Background Information

Leeming Senior High School, through the Science and Technology Academy (STA), Academic Extension Program (AEP) and the Japanese Specialist Program offers an exciting and stimulating specialist program of study for selected students with strong academic ability.

Science & Technology Academy (An approved specialist program)

The Science and Technology Academy (STA) is an officially registered and accredited Specialist Program within the Western Australia Department of Education.

As part of the STA program, students engage in an enriching in-class and extra-curricular program that fosters their interests and abilities in these important areas. Students explore aspects of contemporary science and are encouraged to explore and follow their special interests. They gain access to special opportunities through complementary links with Scitech and CSIRO Lab, Murdoch University, and other science-related institutions. The courses may include research and field work, after school science programs and entry in various Science competitions and quizzes.

A feature of the program is a biannual tour to either the Canberra Science Festival or Space Camp in USA.

Participation in the Academy commences in Year 7 in 2017. Given satisfactory progress, students are invited to continue their involvement in the Academy to the completion of year 12.

Academic Extension Program

The Academic Extension Program offers a diverse program of study. Students may work in the Science/Mathematics and/or Humanities Academic Extension Programs. This program aims to foster both the academic and personal development of talented students within a caring environment, assisting them to explore their potential and achieve outcomes commensurate with their ability. There is a special focus on extending and enriching the student’s work. Participation in the program commences in Year 7 for 2017. Given satisfactory progress, students continue in the program through to the completion of Year 10, after which students select courses of upper school study appropriate to their needs, interests and abilities. The progress of each student is carefully monitored and parents are kept fully informed.
Japanese Specialist Program (an approved specialist program)

Both beginning and continuing students of Japanese can apply for this enjoyable student-centred and outcome based course. Apart from learning to speak, listen, read and write Japanese scripts, students will also achieve at their true potential by interacting with native speakers and teacher assistants. Other cultural and educational activities in the Japanese Specialist Program aim to foster personal development in a supportive environment and they include travelling to Japan, participating in speech contests and working towards applying for scholarships.

Experts in human resources have recently confirmed the enormous advantage of having a second language for job seekers and for job promotion. This advantage can start now for Japanese Specialist Program participants.

Successful applicants commence in Year 7 in 2017. With satisfactory progress, they will be invited to continue in the program through to the completion of Year 12.

Please note that selection for the Japanese Specialist Program does not prevent selection for the school’s Science and Technology Academy nor the Academic Extension Program. It is possible for students to participate in one, two or three programs.

School Expectations

The school expects students to be committed to their participation in these programs. Their commitment will be evident in the extent to which students are self-motivated, hard-working and persistent. Students who enter the programs will be required to devote out-of-school time to extension and enrichment activities. There may be periods of time when students are away from school exploring external aspects of their programs and they will be expected to ensure that they do not fall behind in their studies.

Costs

Members of STA (Science Academy) will be charged $25 on top of the normal Science and Mathematics subject fees.

Students who accept a place in the Academic Extension Program will incur a nominal fee (TBA) to subsidise some of the programs running costs.

Normal subject and other fees apply to parents of students enrolled in the Academic Extension Program and Japanese Specialist Program. There may also be additional cost associated with specific purpose activities such as camps, excursions, visiting speakers and competitions.

Placement in Academy, Academic Extension Program and Japanese Specialist Program

The number of students invited to participate in the Science and Technology Academy, Academic Extension Program and Japanese Specialist Program is limited. Students are selected through a progressive and comprehensive process. The main stages are:

- Parent/Guardians of applicants complete an official Application form and a confidential reference from current primary school.

- Applicants undertake an aptitude test with an emphasis on problem solving

- Successful candidates are required to adhere to the code of conduct
2016 Time Frame

- Completed Application forms to be received by the school **Friday 27 May 2016**.
- **Testing of all 2017 Year 7 applicants at Leeming Senior High School is, Saturday 11 June 2016 (9:00am to 12:00pm)**.
- Offers of placements of 2017 will be emailed at the **end of Term 2 2016**.
- Acceptance of placement must be confirmed by **Friday 29 July 2016**

Further Information

Please find more details on the School Website at [www.leeming.wa.edu.au](http://www.leeming.wa.edu.au).

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