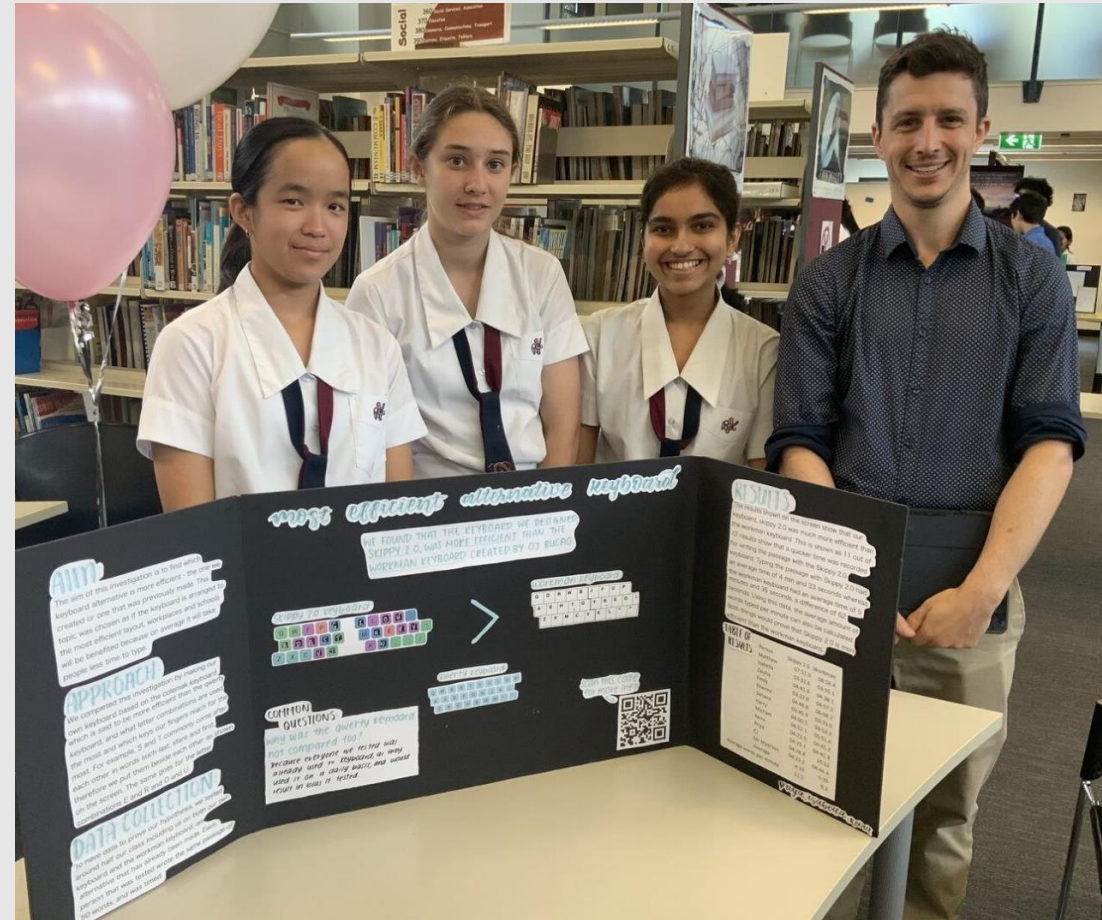
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Acknowledgement of Country

At Brisbane State High School, we acknowledge the Jagera and Turrbal people, Traditional Custodians, who are the keepers and preservers of the lands, waterways, and skies where Brisbane State High School now stands. In the spirit of reconciliation, we honour and respect their Elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect and gratitude to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today, acknowledging that these have always been places of teaching and learning.

This Afternoon

- Why choose Aspire
- What is Aspire
- Aspire pathways
- Details around programs
 - English and Humanities
 - Maths and Science
- How to apply



Aspire Courses

Why choose Aspire?



Aspire Courses

What is Aspire?

- Higher order, creative and lateral thinking
- Differentiated pace
- Complexity of challenge
- Appropriate degrees of independence



