



Selection Criteria for the Athena Program

The Athena Program is developed to support elite athletes and performers successfully balance their academic and co-curricular program.

Students are expected to maintain a consistent standard academically and support the School by participating in a co-curricular activity per semester.

Students will meet regularly with their teachers / Head of Year / Head of Athena to monitor their academic progress and to provide support.

Some of the ways this might be achieved are:

- flexibility with assessment deadlines based on related travel/event commitments.
- tailoring a study load to integrate with commitments
- extra assistance with academic planning

Approval, if given, is only valid for the current year students must re-apply for each subsequent year.

Students who do not meet the criteria may submit applications to be considered and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

CRITERIA

The Athena Program is open to students in Years 4 – 12. The student should fulfil the category of an Elite Athlete or Performer, as stated below.

Elite Athlete

An Elite Athlete is defined as, "Someone who has been identified as such by the Australian Institute of Sport, a State Institute (or Academy) of Sport or through membership of relevant national association."

For example:

- A member of a High Performance Sports Program run by either Pure Tennis, St Hilda's Aquatics or Delta Gymnastics Brisbane through St Hilda's School.
- A member of a state development squad or team

- Ranked at least in the top ten of the state in your sport in a State Titles Competition requiring a qualification process
- A member of a state team or an individual competing in national level competitions requiring a qualification process
- A member of a national development squad or team
- A member of a national team or an individual competing in international competitions
- Rowing – Qualifying for an A-Final at Nationals
- Swimming – Qualifying a National Age Time

Elite Performer

A Elite Performer is defined as, “Someone who has been identified as having membership and significant success in major artistic performing arts or production company at a state, national or international level”

For example:

- A member of a State or Nationally recognised Orchestra/Choir/Production
- Achieved at least Grade 7 (or above) in an individual instrument with AMEB and working actively towards a higher grade in the calendar year.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

If you feel you meet the criteria for an elite athlete or performer, you will need to submit an application to the Head of Athena. This should be submitted along with your current training schedule/program of involvement via a letter from your coach / manager / tutor outlining your position and achievements.

You also are required to commit fully to one St Hilda’s co-curricular per semester.