

Baseball

ACADEMY HANDBOOK



Acknowledgment to Country

Earnshaw State College acknowledges the traditional owners, the Turrbal and Jagera First Nations people as the custodians of where we gather today, recognising their connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Australia's First Nations people and to their elder's past, present and emerging. May their strength and wisdom be with us today.

Every Student Achieving Success

RATIONALE

Earnshaw State College prides itself on providing learning pathways that allow students to pursue courses of study that support their academic and physical performance goals. Our commitment to this philosophy has led to the implementation of the Baseball Academy to support the growing popularity of Baseball in the Banyo community and the Metropolitan North geographical region.

The Baseball Academy has been designed to provide players with the opportunity to further develop their Baseball skills whilst meeting the national curriculum requirements as set out by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority.

AIMS

The Baseball Academy aims to:

- provide students with an opportunity to develop their game skills and expose them to facets of baseball from fitness and nutrition for performance to skill acquisition and learning strategies,
- provide tailored programs that cater for individual skill and maximising of potential,
- provide authentic game play experiences against other academy programs,
- participate in a program that allows succession to higher levels of development and competition.



PROGRAM INFORMATION

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for participation in the Baseball Academy, applicants must be of an acceptable standard across academic and baseball achievements, and behaviour. An ideal applicant for this program will possess:

- a high standard of baseball skills and ability;
- the ability to work productively in a positive team environment;
- the ability to achieve a satisfactory standard in other academic subjects at Earnshaw State College;
- an effort and behaviour record that is of a high standard within a school community;
- the capacity to cover academy costs,
- a passion to pursue baseball excellence and promote baseball in all of its facets; and
- a desire to demonstrate cooperation, courtesy, commitment and resilience at all times.

Students who are accepted into the Baseball Academy will be required to compete in all baseball competitions across the school year. Students must be prepared to embrace the school uniform and behaviour policy requirements.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In 2024, the Baseball Academy will be designed for players at the elite level, as well as for students at the developmental level.

The Baseball Academy will consist of timetabled Baseball Excellence lessons for each student. In addition to timetabled lessons, training before and after school when preparing for upcoming competition will be required. For a period of up to six years, students will participate in:

- Baseball skill development
- Strength and conditioning training for baseball
- High intensity and position specific coaching
- Sport psychology and sports medicine training if requested
- Team training and development
- Theoretical educational units in biomechanical analyses of throwing and batting
- Utilisation of technology: Pocket Radar, Blast Motion, video analysis
- Participation in various tailored games, competitions and tournament schedules

CURRICULUM

JUNIOR SECONDARY PROGRAM

Junior secondary students may participate in timetabled Baseball Academy classes as an elective subject. Students will participate in mostly practical lessons in the development of skills, with theoretical lessons in the learning of baseball rules, scoring, and mental aspects for developing a better understanding of the game.