Aspire Pathways

Option 1

- Aspire English & Humanities
- Aspire Maths & Science

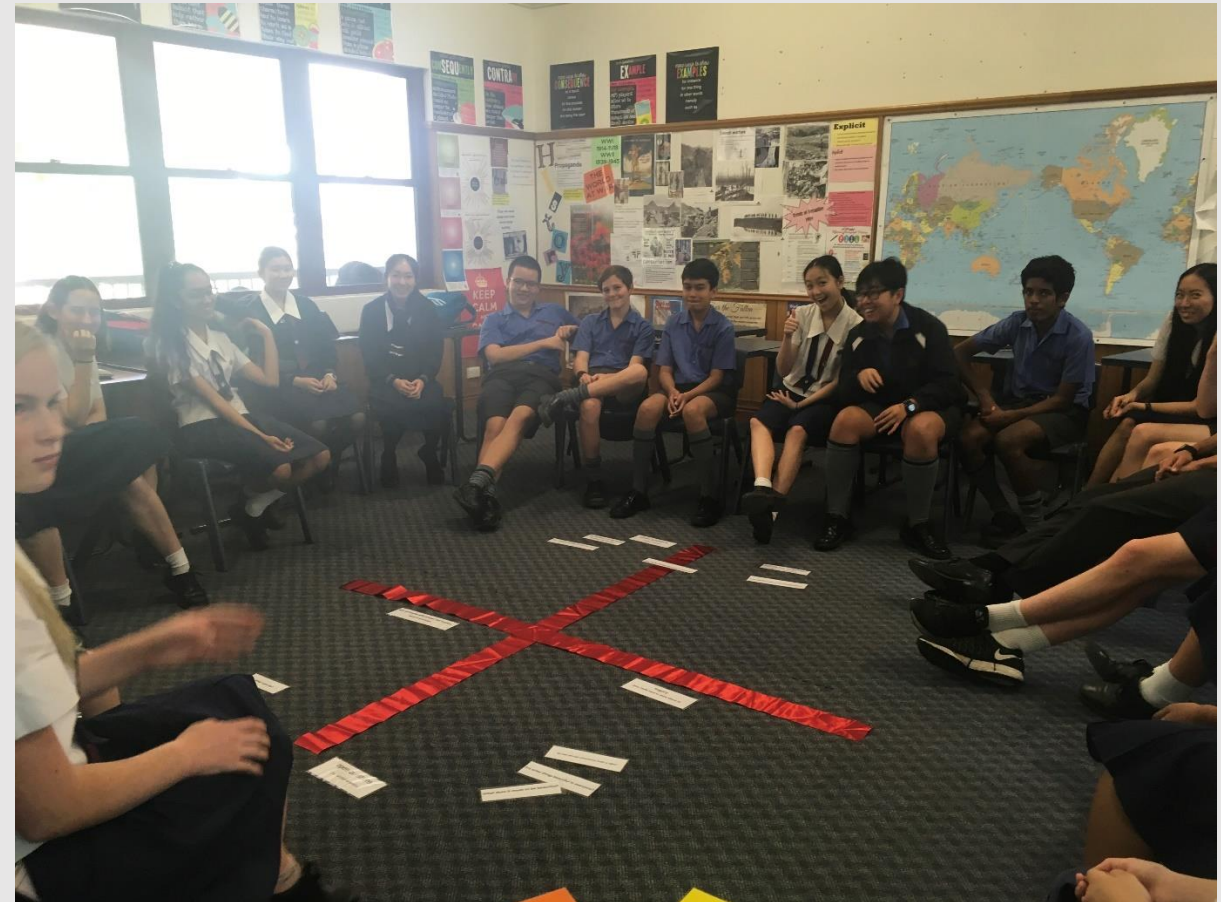
Option 2

- Aspire English & Humanities
- Core Maths & Science

Option 3

- Core English & Humanities
- Aspire Maths & Science

7 Aspire – English & Humanities



What skills will I develop in **Aspire English** and **Humanities**?

1. Development in your ability to critically read and write;
2. Development in understanding and interpreting, applying and analysing, evaluating and synthesising;
3. Interdependent and independent learning strategies.



Interdependent & Interdependent

Student Profiles

Self-evaluation and reflection

My analysis was a strength, I analysed the more biased article and was able to select the correct evidence. I also drew on the newspaper company themselves and how they would show immediate bias through their beliefs.



I was also able to clearly use the evidence and analysis is to prove my thesis and arguments. However, I may have not explained it the best in my actual essay.

What will I study? Aligns with AC V9

Aspire English

Students will complete four assessments:

1. 'Blueback': Thematic Analysis
2. Micro-fiction: Creative Fiction
3. War Poetry: Imaginative Collage

4. Sustainability & Liveability Project: Group persuasive pitch

Aspire Humanities

Students will complete four assessments:

1. Ancient World; Deep time History of Australia: Portfolio of work
2. Geography; Water in the World Exam
3. Ancient World; Ancient Rome: Groupmultimodal presentation

Aspire Mathematics and Science

- Aligns with National Curriculum

	Mathematics	Science
Content and Proficiency Strands	<p>Number</p> <p>Algebra</p> <p>Measurement</p> <p>Geometry</p> <p>Statistics</p> <p>Probability</p> <p><i>Fluency and Understanding</i></p> <p><i>Reasoning and Problem Solving</i></p>	<p><i>Science Understanding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biological sciences• Chemical sciences• Earth and space sciences• Physical sciences <p><i>Science as a human endeavour</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nature and development of science• Use and influence of science <p><i>Science inquiry skills</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questioning and predicting• Planning and conducting• Processing and analysing data and information• Evaluating• Communicating

Aspire Mathematics and Science



- Extension & enrichment, not acceleration
- Greater breadth and depth
- Problem solving
- Pursuing topics of personal interest
- Competitions



Step 1: How do I apply for Aspire?

