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 and Year 8 in 2015. 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 AEP 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 and Year 8 in 2015. Given satisfactory progress, students may be invited to 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 beginners 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 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.

Participation in the program commences in Year 7 and Year 8 in 2015. 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

Normal subject and other fees apply to parents of students enrolled in the Academy, Academic Extension Program and Japanese Specialist Program. There may 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. There are three main stages:

- Applicants complete an official Application for Placement. This includes a form for Parents/Guardians to complete and a form for the student to complete. Two references are to be supplied – one confidential reference from the applicant’s current school on an official form provided, and one character reference from a community member.
- Applicants undertake an aptitude test with an emphasis on problem solving.
- Year 6 and/or Year 7 students can apply for entry into Specialist Programs.
2014 Time Frame

- Completed Application forms to be received by the school **Friday June 6 2014**.
- *Testing of all* 2015 Year 7 and 2015 Year 8 applicants at Leeming Senior High School, **Saturday 14 June 2014** (9:00am to 12:00pm).
- *Offers* of placements of 2015 posted late Term 2 2014.
- *Acceptance* of placement confirmed by parent **Friday 25 July 2014**.

Successful applicants will be invited to a special welcome event which will be advised at a later date.

Further Information

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

The following people may be contacted at the school on telephone number 9310 1300 should you require further information:

Brendon Wallwork  Principal

Graeme Roberts  STA Coordinator  graeme.roberts@education.wa.edu.au

Marisa Lovatt  AEP Coordinator  marisa lovatt@education.wa.edu.au

Annie Mayes  JSP Coordinator  annie.mayes@education.wa.edu.au
APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT NAME: ________________________________________

TO ENTER THE PROGRAM IN:
(please place a tick in the appropriate boxes)

YEAR 7  2015  
(current Year 6)

YEAR 8  2015  
(current Year 7)

Science & Technology Academy Program
(An approved specialist program)

Japanese Specialist Program
(An approved specialist program)

Academic Extension Program

The completed Application Form is to be returned on or before Friday 6 June 2014 to:

The Principal
Leeming Senior High School,
Aulberry Parade, LEEMING WA 6149
STUDENT DETAILS

Name: ____________________________________
(Given) ____________________________________
(Family)____________________________________

Date of Birth: ____/____/________
Present School: _________________________________

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

1. Please attach:
   • A copy of school reports for the last two years.
   • NAPLAN results.

2. (a) Has your child participated in a W.A. Education Department Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) Program?
   YES ☐ NO ☐
   (b) If Yes in what year(s)? ______________; at which centre(s)? __________________________
   (c) If No give details of any other Extension Program in which your child has participated:

3. Provide results obtained in any State or National competition or activity you consider relevant.
   (photocopies of result slips will suffice)

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4. What do you consider to be your child’s academic strengths and interests in the following areas?

   Literature/Humanities:

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   Science/Mathematics:

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   Technology:

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   Languages:

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5. What do you consider to be your child’s personal strengths?

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6. By placing a cross (x) in the box, indicate the extent to which your child demonstrates each of the following:

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7. Please provide any other information which you believe supports your application to have your child included in an Extension Program at Leeming Senior High School.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS – Person 1 (please print)

Title: _______ First Name: ___________________________ Surname: ___________________________

Relationship to student: ________________________________________________________________

Residential Address: ____________________________________________________________

_________________________________________ Postcode: ___________

Postal Address: (if different from residential)

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_________________________________________ Postcode: ___________

Contact Numbers:

Home: __________________________ Work: __________________________

Mobile: __________________________ Email: __________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS – Person 2 (please print)

Title: _______ First Name: ___________________________ Surname: ___________________________

Relationship to student: ________________________________________________________________

Residential Address: ____________________________________________________________

_________________________________________ Postcode: ___________

Postal Address: (if different from residential)

____________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________ Postcode: ___________

Contact Numbers:

Home: __________________________ Work: __________________________

Mobile: __________________________ Email: __________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

I/We give my/our permission for Leeming Senior High School to obtain relevant information from my/our child’s present school.

Signature 1: ____________________________ Signature 2: ____________________________

Date: ___/___/_______ Date: ___/___/_______
Students who are seeking placement in the Leeming Senior High School Extension Programs are invited to complete this form and submit it as part of their Application for Placement by the due date, Friday 6 June 2014.

The form is to be completed by the student without assistance.

There are three questions. The length of response to each question should not exceed 100 words.

NAME OF STUDENT: ________________________________

CURRENT SCHOOL: ________________________________

QUESTION 1

In what ways do you believe you will benefit from being part of the Extension Programs at Leeming Senior High School?

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QUESTION 2

What strengths will you bring to the group of students involved in the Extension Programs?

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QUESTION 3

Complete the sections relevant to program you are applying for.

a) How do you think **Science and Technology** could contribute to solving a major problem in the world?

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b) Why is knowing a second language such as **Japanese** beneficial to Australia?

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c) How does a knowledge of Humanities help you deal with the world today?

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**QUESTION 4**

List at least 5 words that would best describe you as a student.

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**DECLARATION**

The above ideas are my own ideas and I have completed this form without assistance from anyone.

Student’s Signature: ___________________  Date: ___/___/______
This form should be given to the Principal of the student’s current school. It should be completed by the Principal or by another appropriate member of staff. The completed form is to be sent directly by the school to the address below and received by 3pm Friday 6 June 2014.

The Principal
Leeming Senior High School
Aulberry Parade
LEEMING WA 6149

CONFIDENTIAL SCHOOL REFERENCE

Student Details

Name: ________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________________
Current Year of Schooling: ________________________________

Referee Details

Name: ________________________________
Position: ________________________________
School: ________________________________________

Thank you for completing this reference. It would be appreciated if you could comment on the suitability of the applicant for a position in our Extension Programs using the headings provided below.

Academic Ability

Please indicate comparative ability relative to their peers in the areas of Literature, Society and Environment, Science, Mathematics and Technology. (Place a ✓ in a box)

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**Personal and Social Development**

Please comment on personal and interpersonal skills and abilities relative to other Year 7 students. (Place a ✓ in a box)

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**Other Comments**

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Please circle your level of endorsement for the applicant's inclusion in the Program.

- Highly Recommended
- Recommended
- Not Recommended

Signature of Referee: _______________ Date: ___/___/_______

Signature of School Principal: _______________ Date: ___/___/_______