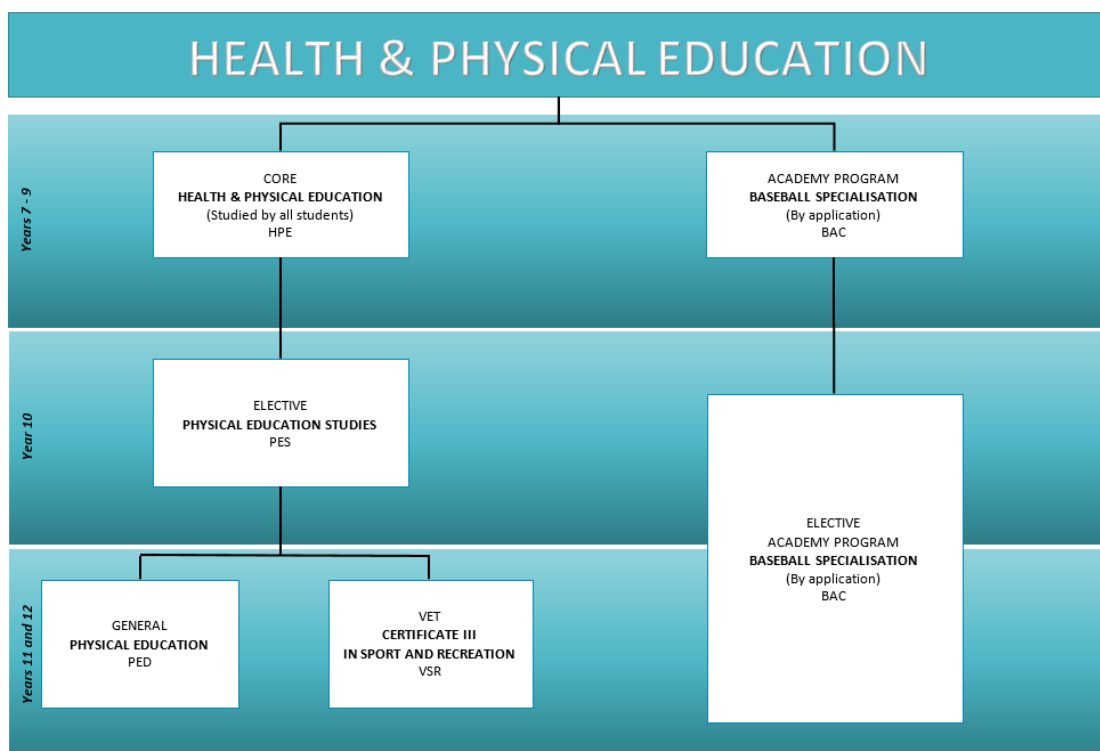
In addition to specific Baseball Academy classes, junior secondary students will be required to enrol in the four core areas, English, Math, Science and Humanities. These core subjects will be delivered in mainstream subjects classes. Junior secondary students participate in a language class twice a week and electives from the Arts or Technology learning area.

SENIOR SECONDARY PROGRAM

The Senior Secondary School Baseball Academy will support students to pursue a career in baseball and to achieve the twenty (20) credit points required to achieve a QCE by the end of their senior schooling journey.

Senior students who wish to follow a VET pathway participate in one (1) line of baseball within a 6 line timetable. In addition to enrolling in Maths and English, which contribute four (4) credit points each, students will be required to enrol in a Certificate III or IV course that will contribute eight (8) credit points towards their QCE. The final four (4) points will be achieved through enrolment in Certificate II in Skills for Vocational Pathways that supports student pathway success.

Senior students who wish to achieve an ATAR must complete a maximum of five (5) general subjects or a minimum of four (4) general subjects and a Certificate III or higher qualification. Their sixth subject may be used for BAC (Baseball Academy).



PATHWAYS

This exciting opportunity will offer high school children in the local catchment area and throughout Queensland a unique baseball pathway. This program will allow students an opportunity to choose a career in baseball and contribute to a plan to reach their full potential in numerous roles including:

- Professional player
- Qualified baseball coach
- Baseball grounds maintenance management
- Event and tournament management & coordination
- Baseball administration
- Fitness training
- Sport & recreation management

EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORTING BASEBALL EXCELLENCE

Through community partnerships, students in the Baseball Academy will receive external specialised training.

- Experienced players and coaches from the **Queensland Baseball Community** will give students a first class understanding of the requirements for elite level performance.
- It is envisaged that students will also have the opportunity to be involved in National and International tournaments, competitions and development opportunities.
- We are proud to have the support of
 - Queensland Secondary Schools Baseball – Queensland Representative School Sport
 - Baseball Queensland
 - Brisbane Bandits Professional Baseball
 - Baseball Australia
 - Local clubs in the Greater Brisbane (Baseball) League.
- As an International School, it is envisaged that we will also be able to establish productive partnerships with international baseball organisations in Asia and the United States.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

COST



Course fees for all participants is currently \$500 per annum.

This fee includes contribution to the following costs:

- Timetabled coaching sessions
- Facility hire and maintenance
- Equipment to support facilitation of the program
- Training shirt and cap
- Registration costs
- Transportation costs

All participants will have the opportunity to personalise their programs based on their needs in consultation with the BAC Coordinator and Head of School.