Register for the Aspire Application Test via Microsoft Teams Aspire Application Test

- English and Humanities – 30 minutes
- Maths and Science – 30 minutes

Date: Tuesday 7 October 2025

Time: 1:30pm arrival for 1:50pm start. The test will finish at 3:00pm.

Location: F Block, Brisbane State High School

Students must sit both entry tests to be eligible for one or both Aspire programs. Students must be registered by the due date (Friday 19 September 5:00pm) to complete the test.

Students who have accepted enrolment in 2026 through Academic Merit do not need to complete the Aspire Application Test.

Year 7 2026 Aspire Application
Registration



Step 2: How do I apply for Aspire?

Year 5 NAPLAN and Year 6 Sem 1 Report

- Once registered, please send through your student's Year 5 NAPLAN results and Year 6 Sem 1 Report
- Send via email to Enrolments – bshsenrolments@brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au

What will the test look like?

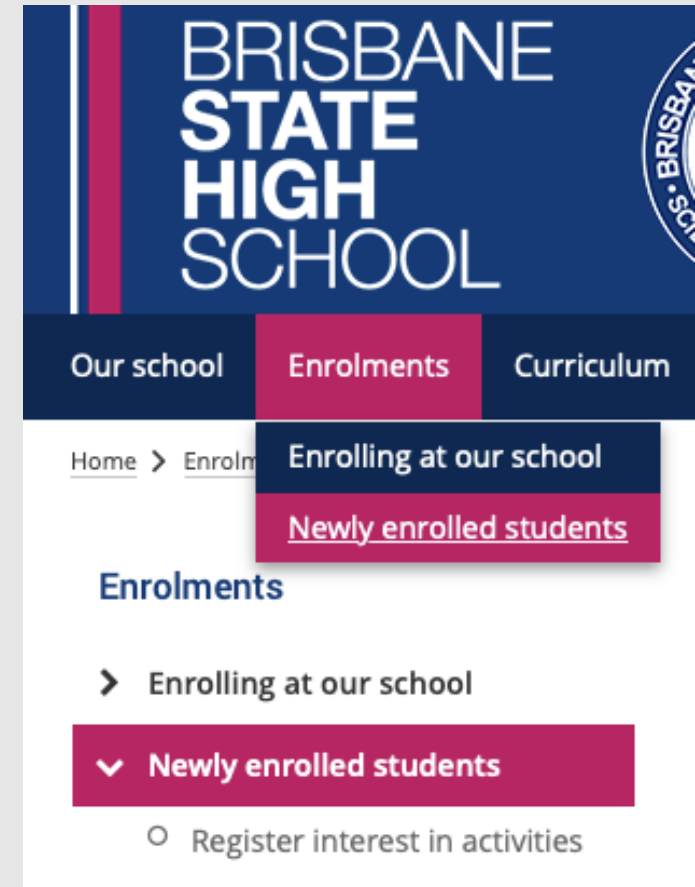
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 - 3 multiple choice questions, 1 extended response question
- **Maths and Science** – 30 minutes
 - 3 multiple choice questions, 5 short response questions

Sample test papers will be available from tomorrow.

These will help students familiarise themselves with the type of questions and expectations of these entry test.

Details on school website > Enrolments > Newly enrolled students.

An email will be sent prior to the test to all registered families with specific details on the test, including where to enter the school, and what to bring.



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Question 1 (1 mark/s)

There are 22 people at a party. The cost is \$24 per person, plus \$40 extra for the cake.

Which of these shows how to calculate the cost of the party in dollars?

- A. $(40 + 24) \times 22$
- B. $(22 \times 24) + 40$
- C. $22 + 24 + 40$
- D. 22×40

Question 2 (1 mark/s)

A survey is conducted to determine the number of children who have a mobile phone and/or a computer. The results are shown below.

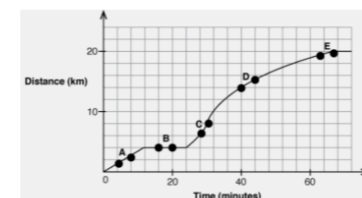
	Computer	No Computer
Mobile phone	63	42
No mobile phone	35	36

How many children have a mobile phone but not a computer?

- A. 7
- B. 27
- C. 35
- D. 42
- E. 62

Question 3 (1 mark/s)

Ziggy travelled 20 km one morning on his bike ride. His smart watch recorded his progress as a graph.



Which section of the graph shows where Ziggy stopped for a break?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. E

Class Structure for Year 7 Aspire 2026

- 2 classes of Aspire Maths & Science and English & Humanities
- 2 classes of Aspire Maths & Science
- 2 classes of Aspire English & Humanities

Any Questions

Please write your questions in the chat and we can answer these.

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