Throughout the year, students will be required to participate in competitions and tournaments that may attract an additional cost. This is likely to include an interstate and international tour. The calendar of events will be provided to all participants once finalised.



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COACHING STAFF

DIRECTOR OF BASEBALL

Mr Lee Brand

Mr Lee Brand was born and raised in Minnesota, USA, playing multiple sports including baseball, ice hockey, gridiron football, basketball and athletics. He has been teaching in Brisbane for the past 8 years; previously he taught higher education in the USA. Lee is a former committee member for the Redlands Rays Baseball Club, and has coached at all levels of Juniors baseball, including T-Ball, as well as the Division 3-5 and Women's teams in Seniors. Lee continues to play at the Division 2, 3 and Master's levels. He has been involved in school sport as the head coach for the Met East region U18 team, the Met North region 12-14 team and an assistant coach and manager for the Queensland state team. Prior to moving to Brisbane, Brand coached at Clark College and Hazel Dell Little League in Washington, USA, Riverland Community College in Minnesota, and Salt Lake Community College and two (2) different high schools in Utah, USA. Lee also coached for several semi-professional teams in Canada. Brand played semi-professionally in Canada and was the import player for the Toowoomba Rangers during the 1993-4 season, as well as collegiately at the University of New Mexico. Lee completed a Master's of Science degree at the University of Utah in the program of Sport Psychology and he received his Bachelors of Education from Gonzaga University (Washington state, USA) while assisting the baseball teams at GU and at Rogers High School. Lee is married with two children. He is excited with the opportunity to direct a Baseball Academy at Earnshaw State College.



In conjunction with other Program staff, the Director of Baseball will:

- Monitor the courses and grades/marks to ensure that students are attending classes and completing the class work and assessment necessary to achieve graduation and staying eligible in the program.
- Provide students with the best possible baseball education to assure that each responds properly on the playing field so that the individual player and the team may achieve the goals established.

APPLICATION PROCESS

GUIDELINES

An expression of interest form for the Baseball Academy should be forwarded to the Academy Director, Lee Brand.

Interested students complete the EOI form based on the following information:

- Baseball Career
 - Level played
 - Representative honours
 - A letter of recommendation from the coach describing the student's suitability for the program
- Academic Career
 - The student's two (2) most recent academic school reports that indicates academic achievement, industry and behaviour

Students are also invited to visit the school either in a full day structured visit where they attend classes with a BAC Program student ambassador, or a visit with the Academy Director for a tour and meeting.

To remain within this program, students are expected to maintain a 'C' standard in achievement, effort and behaviour, as a minimum. Failure to meet this requirement may result in suspension or exclusion from the program.



Please complete this expression of interest form and email to Academy Director Lee Brand at lbran57@eq.edu.au.

Ensure you attach both this form completed and a copy of your child's academic transcript. You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours to confirm we have received your application.

APPLICATION FORM BASEBALL



You **MUST** submit your child's last TWO report cards with this application.

SECTION 1: PERSONAL DATA

STUDENT NAME:				
CURRENT SCHOOL:				
YEAR LEVEL:	Now:		2024:	
CARER/NAMES:	CARER/PARENT 1		CARER/PARENT 2	
ADDRESS:				
PHONE CONTACT:	HOME		MOBILE	
EMAIL CONTACT:	PARENTS		STUDENT	

SECTION 2: ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

Please complete the information below:

Subject	Most recent grade	Effort Rating	Behaviour Rating
Maths:			
English:			
Science:			
History/Geography:			

SECTION 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION about this application

Complete the relevant sections only:

Sporting Program	<input type="checkbox"/> BASEBALL
How long have you participated in this sport?	
Which GBL Club are you associated with?	
How many hours a week do you participate in this sport?	
What are your major achievements in this sport?	
Preferred Position:	
Other information:	

SECTION 4: PERSONAL STATEMENT by student

In your own words please explain briefly why you would like to enrol in this program.

As the parent/guardian of _____

I support this application to enrol in

_____.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTES



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